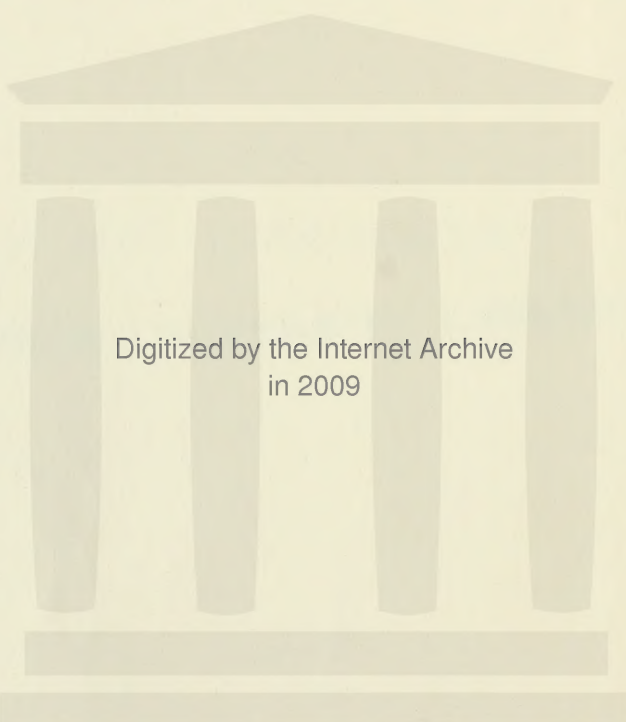


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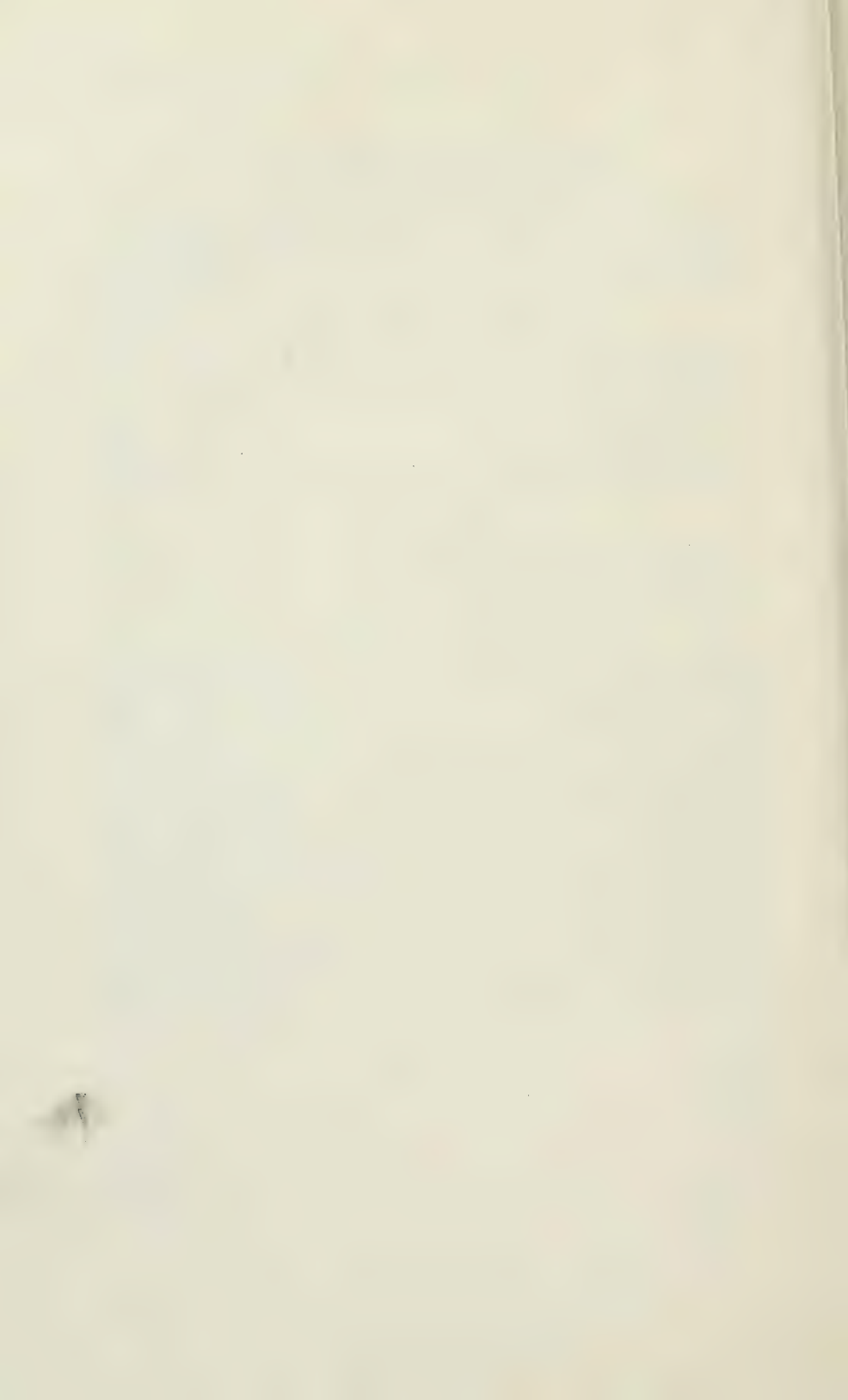
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Consultants—The Effective Bishops.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

College of Bishops

(The College of Bishops elect their officers annually.)

President—Marvin A. Franklin, 758 Pinehurst Place, Jackson, Miss.
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Members—Arthur J. Moore, William T. Watkins, Paul N. Garber, Marvin A. Franklin, Roy H. Short, John W. Branscomb, Nolan B. Harmon, Bachman G. Hodge.

Retired—W. Walter Peele, Clare Purcell, Costen J. Harrell.

Deceased—Paul B. Kern (December 16, 1953), Urban V. W. Darling-ton (October 1, 1954), Hoyt M. Dobbs (December 9, 1954).

Areas, Bishops, Conferences

Atlanta—Arthur J. Moore.

North Georgia, South Georgia.

Birmingham—Bachman G. Hodge.

Alabama-West Florida, North Alabama.

Charlotte—Nolan B. Harmon.

North Carolina, Western North Carolina.

Jackson—Marvin A. Franklin.

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Cuba, Florida.

Louisville—William T. Watkins.

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Holston, Tennessee.

Richmond—Paul N. Garber.

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Jurisdictional Conference Officers

Secretary—Lud H. Estes (Memphis), 1669 N. Parkway, Memphis 12, Tenn. (Lud H. Estes (Memphis) was elected Secretary to serve until January 1, 1957. Don A. Cooke (Florida), 411 West Turner St., Clearwater, Fla., was elected Secretary-Designate, to assume office January 1, 1957. Lud H. Estes (Memphis) was elected Secretary Emeritus, to take effect January 1, 1957.)

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College of Bishops

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President—Edgar A. Love, 828 North Carrollton St., Baltimore 17, Md.
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 Deceased—Robert N. Brooks (August 2, 1953).

Areas, Bishops, Conferences

Atlantic Coast—John W. E. Bowen.
 Central Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina.
 Baltimore—Edgar A. Love.
 Delaware, East Tennessee, North Carolina, Washington.
 New Orleans—Willis J. King.
 Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Upper Mississippi, West Texas.
 Saint Louis—Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
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 Monrovia-Overseas—Prince A. Taylor, Jr.
 Liberia (Par. 2005) 1956 *Discipline*.

Jurisdictional Conference Officers

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NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

College of Bishops

(The College of Bishops elect their officers annually.)

President—D. Stanley Coors, 1987 Summit Avenue, St. Paul 5, Minn.
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Members—Charles W. Brashares, Richard C. Raines, Marshall R. Reed, H. Clifford Northcott, Hazen G. Werner, D. Stanley Coors, Edwin E. Voigt, F. Gerald Ensley.

Retired—Frederick D. Leete, Titus Lowe, Raymond J. Wade, John M. Springer, J. Ralph Magee, Ralph S. Cushman.

Deceased—None.

Areas, Bishops, Conferences

Illinois—Charles W. Brashares.

Illinois, Rock River, Southern Illinois.

Dakota—Edwin E. Voigt.

North Dakota, South Dakota.

Iowa—F. Gerald Ensley.

Iowa-Des Moines, North Iowa.

Michigan—Marshall R. Reed.

Detroit, Michigan.

Indiana—Richard C. Raines.

Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana.

Minnesota—D. Stanley Coors.

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Jurisdictional Conference Officers

Secretary—Raymond M. Shipman (Iowa-Des Moines), 1221 Marston St., Ames, Iowa. (R. Merrill Powers (Rock River), 611 Linden Place, DeKalb, Ill., was elected Secretary-Designate, to take office January 1, 1957.)

Treasurer—Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill.

Committee on Arrangements and Expense, 1960

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SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

College of Bishops

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Secretary—W. Angie Smith, 6619 Hillcrest, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Retired—Hiram A. Boaz, Charles C. Selecman, Ivan Lee Holt.

Deceased—None.

Areas, Bishops, Conferences

Arkansas-Louisiana—Paul E. Martin.

Little Rock, Louisiana, North Arkansas.

Dallas-Fort Worth—William C. Martin.

Central Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas.

Houston-San Antonio—A. Frank Smith.

Rio Grande, Southwest Texas, Texas.

Kansas—Dana Dawson.

Central Kansas, Kansas.

Missouri—Eugene M. Frank.

Missouri, St. Louis, Southwest Missouri.

Nebraska—H. Bascom Watts.

Nebraska.

Oklahoma-New Mexico—W. Angie Smith.

Indian Mission, New Mexico, Oklahoma. Visitation responsibility for Latin America (Par. 2005-3, 1956 *Discipline*).

Jurisdictional Conference Officers

Secretary—Elza L. Jorns (Oklahoma), Methodist Gold Star Bldg., Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Treasurer—T. Russell Reitz (*) (Kansas), 726 Sunset Drive, Manhattan, Kan.

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College of Bishops

(The College of Bishops elect officers annually.)

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Secretary—Gerald H. Kennedy, 5250 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 29, Calif.

Members—Glenn R. Phillips, Gerald H. Kennedy, Donald H. Tippet, A. Raymond Grant.

Retired—George A. Miller, Wilbur E. Hammaker, James C. Baker.

Deceased—None.

Areas, Bishops, Conferences

Denver—Glenn R. Phillips.
Colorado, Montana, Wyoming State.

Los Angeles—Gerald H. Kennedy.
Hawaii Mission, Latin American Provisional Annual Conference, Southern California-Arizona.

Portland—A. Raymond Grant.
Alaska Mission, Idaho, Oregon, Pacific Northwest.

San Francisco—Donald H. Tippet.
California-Nevada, Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference.

Jurisdictional Conference Officers

Secretary—Williard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest), Wesley Gardens, Des Moines, Wash.

Treasurer—J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona), 5250 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 29, Calif.

Committee on Arrangements and Expense, 1960

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Ex Officio—Secretary Western Jurisdictional Conference, Williard E. Stanton (Pacific Northwest); Treasurer Western Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund, J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona).

CENTRAL CONFERENCES OVERSEAS AREAS, BISHOPS, CONFERENCES

AFRICA CENTRAL

Elisabethville Area—Newell S. Booth.
Central Congo, Southern Congo.
Lourenco Marques Area—Ralph E. Dodge.
Angola, Rhodesia, Southeast Africa.

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL

Geneva Area—Ferdinand Sigg.
Austria Mission, Belgian, Bulgaria Provisional, Czechoslovakia, Hungary Provisional, North Africa Provisional, Polish Provisional, Spain Mission, Switzerland, Yugoslavia Mission.

CHINA CENTRAL

No report of assignment to Areas. Bishops W. Y. Chen, Z. T. Kaung.
Retired—Ralph A. Ward. (Affiliated with the Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops.)
East China, Foochow, Hinghwa, Kiangsi, Mid-China, North China, Shantung, West China, Yenping; Kalgan Provisional; Hong Kong and Taiwan Missions.

GERMANY CENTRAL

Frankfurt Area—Frederich Wunderlich.
Central Germany, Northeast Germany, Northwest Germany, South Germany, Southwest Germany.

LATIN AMERICA CENTRAL

Buenos Aires Area—Sante Uberto Barbieri.
Argentina, Bolivia Provisional, Uruguay Provisional.
Santiago Area—Julio Manuel Sabanes.
Central America Provisional, Chile, Peru Provisional.
Retired—Juan E. Gattinoni, Enrique C. Balloch, Roberto Elphick.

NORTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL

Stockholm Area—Odd Hagen.
Baltic and Slavic, Denmark, Finland Provisional, Finland-Swedish Provisional, Norway, Sweden, Russia Mission.
Retired—Theodor Arvidson.

PHILIPPINES CENTRAL

Manila Area—Jose L. Valencia.
Mindanao Provisional, Northern Philippines, Northwest Philippines, Philippines.

SOUTHEASTERN ASIA CENTRAL

Singapore Area—Hobart B. Amstutz.
Burma, Malaya, Malaysia Chinese, Sarawak (Borneo) Provisional, Sumatra Provisional.
Retired—Raymond L. Archer. (Affiliated with the Northeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops.)

SOUTHERN ASIA CENTRAL

Bombay Area—Mangal Singh.

Bahuba Mission, Bombay, Gujarat.

Delhi Area—Shot K. Mondol.

Agra, Delhi, North India.

Hyderabad Area—John A. Subhan.

Hyderabad, Madhya Pradesh, South India.

Lucknow Area—Gabriel Sundaram.

Bengal, Lucknow.

West Pakistan Area—Clement D. Rockey (R).

Indus River.

Retired—J. Waskom Pickett (Affiliated with the South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops) ; Clement D. Rockey.

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PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCES**

Monrovia Area—Prince A. Taylor, Jr. (See Par. 2005-1, 1956 *Discipline*.) Liberia.

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(In order of their presiding)

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Section B, *Chairman*:—RICHARD W. CAMPBELL (*) (Central Penn-
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Cullins, John S. (*) (Southwest—C) (Rows 13-14)
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Holler, J. Carlisle (*) (South Carolina—SE) (Rows 1-2)
Jackson, Kelly L. (Washington—C) (Rows 15-16)
Johnson, Emanuel M. (Southwest—C) (Rows 15-16)
Kenna, James B. (Southwest Missouri—SC) (Rows 17-18)
Lewis, Henry H. (South Dakota—NC) (Rows 3-4)
Lindsey, Merrill W. (Upper Mississippi—C) (Rows 11-12)
Lynn, Lee W. (*) (Central West—C) (Rows 3-4)
Miles, Richard C. (Michigan—NC) (Rows 7-8)
Miller, Levi B., Jr. (Washington—C) (Rows 17-18)
Nanez, Alfredo (Rio Grande—SC) (Rows 9-10)
Ottinger, Albert D. (*) (North Dakota—NC) (Rows 13-14)
Phend, Harold C. (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC) (Rows 5-6)
Spilman, Louis (*) (Virginia—SE) (Rows 11-12)
Tower, Joe Z. (Texas—SC) (Rows 1-2)

Tellers—Section B

Chairman:—Richard W. Campbell (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE)

Members:—Amoss, Harold M. (Baltimore—NE) (Rows 13-14)

Badgett, Mrs. Frances C. (*) (Louisiana—C) (Rows 7-9)

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Cox, Henry Miot (*) (Nebraska—SC) (Rows 17-18)

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Harvey, Gerald B. (Southern California-Arizona—W)
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Jackins, Melbourne E. (*) (Maine—NE) (Rows 1-3)

Lay, Robert P. (*) (Louisiana—SC) (Rows 13-14)

Perkins, Mrs. Laurence M. (*) (Wisconsin—NC) (Rows
4-6)

Slaughter, Nat G. (*) (North Georgia—SE) (Rows 19-
20)

Tolle, Alvin H. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
(Rows 17-18)

Werner, Mrs. John H. (*) (Baltimore—NE) (Rows 15-
16)

Westenberger, Wilford C. (Tennessee—SE) (Rows 4-6)

Tellers—Section C

Chairman:—M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington—C)

Members:—Baker, W. Leroy (Louisville—SE) (Rows 13-14)

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1-3)

Clay, Thomas B. (*) (Genesee—NE) (Rows 10-12)

Cooley, O. Edward (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) (Rows 15-16)

Jud, Eugene F. (*) (Central Texas—SC) (Rows 13-14)

Matthews, Cecil R. (Northwest Texas—SC) (Rows 4-6)

May, Ernest V. (Pittsburgh—NE) (Rows 10-12)

Raney, Alton B. (*) (Little Rock—SC) (Rows 7-9)

Roudebush, Roy R. (*) (North Indiana—NC) (Rows 17-
18)

Snyder, Murrel K. (*) (Central Kansas—SC) (Rows 19-
20)

Swan, Lowell B. (Colorado—W) (Rows 4-6)

Ussery, Lee Roy (*) (Alabama—SE) (Rows 17-18)

Vessey, Bernard (*) (Colorado—W) (Rows 7-9)

White, Charles D. (Western North Carolina—SE) (Rows
1-3)

Wilson, Frederick (South Georgia—SE) (Rows 15-16)

Tellers—Section D

Chairman:—Dillon W. Throckmorton (California-Nevada—W)

Members:—Albertson, Cyrus E. (Pacific Northwest—W) (Rows 5-7)

Crutchfield, Finnis A., Jr. (Oklahoma—SC) (Rows 1-4)

Gordon, Mrs. Robert K. (*) (South Carolina—C) (Rows
18-19)

Howell, Mrs. James P. (*) (California-Nevada—W)
(Rows 14-17)
Jenkins, Farrell D. (Southern Illinois—SC) (Rows 1-4)
Johnson, Karl K. (*) (Idaho—W) (Rows 14-17)
Pendergrass, Edward J. (Florida—SE) (Rows 8-10)
Richards, Herbert E. (Idaho—W) (Rows 11-13)
Shute, Olin Y. (Newark—NE) (Rows 18-19)
Throckmorton, Dillon W. (California-Nevada—W) (Rows
11-13)
Truax, Lyle H. (*) (Pacific Northwest—W) (Rows 5-7)
Wallace, William T. (New Hampshire—NE) (Rows 8-10)

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Adams, Kenneth W. (California-Nevada—W)
Bearden, Robert E. L. (North Arkansas—SC)
Black, Ben B. (South Carolina—SE)
Boobar, Lester L. (Maine—NE)
Bowers, Joe E. (Oklahoma—SC)
Cox, Alva I., Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC)
Davis, C. Anderson (East Tennessee—C)
Davis, Warner P. (Kentucky—SE)
Ernst, J. Henry (Pacific Northwest—W)
Eubank, Graham S. (North Carolina—SE)
Guthrie, W. Nelson (North Alabama—SE)
Hayes, Clare J. (Kansas—SC)
Henwood, Roy T. (Wyoming—NE)
High, Henry R. (West Virginia—NE)
Hite, Wesley V. (North Texas—SC)
Jones, Herman H. (Tennessee—C)
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Henry, Mrs. Archie R. (*) (Wisconsin—NC) (Rows 11-12)

Mathison, H. Paul (Alabama—SE) (Rows 5-6)

Mayfield, Robert G. (*) (Southwest Missouri) (Rows 17-18)

Mosure, John (*) (South Dakota) (Rows 3-4)

Stanger, Frank B. (New Jersey—NE) (Rows 1-2)

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Morris, Virgil D. (Louisiana—SC) (Rows 11-12)

Nye, Laurence Everett (*) (Oregon—W) (Rows 5-6)

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Trott, Norman L. (Baltimore—NE) (Rows 13-14)
Worley, Loyd F. (New York East—NE) (Rows 3-4)

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Frank E. Baker (*) *Chairman* (Philadelphia—NE)

Baker, Frank E. (*) (Philadelphia—NE) (Rows 17-18)
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Browning, James T. (West Virginia—NE) (Rows 1-2)
Current, John T. (*) (Lexington—C) (Rows 5-6)
Dewey, Halsey F. (Bengal—OS) (Rows 3-4)
Dodgen, Ethan W. (North Arkansas—SC) (Rows 15-16)
Morris, Thurmon B. (North Indiana—NC) (Rows 19-20)
Patton, Russell R. (Kentucky—SE) (Rows 7-8)
Pawar, Goodwin (*) (Madhya Pradesh—OS) (Rows 11-12)
Spry, Claude E. (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) (Rows 13-14)

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Gordon, Mrs. Robert K. (*) (South Carolina—C) (Rows 17-18)
Reitz, T. Russell (*) (Kansas—SC) (Rows 13-14)
Temple, Claude M. (Illinois—NC) (Rows 5-6)
Thonger, William G. (Belgian—OS) (Rows 7-8)
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Temperance and Prohibition—	Dana Dawson	
	Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W)	

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Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

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 Swisher, Dwight A. (*) (Ohio—NC)
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Sifting

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Chairman:—Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE)

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Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities

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Ritual and Orders of Worship

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 Wilcox, William H. (*) (Oklahoma—SC)
 Young, Mrs. Arthur L. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Temperance and Prohibition

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Chairman:—Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE)
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 Miguel, Julio J. (Angola—OS)
 Moore, Leon S. (Delaware—C)
 Mumblo, Verner E. (Detroit—NC)
 Myers, William D. (*) (Mississippi—SE)
 Patterson, D. Stewart (*) (Baltimore—NE)
 Radcliffe, Lynn J. (Ohio—NC)
 Rodkey, John P. (*) (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Rosel, Mrs. Merl (*) (Central Kansas—SC)
 Singh, Askok B. (*) (Bengal—OS)
 Steed, George V. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Throckmorton, Dillon W. (California-Nevada—W)
 Weldon, E. Wade (Louisville—SE)
 Wilcox, Monroe J. (Montana—W)

(Membership on the following Standing Legislative Committees is determined by the Annual Conference Delegations themselves:—Conferences, Education, Lay Activities, Membership and Evangelism, Ministry, Missions, Pensions, Publishing Interests, State of the Church, and Temporal Economy. See 3. Membership of Committees, page 170, (2) and (3).)

No. 1 Conferences

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to The General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences and Missions and the organization of the local church.

Chairman:—C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE)

Vice-Chairman:—Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE)

Secretary:—James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C)

Place of meeting:—Wesley Methodist Church, Beginner's Room, Basement.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Araya, Samuel	Chile (OS)
Auman, Lester W.	New York East (NE)
Baker, W. Leroy	Louisville (SE)
Bell, C. Cooper	Virginia (SE)
Blackard, Embree H.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Bohmalk, Erwin F.	Central Texas (SC)
*Brawley, James P.	Georgia (C)
*Brown, William G.	Holston (SE)
Carter, George W., Jr.	Louisiana (C)
Carter, Robert C.	Louisiana (SC)
Chieza, Samuel	Rhodesia (OS)
Christner, Ben H.	Colorado (W)

Clegg, W. Lemuel	North Carolina	(SE)
Clute, Dow S.	Troy	(NE)
Cochran, Leonard H.	South Georgia	(SE)
Collier, Otis L.	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
Corson, Lynn H.	New Jersey	(NE)
*Currie, Miss Margaret	Maine	(NE)
Curry, John W.	South Carolina	(C)
*Davis, Wilmer Fell	Peninsula	(NE)
Dill, R. Laurence, Jr.	North Alabama	(SE)
*Dodson, Thurman L.	Washington	(C)
*Dukuly, Momolu #	Liberia	(OS)
Ernest, J. Henry	Pacific Northwest	(W)
*Essig, J. Fred	North-East Ohio	(NC)
Evans, William S.	Memphis	(SE)
Fenn, G. Lemuel	Oklahoma	(SC)
Fleming, Raymond J.	West Wisconsin	(NC)
*Fondren, Mrs. Walter William	Texas	(SC)
Frazer, G. Stanley	Alabama	(SE)
*Gentile, Mrs. Philip	Detroit	(NC)
*Gentry, Mrs. W. Max	Nebraska	(SC)
*Gibson, J. Nelson, Jr.	North Carolina	(SE)
Goff, Charles Ray	Rock River	(NC)
Golding, Nathaniel J.	North Mississippi	(SE)
Goodrich, Robert E., Jr.	North Texas	(SC)
*Graham, Nathan R.	Florida	(SE)
*Haddock, Edward E. #	Virginia	(SE)
Havighurst, Lawrence D.	North Iowa	(NC)
Henley, James W.	Tennessee	(SE)
Henninger, Frank LaMont	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
*Holbrook, Donald E.	Michigan	(NC)
Holland, Amos L.	Mississippi	(C)
*Holler, J. Carlisle	South Carolina	(SE)
*Hughes, Harold D.	Indiana	(NC)
Hunt, Brunner M.	Mississippi	(SE)
*Hunt, Walter L.	Wyoming	(NE)
Hutchinson, Charles X., Jr.	New England Southern	(NE)
*Ingram, Ben L.	North Alabama	(SE)
James, D. Trigg, Sr.	Holston	(SE)
Johnson, Emanuel M.	Southwest	(C)
*Johnson, Joseph T.	Lexington	(C)
*Johnson, Karl R.	Idaho	(W)
Johnson, Lyman S.	Central Kansas	(SC)
*Jones, Edwin L., Sr.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
*Keyser, Lester L.	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Landreth, Elmer D.	Northwest Texas	(SC)
Lindgren, Alvin J.	Wisconsin	(NC)
Long, Nat G.	North Georgia	(SE)
*Luff, Ralph G.	Philadelphia	(NE)
May, Ernest V.	Pittsburgh	(NE)
McPheeters, Chester A.	Detroit	(NC)
*McWilliams, Meade	Illinois	(NC)

Middaugh, Bruce L.	Erie (NE)
Montgomery, John C., Sr.	Saint Louis (SC)
*Neff, Mrs. Royal R.	North Indiana (NC)
Patton, Russell R.	Kentucky (SE)
*Richard, Walter L.	North Georgia (SE)
Satyavrata, James Benedict	Bombay (OS)
Schaff, Lester	Central New York (NE)
Sexton, Charles M.	Minnesota (NC)
*Shivley, Charles S.	North Arkansas (SC)
*Slutz, Leonard D.	Ohio (NC)
Sockman, Ralph W.	New York (NE)
Sosa, Adam F.	Argentina (OS)
*Spry, Claude E.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Strange, John K. #	Wyoming State (W)
Taylor, Prince A., Jr.	North Carolina (C)
Trotter, Fred B. (Died Sept. 4, 1955) #	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Walton, W. Carl	Newark (NE)
Webb, Lance	Ohio (NC)
Weeks, S. Marion	Florida (C)
*Werner, Mrs. John H.	Baltimore (NE)
Williams, Harold B.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Wuerker, Hermann	Southwest Germany (OS)
*Young, Mrs. Arthur L.	Southern California-Arizona (W)

Substitutions

*Berry, Miss Susan A. for Momolu Dukuly	Liberia (OS)
*Early, Charles M. for Edward E. Haddock	Virginia (SE)
*Gapen, Mrs. Clarke for John K. Strange	Wyoming State (W)
O'Rear, Edward P. for Fred B. Trotter (Deceased)	Southern California-Arizona (W)

No. 2 Education

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

Chairman:—J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE)

Vice-Chairman:—M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington—C)

Secretary:—Dennis V. Snapp (*) (Kentucky—SE)

Place of meeting:—Westminster Presbyterian Church, Basement, Boy Scout Room.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Acker, Tom E.	Texas (SC)
*Alter, Chester M.	Colorado (W)

Bartley, Oler A.	Peninsula (NE)
Bennett, Alfred E.	West Virginia (NE)

- *Bennett, Royal E. North Iowa (NC)
 *Blazer, Earl Holston (SE)
 Bond, Ray Rock River (NC)
 Bowles, Charles P. Western North Carolina (SE)
 Boyd, W. Sproule Pittsburgh (NE)
 *Braun, Mrs. Henry M. Northwest Indiana (NC)
 Brown, G. Alfred Central Texas (SC)
 Bryan, Monk Missouri (SC)
 *Burns, Robert E. California-Nevada (W)
 Butters, George A. Minnesota (NC)

 Case, Harold C. New England (NE)
 *Cates, Paul # Northwest Texas (SC)
 Clay, Russell E. Southern California-Arizona (W)
 *Cope, Kenneth B. North-East Ohio (NC)
 *Cox, Lionel C. New Mexico (SC)

 *Daniel, Diamond R. Malaya (OS)
 Davis, Laurence R. Nebraska (SC)
 *Dickason, Henry L. East Tennessee (C)

 *Eblen, Marvin D. Louisville (SE)
 *Egan, James A. Oklahoma (SC)
 *Ewing, James M. Mississippi (SE)

 Finger, Jr., H. Ellis North Mississippi (SE)
 Fisher, James A. Memphis (SE)
 Frank, Eugene M. Kansas (SC)

 *Gaines, Pendleton South Carolina (SE)
 *Green, Mrs. Wesley C. New England Southern (NE)
 Greer, George D. North Indiana (NC)
 Guffick, William R. New Jersey (NE)

 Hagler, Albert D. Florida (SE)
 *Harkness, Miss Georgia Troy (NE)
 Harris, M. LaFayette Lexington (C)
 Harvey, Gerald B. Southern California-Arizona (W)
 Hempstead, Charles S. North Iowa (NC)
 *Henderson, Zach S. South Georgia (SE)
 Huff, Harold S. North Dakota (NC)
 *Hunt, Robert E. Upper Mississippi (C)

 Kearns, Francis E. Wisconsin (NC)
 Kenna, James B. Southwest Missouri (SC)
 Kimbrough, R. Edwin North Alabama (SE)
 *Kreutziger, Miss Susan Ohio (NC)

 *Lambeth, M. Thomas Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Lane, Frank L. Texas (C)
 *Lara, David T. Northwest Philippines (OS)
 *Law, Clyde O. West Virginia (NE)
 *LeFevre, DeWitt C. Northern New York (NE)
 *Lingiah, Miss Edith V. Bombay (OS)

 McFall, Merrill B. Indiana (NC)
 McKean, Maurice D. Michigan (NC)
 Miller, Jr., Levi B. Washington (C)
 *Moore, Richard V. Florida (C)
 *Moreland, J. Earl Virginia (SE)

Mosby, Robert S.	West Texas (C)
Mumbulo, Verner S.	Detroit (NC)
*Northrop, George M.	New York (NE)
Odom, Warren G.	Central New York (NE)
Overhulser, William F.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Peacock, H. Eugene	Alabama (SE)
Potts, Edgar A.	Virginia (SE)
Queen, Vergil E.	North Carolina (SE)
*Raney, Alton B.	Little Rock (SC)
Redmond, Donald E.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Rentz, Mrs. J. F.	Erie (NE)
Richards, George W.	Central Kansas (SC)
Richards, Herbert E.	Idaho (W)
Roberts, Victor H.	Illinois (NC)
Robinson, Orris G.	Baltimore (NE)
Robinson, William B.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Rumble, Lester	North Georgia (SE)
Sagar, Sisa M.	Delhi (OS)
Smalley, Stimson R.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Smith, Alexander K.	Philadelphia (NE)
*Smith, Hampton D.	South Carolina (C)
Smith, Harold N.	Newark (NE)
Smith, John O.	South Carolina (SE)
*Snapp, Dennis V.	Kentucky (SE)
Stocking, Carl L.	California-Nevada (W)
Stowe, W. McFerrin	Oklahoma (SC)
*Tate, Willis M.	North Texas (SC)
*Tewarson, Subarna B.	North India (OS)
Thompson, R. Franklin	Pacific Northwest (W)
Tower, Joe Z.	Texas (SC)
Trice, William E.	Louisiana (SC)
Tucker, Frank C.	Saint Louis (SC)
Walker, Daniel D.	Oregon (W)
*Welker, Miss Edith F.	New York East (NE)
Westenberger, Wilford C.	Tennessee (SE)
*Wright, Mrs. Arthur S.	Genesee (NE)
Young, J. Otis #	Ohio (NC)

Substitutions

Kellog, Harold F. for J. Otis Young	Ohio (NC)
*Willson, James M. for Paul Cates	Northwest Texas (SC)

No. 3 Lay Activities

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating distinctly to Lay Activities and the Board of Lay Activities.

Chairman:—Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC)
Vice-Chairman:—Fran H. Faber (*) (Minnesota—NC)
Secretary:—T. Russell Reitz (*) (Kansas—SC)

Place of meeting:—Wesley Methodist Church; Basement, Primary Room.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Ahn, George B.	Central New York (NE)
*Archer, John H.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Barnard, Niles H.	Nebraska (SC)
*Beatty, W. Carroll	Baltimore (NE)
*Berg, R. Howard	Florida (SE)
*Bertolf, Lloyd M.	California-Nevada (W)
*Bostwick, William E.	South Georgia (SE)
*Brannon, William C.	North Alabama (SE)
*Bruns, Johann	Northwest Germany (OS)
*Burns, Harold E.	Erie (NE)
*Bynum, William E.	South Carolina (SE)
*Campbell, Richard W.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Campbell, Tom E. #	West Virginia (NE)
*Chaffey, Edmund K.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Clay, Thomas B.	Genesee (NE)
*Clegg, Charles R.	North Georgia (SE)
*Cromwell, Clyde A.	Montana (W)
*Cryer, Donald W.	Ohio (NC)
*Cullins, John S.	Southwest (C)
*Current, John T.	Lexington (C)
*de la Rosa, Samuel E.	Puerto Rico Provisional (NE)
*de la Vina, Juan	Rio Grande (SC)
*DeWeese, Henry Owen	North Indiana (NC)
*Doenges, William C.	Oklahoma (SC)
*Drake, Edward C.	New England (NE)
*Ellis, Matt L.	North Arkansas (SC)
*Evans, Paul F.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Faber, Fran H.	Minnesota (NC)
*Folsom, John V.	North Texas (SC)
*Franklin, Hollis C.	Louisville (SE)
*Froehlich, Guenter P.	Northeast Germany (OS)
*Galima, Pilar D.	Northern Philippines (OS)
*Gamadia, Samuel L.	Gujarat (OS)
*Genins, R. J.	Saint Louis (SC)
*Graybeal, Henry C.	Holston (SE)
*Greathouse, Frank	New Mexico (SC)
*Greelis, David E.	Troy (NE)
*Hastings, Ralph G.	Indiana (NC)
*Hodson, Glendon C.	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Horn, Rangar	Norway (OS)
*Houston, Jamie G., Sr. (Died Jan. 4, 1956) #	North Mississippi (SE)
*Ivins, Lester S.	Ohio (NC)
*Jefferson, Allie G.	Virginia (SE)
*Jolly, Elmer	Illinois (NC)
*Jones, A. Loy	Missouri (SC)
*Jud, Eugene F.	Central Texas (SC)

*Kahl, Norman	West Wisconsin (NC)
*King, John T.	West Texas (C)
*Labbitt, Ray W.	Detroit (NC)
*Lay, Robert P.	Louisiana (SC)
*Lewis, G. Wesley	Wyoming (NE)
*Lewis, Thomas J.	Philadelphia (NE)
*Lim, Kay Wan	Burma (OS)
*Lynn, Lee W.	Central Alabama (C)
*Mathews, Elmer E.	New Jersey (NE)
*McCluhan, J. Everett	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Melin, Bengt K. #	Sweden (OS)
*Morgan, R. Kenneth	Tennessee (SE)
*Nathan, Samuel A. #	Lucknow (OS)
*Nichols, Ray H.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Orr, Verne, Sr.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Ottinger, Albert D.	North Dakota (NC)
*Parham, Miss Catherine	Southern Congo (OS)
*Paul, Charles R. #	Alabama (SE)
*Pawar, Goodwin D.	Madhya Pradesh (OS)
*Peet, John H.	North Iowa (NC)
*Pierce, Clifford D.	Memphis (SE)
*Ramsing, Thorvald B.	Denmark (OS)
*Raynor, Arthur E.	New York East (NE)
*Reitz, T. Russell	Kansas (SC)
*Roca, Sergio	Cuba (SE)
*Russell, Paul R.	New York (NE)
*Samuel, Alla Rakha	Indus River (OS)
*Seymour, Alick S.	Delhi (OS)
*Shelton, Roland M.	Little Rock (SC)
*Shult, C. I.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Simpson, John C.	Virginia (SE)
*Singh, Ashoke B.	Bengal (OS)
*Smith, W. Jasper	North Carolina (SE)
*Snyder, Murrel K.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Somers, Howard B.	Oregon (W)
*Spencer, Robert B.	Colorado (W)
*Sproull, John F. #	Florida (SE)
*Stafford, James P.	Mississippi (SE)
*Starie, John H.	New Hampshire (NE)
*Strong, Donald T.	Michigan (NC)
*Tan, Keat Thiang	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
*Thompson, Pat	Texas (SC)
*Tink, Edmund L.	Newark (NE)
*Truax, Lyle H.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Vittal, Mallappa	Hyderabad (OS)
*Walter, Dwight E.	Ohio (NC)
*Waterman, Milton W.	Rock River (NC)
*Webb, James R., Sr.	Delaware (C)
Weldon, Wilson O.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Williams, Paul G.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Winchester, Clarence M.	North Carolina (C)

Substitutions

- *Forman, Julius M. for Jamie G. Houston, Sr. (Deceased)
North Mississippi (SE)
*Helmick, Dewey R. for Thomas E. Campbell . . . West Virginia (NE)
*Lawrence, R. Jay for C. R. Paul Alabama (SE)
*Nelson, Lemuel K. for Samuel A. Nathan Lucknow (OS)
*Rosell, Paul for Bengt K. Melin Sweden (OS)
*Shannon, C. Rowland for John F. Sproull Florida (SE)

No. 4 Membership and Evangelism

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Church membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to Evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

Chairman:—Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Vice-Chairman:—Kenneth W. Copeland (Southwest Texas—SC)

Secretary:—Mrs. Ralph K. Surface (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC)

Place of meeting:—Wesley Methodist Church, Basement; Business Women's Room.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

- Acey, Archie E. Virginia (SE)
*Adams, Charles V. Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Adams, Kenneth W. California-Nevada (W)
Amoss, Howard M. Baltimore (NE)
*Beatty, William M. # Pittsburgh (NE)
Black, B. B. South Carolina (SE)
Booker, Charles J. Central Alabama (C)
Browning, Dallas L. Indiana (NC)
*Clark B. Clyde Oklahoma (SC)
Clegg, Leland Oklahoma (SC)
*Compton, Chester J. # West Virginia (NE)
Cooley, O. Edward Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Copeland, Kenneth W. Southwest Texas (SC)
*Engert, Walter Central Germany (OS)
Eubank, Graham S. North Carolina (SE)
Felder, Luther B. Texas (C)
*Fomby, James N. Louisiana (SC)
Frye, Glenn M. Michigan (NC)
*Grace, J. Harry Baltimore (NE)
Hearn, Anthony South Georgia (SF)
Henwood, Roy T. Wyoming (NE)
Hoffman, Gustav Southwest Germany (OS)
Holland, Sr., Harvey C. North Georgia (SE)
*Hooper, Granville Peninsula (NE)
Huneycutt, W. Jackson Western North Carolina (SE)
Hunt, Jr., Earl G. Holston (SE)
Hydon, Paul V. Troy (NE)

Isaiah, Byrappa Rathman	South India (OS)
Jackson, Kelly L.	Washington (C)
Johnson, Zach T.	Kentucky (SE)
*Judd, William	Ohio (NC)
Karlsen, Trygve	Norway (OS)
*Kirk, Mrs. Clyde	Missouri (SC)
*Lawrenson, Mrs. Ralph C.	North Iowa (NC)
Lemons, A. D.	Texas (SC)
Lester, Woodie D.	Central West (C)
Linger, Ross	West Virginia (NE)
*Little, Thomas M.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Matthews, Cecil R.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*McGill, Mrs. Kenneth L.	Central Kansas (SC)
McIntosh, James M.	Erie (NE)
*Mercer, Theodore F.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Michener, Charles V.	Minnesota (NC)
Mij, Jean	Southern Congo (OS)
Minion, Lester R.	Rock River (NC)
Palmer, Everett W.	Southern Calif.-Arizona (W)
Pendergrass, Edward J.	Florida (SE)
Perryman, Willis L.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Puckett, L. G.	Tennessee (SE)
Radford, Waid C.	Ohio (NC)
Ragsdale, Ray W.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Reid, Mrs. E. L.	Central Texas (SC)
Rosenqvist, Gosta	Sweden (OS)
*Roudebush, Roy R.	North Indiana (NC)
*Saito, Kazuo	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
*Saunders, William G.	Virginia (SE)
Scrimshire, Joe B.	New Mexico (SC)
*Seabrook, James H. #	Memphis (SE)
Selah, William B.	Mississippi (SE)
Shafi, Elijah, D. M.	Indus River (OS)
Smith, Walter A.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Spear, Laren	Illinois (NC)
Stanger, Frank Bateman	New Jersey (NE)
*Stuck, Charles A.	North Arkansas (SC)
*Surface, Mrs. Ralph K.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Swales, Harold S.	Central New York (NE)
*Swayze, Mrs. Thomas A.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Taylor, Harry M.	Newark (NE)
*Tompkins, Harvey A.	Nebraska (SC)
*Tonkin, Charles E.	Detroit (NC)
*Waters, Mrs. Helen C.	Delaware (C)
Wilson, Percy D.	North Alabama (SE)

Substitutions

- *Bounds, Mrs. Clyde E. for William M. Beatty . . . Pittsburgh (NE)
- *Greenlee, Jacob A. for Chester J. Compton . . . West Virginia (NE)
- *Montgomery, Mrs. Nancy D. for James H. Seabrook . . . Memphis (SE)

No. 5 Ministry

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

Chairman:—James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC)

Vice-Chairman:—Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC)

Secretary:—Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC)

Place of meeting:—Westminster Presbyterian Church, Basement, the Refectory.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Allen, L. Scott	Georgia (C)
Athimuthu, Paul	Malaya (OS)
Boobar, Lester L.	Maine (NE)
Boyd Marvin L.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Brennan, Harold R.	New York East (NE)
Burns, Lacey H.	West Virginia (NE)
Cannon, William R.	North Georgia (SE)
Carruth, Samuel E.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Chitwood, J. Henry	North Alabama (SE)
Chubb, James S.	Nebraska (SC)
*Clark, Mrs. Niles C.	South Carolina (SE)
Clemens, Norman W.	Wyoming (NE)
Clendenin, Stewart	Texas (SC)
Cooke, Don A.	Florida (SE)
Cox, Sr., Alva I.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Crossland, Weldon	Genesee (NE)
Crutchfield, Jr., Finis A.	Oklahoma (SC)
Davis, Warner P.	Kentucky (SE)
Delahooke, James K.	North Iowa (NC)
Dodge, Allan T.	Northern New York (NE)
Dodgen, Ethan W.	North Arkansas (SC)
Duncan, Robert H.	Holston (SE)
Edwards, K. Morgan	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Flatt, F. Alton	Memphis (SE)
Galatas, Clinton B.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Garcia, Catalino T.	Philippines (OS)
Garrison, Claude	Ohio (NC)
Glasseo, Herbert W.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Godbold, Albea	Saint Louis (SC)
Griffis, Harold W.	Troy (NE)
Hamm, Clarence H.	Central Kansas (SC)
Han, Chua Iok	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Hayes, Clare J.	Kansas (SC)
Hicks, Guy M.	Louisiana (SC)
Jackson, Olin D.	Minnesota (NC)
Jenkins, Farrell D.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Jones, Herman H.	Tennessee (C)
Jones, William T.	Indiana (NC)

Leggett, Jr., J. Willard	Mississippi (SE)
Lewis, Henry H.	South Dakota (NC)
*Lewis, Vaughn	Ohio (NC)
*Lindstrom, Harald	Sweden (OS)
Link, John N.	Peninsula (NE)
*Loeppert, Mrs. Henry V.	Rock River (NC)
Lord, Lemuel K.	New England (NE)
Loud, Ira B.	West Texas (C)
Luster, Cosum M.	Texas (C)
Mathison, H. Paul	Alabama (SE)
*Mawha, Mrs. James K. #	Newark (NE)
*McDonald, E. D.	Southwest Texas (SC)
McGee, Ashworth Harold	Lucknow (OS)
McKelvey, John W.	Philadelphia (NE)
Miles, Richard C.	Michigan (NC)
Morris, Thurman B.	North Indiana (NC)
Muir, J. Dewey	Illinois (NC)
Olivas, Mardy L.	Latin American Provisional (W)
*Patterson, D. Stewart	Baltimore (NE)
Paul, Edwin B.	Madhya Pradesh (OS)
Pearson, J. Kenneth	New England Southern (NE)
Pearson, John H.	Virginia (SE)
Pope, Kenneth W.	Texas (SC)
Potthoff, Harvey H.	Colorado (W)
Rutter, Kenneth P.	Pittsburgh (NE)
Saermark, Georg H. #	Denmark (OS)
Scheuerman, Walter M.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Scholz, Ernst P.	Northeast Germany (OS)
Sessions, Cleo C.	Central Texas (SC)
Stafford, Garland R.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Steel, Marshall T.	North Texas (SC)
Stokes, Mack B.	Holston (SE)
Stuart, R. Marvin	California-Nevada (W)
Sweeney, Samuel H.	New York (NE)
Taylor, Daniel E.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Trott, Norman L.	Baltimore (NE)
Trulock, Albert S.	South Georgia (SE)
*Underwood, Samuel B., Jr.	North Carolina (SE)
Vosburg, Frederick C.	Detroit (NC)
Wallace, William T.	New Hampshire (NE)
Weaver, Adolph P. (Transferred to Pittsburgh Conference Sept. 1, 1955) #	Erie (NE)
*Wells, Luther W.	Virginia (SE)
Williams, Frank S.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Williams, George R.	North Mississippi (SE)
Woodward, Ralph Lee	Missouri (SC)

Substitutions

Colley, Arthur B. R. for Adolph P. Weaver, Transferred Erie	(NE)
Lambdin, Henry Lyle for Mrs. James K. Mawha (*)	Newark (NE)
Ole Olsen for Georg H. Saermark	Denmark (OS)

No. 6 Missions

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church and the concern of this Board.

Chairman:—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC)

Vice-Chairman:—Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC)

Secretary:—Dow Kirkpatrick (North Georgia—SE)

Assistant Secretary:—Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W)

Place of meeting:—Westminster Presbyterian Church, First Floor, Great Hall.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Albertson, Cyrus E. Pacific Northwest (W)

*Anderson, Mrs. Edwin S. New England (NE)

*Anderson, Mrs. William T. Central New York (NE)

Bane, Wilford V. Central Texas (SC)

*Beckham, Mrs. Walter H. # Florida (SE)

*Berry, Mrs. James A. Virginia (SE)

*Blake, Mrs. C. Gerald Wyoming (NE)

*Broadhurst, William Oklahoma (SC)

*Brooks, Mrs. Frank G. North Iowa (NC)

Carlyon, Richard E. Nebraska (SC)

*Carr, Mrs. W. H. West Virginia (NE)

Carrazana, Humberto Cuba (SE)

Chowdhury, Dan Singh North India (OS)

*Coe, Mrs. Obie C. West Texas (C)

*Colley, Mrs. Stewart North Georgia (SE)

*Collins, Hubert L. Kansas (SC)

*Cooper, Mrs. Charles L. Kentucky (SE)

*Cortez, Camilo Chile (OS)

*Crowding, Mrs. Lynn W. Central Pennsylvania (NE)

*Crump, Mrs. Sam W. Louisville (SE)

*Dudley, Mrs. C. P. North-East Ohio (NC)

Edwards, Philip C. Baltimore (NE)

*Edwards, Mrs. Scott A. South Georgia (SE)

Fisher, Elliott L. California-Nevada (W)

*Ford, Mrs. W. D. Oklahoma (SC)

*Gerstenecker, Friedrich South Germany (OS)

*Glass, Mrs. Henry I. North Carolina (SE)

Golden, Charles F. Lexington (C)

Goodloe, W. Henry North Arkansas (SC)

Goto, Taro Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)

Grummon, A. Ray Illinois (NC)

Haglund, Ruben Sweden (OS)

*Harbison, Mrs. John W. Western North Carolina (SE)

Harris, Thomas S. Alabama (SE)

Hathaway, Offie L. North Carolina (SE)

Havighurst, Freeman C. Missouri (SC)

- *Henry, Mrs. Archie R. West Wisconsin (NC)
- Herbert, R. Bryce South Carolina (SE)
- Hirabhai, Mithalal Gujarat (OS)
- Holme, Benjamin F. Detroit (NC)
- *Horton, Oscar North Alabama (SE)
- *Howell, Mrs. James P. California-Nevada (W)
- Hughes, Harold H. Virginia (SE)
- *Ingham, Mrs. Edwin A. Southern California-Arizona (W)
- *Ivey, Mrs. A. R. Florida (SE)
- *Jackins, Melbourne E. Maine (NE)
- *Jackson, H. Leo Holston (SE)
- Jamella, Gideon Southeast Africa (OS)
- Johnson, Merrill C. New York (NE)
- *Jones, Mrs. C. I. Louisiana (SC)
- *Jones, Mrs. Dewey H. Southwest Missouri (SC)
- *Kane, Mrs. Cecil G. Saint Louis (SC)
- Kin, U On Burma (OS)
- *Kinzer, Mrs. J. Marvin Pittsburgh (NE)
- Kirkpatrick, Dow North Georgia (SE)
- *Knepple, Mrs. Clare E. North Indiana (NC)
- *Laing, Mrs. Alan K. Illinois (NC)
- Lindsey, Merrill W. Upper Mississippi (C)
- *Lochridge, Mrs. Frank E. South Dakota (NC)
- *Lowman, Mrs. Harmon Texas (SC)
- *Marple, Mrs. George K. New Jersey (NE)
- Mayer, Theodore C. North-East Ohio (NC)
- *McCracken, Mrs. W. A. Southern Illinois (NC)
- Middleton, W. Vernon Philadelphia (NE)
- Miguel, Julio Joao Angola (OS)
- Moore, Farris F. Tennessee (SE)
- *Morgan, Miss Wilmuth Southwest Texas (SC)
- *Myers, William D. Mississippi (SE)
- Nanez, Alfredo Rio Grande (SC)
- Nowlen, Charles A. Wyoming State (W)
- *Peterson, Ernest W. Oregon (W)
- *Pfeiffer, Mrs. A. B. Rock River (NC)
- *Phillips, Mrs. Marcus F. Memphis (SE)
- Radcliffe, Lynn J. Ohio (NC)
- *Rae, Mrs. Mary P. Southeast Africa (OS)
- *Reid, William W. New York East (NE)
- Rice, Allen B. Northwest Indiana (NC)
- Richardson, Dean E. Genesee (NE)
- Rico, Tomas Saltero Puerto Rico Provisional (NE)
- Ritter, R. Roland North Iowa (NC)
- *Rosel, Mrs. Merl Central Kansas (SC)
- *Rupert, Mrs. J. R. Erie (NE)
- *Samson, Gerardo Philippines (OS)
- Schneck, Wilhelm K. Northwest Germany (OS)
- Shute, Olin Y. Newark (NE)
- Singh, Mangal Delhi (OS)
- Slater, Eugene Northwest Texas (SC)

*Smith, Russell	North Texas	(SC)
*Somerton, Mrs. William	Michigan	(NC)
*Spaid, Mrs. C. L.	Ohio	(NC)
*Spear, Mrs. Charles W.	Minnesota	(NC)
*Steed, George V.	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
*Stilwell, Mrs. Charles A.	Indiana	(NC)
*Stine, Mrs. Ovid A.	Rhodesia	(OS)
Sundaram, Gabriel	Hyderabad	(OS)
Thonger, William G.	Belgian	(OS)
Tuttle, Lee F.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Vivion, Monroe	Texas	(SC)
Walton, Aubrey G.	Little Rock	(SC)
*Wertz, Mrs. Philip H.	Troy	(NE)
Wilcox, Monroe J.	Montana	(W)
*Williams, Claude W.	Mississippi	(C)
Willingham, Raymon L.	New Mexico	(SC)
*Wood, Mrs. John S.	Iowa-Des Moines	(NC)

Substitutions

*Dawkins, DeWitt C. for Mrs. Walter H. Beckham	Florida	(SE)
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No. 7 Pensions

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops.

Chairman:—Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC)

Vice-Chairman:—Millard F. Pierce (*) (North Mississippi—SE)

Secretary:—Roland P. Riddick (Virginia—SE)

Place of meeting:—Westminster Presbyterian Church, Basement, Girl Scout Room.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

*Benson, F. Murray	Baltimore	(NE)
Buckingham, Harold C.	Wyoming	(NE)
Carson, Verle J.	Detroit	(NC)
*Carter, A. M.	Georgia	(C)
Collier, Otis L.	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
*Edge, Claude A.	Texas	(SC)
Francis, S. Wilson	Troy	(NE)
*Glenn, Mrs. George W.	Central Kansas	(SC)
Guthrie, W. Nelson	North Alabama	(SE)
*Haggard, Carl W.	Kentucky	(SE)
Hann, Paul M.	Iowa-Des Moines	(NC)
*Harrell, Alvin	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Henry, Archie R.	West Wisconsin	(NC)
Hibbard, Eugene W.	North-East Ohio	(NC)
High, Henry R.	West Virginia	(NE)
*Hole, J. Wesley	Southern California-Arizona	(W)

Holler, Adlai C.	South Carolina (SE)
*Hunter, Stanley C.	Minnesota (NC)
James, Glenn C.	Florida (SE)
*John, Mrs. Byron W.	West Virginia (NE)
Kilpatrick, Lester A.	Michigan (NC)
Lambdin, Henry Lyle #	Newark (NE)
Mason, Carl B.	Oregon (W)
Massengale, LeRoy	Oklahoma (SC)
Moore, Leon S.	Delaware (C)
*Morgan, Clarence E.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Moshure, John	South Dakota (NC)
*Odell, Donald A.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*O'Neal, Robert J.	Louisiana (SC)
Ortmeyer, Fred W.	North Iowa (NC)
*Perkins, Joe J. #	North Texas (SC)
*Pierce, Millard Franklin	North Mississippi (SE)
Powers, R. Merrill	Rock River (NC)
Prewitt, Thomas O.	Mississippi (SE)
Riddick, Roland Parker	Virginia (SE)
*Rosser, Harold A.	Ohio (NC)
Roush, Lester L.	Ohio (NC)
*Sheeley, Lynn	Holston (SE)
*Slaughter, Nat G.	North Georgia (SE)
*Stahmer, Albert H.	Wisconsin (NC)
Temple, Claude M.	Illinois (NC)
*Walker, Morris	Central Texas (SC)
Warren, John W.	Northern New York (NE)
*Webber, Frank	California-Nevada (W)
White, Charles D.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Wilson, Frederick	South Georgia (SE)
Wilson, W. Carleton	North Carolina (SE)
*Wood, C. R.	North Alabama (SE)
*Wyatt, Bige	Central West (C)

Substitutions

- *Morris, Mrs. Samuel C., Jr., for Henry Lyle Lambdin Newark (NE)
 *Waggoner, Merle T. for Joe J. Perkins North Texas (SC)

No. 8 Publishing Interests

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

Chairman:—J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC)

Vice-Chairman:—C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C)

Secretary:—George E. Clary, Sr. (South Georgia—SE)

Place of meeting:—Westminster Prebyterian Church, First Floor,
 Room 3.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

- *Atkinson, George H. California-Nevada (W)
- Babbs, J. Carleton (Transferred to Colorado Conference
October 1, 1955) Ohio (NC)
- *Badgett, Mrs. Frances C. Louisiana (C)
- *Baker, Frank E. Philadelphia (NE)
- Baker, W. Harrison North Texas (SC)
- *Blue, Robert D. North Iowa (NC)
- *Bridgham, F. Nelson New England (NE)
- Clary, Sr., George E. South Georgia (SE)
- Curry, George M. West Virginia (NE)
- Davis, C. Anderson East Tennessee (C)
- Day, Albert E. Baltimore (NE)
- *Eady, Virgil Y. C. North Georgia (SE)
- *Francis, John Detroit (NC)
- Galloway, Paul V. Oklahoma (SC)
- *Gold, Glenn W. Florida (SE)
- *Hargrove, Lamar # Texas (SC)
- Harmon, Nolan B. Virginia (SE)
- *Hawkins, J. Clinton Saint Louis (SC)
- *Heer, Amos L. North-East Ohio (NC)
- Jordan, Frank B. Western North Carolina (SE)
- *Lewis, Joseph L. North Alabama (SE)
- *Long, Mrs. Conrad C. # Ohio (NC)
- Lundy, Clyde E. Holston (SE)
- Madison, John V. South Dakota (NC)
- *Massie, W. Hugh Western North Carolina (SE)
- *McGregor, Donald Troy (NE)
- Medlock, Melvin K. South Carolina (SE)
- Meredith, Ronald R. Central Kansas (SC)
- *Moore, L. S. Alabama (SE)
- Newman, I. DeQuincey South Carolina (C)
- Newman, Wiley C. Memphis (SE)
- Nye, Laurence Everett Oregon (W)
- Olson, Oscar Thomas North-East Ohio (NC)
- *Perkins, Mrs. Laurence M. Wisconsin (NC)
- Potter, Truman W. (Transferred to West Virginia
Conference, August 1, 1955) # Minnesota (NC)
- Pugh, A. Wesley North Indiana (NC)
- Riggleman, Leonard West Virginia (NE)
- Ritter, Harry O. Kansas (SC)
- Robbins, Cecil W. North Carolina (SE)
- Spellman, L. U. Southwest Texas (SC)
- *Stainton, Howard S. New Jersey (NE)

*Stalcup, J. Doyle	Central Texas (SC)
*Tombaugh, Reid R.	Illinois (NC)
*Van Sickle, John R.	Rock River (NC)
Weldon, E. Wade	Louisville (SE)
*Whitfield, Allen	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Worley, Loyd F.	New York East (NE)
*Young, Joe M.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Young, J. Otis	Ohio (NC)
*Zimmerman, Henry M.	Kentucky (SE)

Substitutions

*Reavley, Tom for Lamar Hargrove	Texas (SC)
*Rittenour, John T. for Mrs. Conrad C. Long	Ohio (NC)
Foote, Edward W. for Truman W. Potter (Transferred)	Minnesota (NC)

No. 9 State of the Church

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to social service, labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other committee.

Chairman:—Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE)

Vice-Chairman:—Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC)

Secretary:—Lloyd A. Gustafson (North Iowa—NC)

Assistant Secretary:—Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Place of meeting:—Westminster Presbyterian Church, Basement, Young People's Room.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

Alderson, William H.	New York East (NE)
Alton, Ralph Taylor	Wisconsin (NC)
*Appleby, Joe A. #	Memphis (SE)
Averitt, James W.	Louisville (SE)
Bearden, Robert E. L.	North Arkansas (SC)
*Beasley, N. Craig	Tennessee (SE)
Bevan, Frank W.	Troy (NE)
*Black, Roy	North Mississippi (SE)
Bosley, Harold A.	Rock River (NC)
Bowers, Joe E.	Oklahoma (SC)
Browning, James T.	West Virginia (NE)
*Bunch, Mrs. Jesse W. # (Died Nov. 1, 1955)	Oregon (W)
Carpenter, Charles I.	Peninsula (NE)
Carter, Stanley	Texas (SC)
*Chittum, John W.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Cooper, Mrs. Dorothy J.	Angola (OS)
*Curry, Ed	Central Texas (SC)

- *Darrah Donald B. Oklahoma (SC)
 *David, Jambayya South India (OS)
 Dewey, Halsey E. Bengal (OS)
 Dickerson, Adolphus S. Georgia (C)
 *Dominguez, Larry Latin American Provisional (W)
 *Drake, Mrs. Mary M. Tennessee (C)
- *Easter, John E. Virginia (SE)
 *Ervin, Paul R. Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Evans, John W. Minnesota (NC)
- Goodson, W. Kenneth Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Grow, Russell H. Southern Illinois (NC)
 Gustafson, Lloyd A. North Iowa (NC)
- Haugh, Georg South Germany (OS)
 Heinsohn, Edmund Southwest Texas (SC)
 Henry, Jr., Waights G. North Georgia (SE)
 Holmes, Robert C. Florida (SE)
 Horner, William H. Genesee (NE)
- *Jones, E. Ray # West Virginia (NE)
- Kendall, Charles S. Southern California-Arizona (W)
 *Klingner, Mrs. Oliver A. Kansas (SC)
- LaRue, Clarence H. North-East Ohio (NC)
 *Long, Carroll H. Holston (SE)
 *Love, Frank C. Central New York (NE)
- Marvin, John E. Detroit (NC)
 Maser, Frederick E. Philadelphia (NE)
 *McCulloch, Leonard L. North Alabama (SE)
 *Mobley, Marion R. South Carolina (SE)
 Moore, Homer L. Kentucky (SE)
 Moore, Noah W., Jr. Delaware (C)
 Murphy, C. Edwin Nebraska (SC)
- Nimene, James Kie Liberia (OS)
- *Ormiston, Elmer H. Michigan (NC)
- *Parlin, Charles C. Newark (NE)
 *Pike, Mrs. LeRoy A. Illinois (NC)
- *Rodkey, John P. Pacific Northwest (W)
- *Sanford, Terry North Carolina (SE)
 *Seiberling, George Missouri (SC)
 *Shearer, Paul V. Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
 *Shuman, Charles B. # Illinois (NC)
 Smith, Asbury Baltimore (NE)
 *Smith, Chester A. New York (NE)
 Spears, R. Wright South Carolina (SE)
 *Spilman, Louis Virginia (SE)
 *Stahly, Mrs. Edward H. Detroit (NC)
 Steffens, William Lincoln Ohio (NC)
 *Stevens, Ben M. Mississippi (SE)
 Stroh, Byron F. North Indiana (NC)

- *Susag, M. Philip New England Southern (NE)
- *Swisher, Dwight A. Ohio (NC)
- *Sykes, W. Clyde Northern New York (NE)

- Templin, Frank Indiana (NC)
- Thomas, Johannes Central Germany (OS)
- *Thornton, Benjamin I. South Georgia (SE)
- Throckmorton, Dillon Wesley California-Nevada (W)
- Throckmorton, J. Russell Central Kansas (SC)

- *Ussery, Lee Roy Alabama (SE)

- *van Groningen, Miss Johanna M. Belgian (OS)
- *Vessey, Bernard Colorado (W)

- Wagner, H. Hughes New England (NE)
- Ward, W. Ralph Pittsburgh (NE)
- *Willson, James M. # Northwest Texas (SC)
- Wilson, Elwin L. Maine (NE)

Substitutions

- *Coffee, Mrs. C. C. for James M. Willson Northwest Texas (SC)
- *Evans, T. Sterling for E. Ray Jones West Virginia (NE)
- *Fry, Forrest D. for Mrs. Jessie W. Bunch (Deceased) Oregon (W)
- *Gobbel, Luther L. for Joe A. Appleby Memphis (SE)
- *Hartenbower, Mrs. G. E. for Charles B. Shuman Illinois (NC)

No. 10 Temporal Economy

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to trustees, properties, church finances (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Committee.

Chairman:—R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC)

Vice-Chairman:—Walter C. Gum (Virginia—SE)

Secretary:—Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC)

Place of meeting:—Westminster Presbyterian Church, First Floor, Room 2.

Time of meeting:—2:30 P.M.

(* Denotes Lay Delegate)

- *Avery, Charles W., Jr. Genesee (NE)

- Bass, Mouzon Texas (SC)
- Berkheimer, Charles F. Central Pennsylvania (NE)
- Blackburn, Henry W. Florida (SE)
- *Blasingame, Walter A. # South Georgia (SE)

- *Childs, Benjamin G. North Carolina (SE)
- Chiles, Paul D. Ohio (NC)
- *Coleman, Robert D. Western North Carolina (SE)
- *Conway, Ralph W. Wisconsin (NC)
- *Cox, Henry Miot Nebraska (SC)
- Curl, R. F. Southwest Texas (SC)

- *Downing, John W. Peninsula (NE)
- *Dyer, Jay T. West Virginia (NE)

*Gordon, Mrs. Robert K.	South Carolina (C)
Gum, Walter C.	Virginia (SE)
Haddock, W. Kenneth	Virginia (SE)
*Headlee, Russell L.	Pittsburgh (NE)
Hite, Wesley V.	North Texas (SC)
*Hoadley, John A.	Indiana (NC)
Hodge, Bachman G.	Holston (SE)
*Lacy, Henry A.	Delhi (OS)
*Linder, Paul	North Iowa (NC)
Long, Arthur V.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Lugg, Thomas B.	Illinois (NC)
*Mason, Ted	Central Kansas (SC)
*Mayes, Mrs. Fred D.	Texas (C)
*Mayfield, Robert G.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*McKibben, George B.	Rock River (NC)
Morris, Virgil D.	Louisiana (SC)
*Patterson, Dwight F.	South Carolina (SE)
*Peace, John R. #	Texas (SC)
*Pettygrove, G. Clifford	California-Nevada (W)
*Phend, Harold C.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Pinkard, Calvin M.	North Alabama (SE)
*Rawlings, Garrett D.	Washington (C)
*Rittenour, John T. #	Ohio (NC)
Rule, E. Clifton	Little Rock (SC)
*Salem, Joe T.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Searcy, Hubert	Alabama (SE)
*Simmons, Eugene C.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Smith, Edward A.	Detroit (NC)
Spear, Charles W.	Minnesota (NC)
Swan, Lowell B.	Colorado (W)
*Thomas, Henry F.	New York East (NE)
*Tolle, Alvin H.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Trimble, Mrs. H. B.	North Georgia (SE)
*Warlow, Mrs. D. Chester	Philadelphia (NE)
*Wilcox, William H.	Oklahoma (SC)
Williams, Harold B.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Williams, L. Stanley	Central Texas (SC)
*Woodward, Charles W.	Baltimore (NE)

Substitutions

*Anderson, A. M. (Phil) for Walter A. Blasingame	South Georgia (SE)
*Horton, Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr., for John R. Peace,	Texas (SC)
*Lewis, Vaughn for John T. Rittenour	Ohio (NC)

PERSONNEL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Minneapolis, Minnesota, Wednesday, April 25th, 1956

Names of Delegates and Reserve Delegates, Ministerial and Lay, arranged in the order of their election, and alphabetically by Annual Conferences, with post-office addresses, appointments, or occupations.

Figures following the name of each Annual Conference designate the total number of Delegates for that Conference. The Annual Conference Delegation is composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay Delegates. See Par. 5, 1956 *Discipline*. Abbreviations after the figure: NE, Northeastern Jurisdiction; SE, Southeastern Jurisdiction; C, Central Jurisdiction; NC, North Central Jurisdiction; SC, South Central Jurisdiction; W, Western Jurisdiction; OS, Overseas Conference.

Underneath the name of each Annual Conference will be found the location in the Conference Hall where the Delegation was seated, giving the Section, Row, and the seats allocated.

(DS) District Superintendent; (P) Pastor; (CLL) Conference Lay Leader; (BE) Business Executive; (H) Homemaker; (CP-WSCS) Conference President, Woman's Society of Christian Service; (Mbr. WDCS) Member Woman's Division of Christian Service.

(*Denotes Lay Delegate)

ALABAMA (8) SE

Sec. C; Rows 15, 16; Seats 7-10, 7-10

Mathison, H. Paul (DS), Troy D; 504 Elm St., Troy, Ala.

Peacock, H. Eugene (P), St. Francis Street; Box 1486, Mobile, Ala.

Harris, Thomas S. (P), Richards Memorial; 2618 W. Strong St., Pensacola, Fla.

Frazer, G. Stanley (P), St. James; 3555 Cambridge Road, Montgomery, Ala.

*Ussery, Lee Roy (BE), Montgomery, Ala.

*Paul, Charles R. (Attorney), Geneva, Ala.

*Searcy, Hubert (Pres., Huntingdon College), Montgomery 6, Ala.

*Moore, L. S. (Circuit Judge), Centerville, Ala.

Reserves

Hardin, Edward L. (P), Capitol Heights; 2001 St. Charles St., Montgomery, Ala.

Hughes, William J. (P), St. Mark's; 2201 North 12th Ave., Pensacola, Fla.

Kerlin, George W. (DS), Andalusia D; Box 766, Andalusia, Ala.

Baker, Stewart M. (DS), Demopolis D; Demopolis, Ala.

Hildreth, Charles H. (P), Lafayette Street; Dothan, Ala.

*Lawrence, R. Jay (School Supt.), Box 249, Union Springs, Ala.

*Ray, Grover W. (BE), Headland, Ala.

*Davis, Hartwell (Dis. Attorney), 511 Hill Bldg., Montgomery, Ala.

*Dannelly, James Patrick (Auditor), M R 1 Cynthia Drive, Phenix City, Ala.

*Haygood, Howard (Judge Inferior Court), Greenville, Ala.

ANGOLA (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 19; Seats 3-4

Miguel, Julio Joao (Teacher-Bible School), C. P. 9, Malange, Angola, Africa.

*Cooper, Mrs. Dorothy J. (Missionary), C. P. 9, Malange, Angola, Africa.

Reserves

Noah, Raymond E. (Missionary), C. P. 9, Malange, Angola, Africa.

*Bonorden, Miss Ruth Allen (Missionary on furlough), Box 454, Port LaVaca, Texas.

ARGENTINA (2) OS

Sec. D; Rows 11-12; Seats 8-8

Sosa, Adam F. (P), Cnel. Toscano 451—Ramos Mejia—F.C.N.D.F.S., Argentina.

*Gattinoni, Eduardo J. (Mgr. Methodist Publishing House), Doblas 1753, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Reserves

Pagura, Frederico J. (P), Urquiza 2278—Rosario de Santa Fe—F.C.N.G.B.M., Argentina.

*Vinals Blake, Jorge (Attorney), 45 Street, No. 510—La Plata—F.C.N.G. Roca, Argentina.

BALTIC-SLAVIC (2) OS**BALTIMORE (12) NE**

Sec. B; Rows 13-14; Seats 1-6, 1-6

Trott, Norman L. (Pres. Westminster Theological Seminary), Westminster, Md.

Edwards, Philip C. (Ex. Sec. Con. Bd. Missions), 1010 Dale Drive, Silver Spring, Md.

Smith, Asbury (DS), Washington West D; 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

Robinson, Orris G. (DS), Washington East D; 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

Amoss, Howard M. (P), Centre Street; 500 Washington St., Cumberland, Md.

Day, Albert E. (P), Mount Vernon Place; Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Baltimore 2, Md.

*Patterson, D. Stewart (Ex. Sec. Commission on Chaplains), 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

*Beatty, W. Carroll (Attorney), 4316 Hamilton St., Hyattsville, Md.

*Grace, J. Harry (Retired BE), 25 Cedar Ave., Towson 4, Md.

*Werner, Mrs. John H. (H), 6807 45th St., Chevy Chase 15, Md.

*Woodward, Charles W. (Chief Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit), 111 N. Van Buren St., Rockville, Md.

*Benson, G. Murray (Attorney), 3501 Copley Road, Baltimore 15, Md.

Reserves

Holloway, Fred G. (Pres. Drew University), Drew Forest, Madison, N. J.

Dickey, W. DeWitt (P), Mount Airy; Mt. Airy, Md.

Riggin, E. Cranston (DS), Baltimore, South D; 2310 Elsinor Ave., Baltimore 16, Md.

- Ensor Lowell S. (Pres. Western Maryland College), Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.
 Shirkey, Albert P. (P), Mount Vernon Place, 1330 Holly St., N.W., Washington 12, D. C.
 Keese, William A. (P), Grace Church; 5405 N. Charles St., Baltimore 10, Md.
 Neff, J. Luther (DS), Baltimore East D; 309 St. Dunstan's Road, Baltimore 12, Md.
 *Schuh, Harry W. (C.L.L.), 309 Thornhill Road, Baltimore 12, Md.
 *Moreland, Frederick J. (Y.M.C.A. Sec.), 603 N. Ellwood Ave., Baltimore 5, Md.
 *Warne, A. Harry (Dis. L. L.), 1322 The Terrace, Hagerstown, Md.
 *Streeter, Mrs. Wallace N. (H), 516 Van Buren St., N.W., Washington 12, D. C.
 *Erickson, E. Herman (Investments), 6506 Maple Ave., Chevy Chase 15, Md.
 *DeFord, Albert R. (Banker), Howard and Fayette Sts., Baltimore 1, Md.
 *King, Julian P. (Service Station), R.F.D., Germantown, Md.

BELGIUM (2) OS

Sec. D; Rows 7-8; Seats 1-1

- Thonger, William G. (DS), Brussels D; 5, rue de Champ de Mars, Brussels, Belgium.
 *van Groningen, Miss Johanna M. (Conf. Treas.), 24, rue des Glaieuls, UCCLE-Brussels, Belgium.

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DELAWARE (4) C

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*Samuel, Mrs. Alla Rakha (Teacher, Raewind Christian Institute), Raewind, Punjab, West Pakistan.
*Blackstock, Miss Constance E. (Director Girl's School), 163 B/3, P.E.C., Karachi, West Pakistan.

IOWA-DES MOINES (10) NC

Sec. C; Rows 13-14; Seats 6-10, 6-10

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KANSAS (6) SC

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KIANGSI (2) OS

LEXINGTON (4) C

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LIBERIA (2) OS

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- Weeks, John I. A. (Relieving Commissioner), Monrovia, Liberia,
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KANSAS (6) SC

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 *Leitnaker, F. Cherry (Editor), Baldwin, Kas.
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KENTUCKY (8) SE

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 Tullis, Edward L. (P), First Church; 401 Roberts Ave., Frankfort, Ky.
 *Gibson, R. W. "Deacon"; (Wholesaler), Hazard, Ky.
 *McDaniel, C. M. (Dentist), Middlesboro, Ky.
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 *Florer, W. Sharon (Insurance), Covington, Ky.

KIANGSI (2) OS

LEXINGTON (4) C

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*Lampkin, Dewey (Postal Clerk), 6135 South Aberdeen St., Chicago, Ill.

*Bryant, Thomas V. (Steward), 109 Smith St., Jeffersonville, Ind.

LIBERIA (2) OS

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Weeks, John I. A. (Relieving Commissioner), Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.

*Berry, Sussan A. (Asst. Director Physical Education), Dept. Public Instructions, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.

LITTLE ROCK (4) SC

Sec. C; Rows 7-8; Seats 5-6, 5-6

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Mann, D. Mouzon (P), First Church; McGehee, Ark.

Culver, Cecil R. (P), First Church; Hill St. at Cedar, El Dorado, Ark.

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Sec. C; Rows 11-12; Seats 6-8, 6-8

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- *Crump, Mrs. Sam W. (CP-WSCS), 425 Clark St., Park City, Ky.
- *Eblen, Marvin D. (Farmer & BE), Henderson, Ky.

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*Major, Berry F. (Merchant), Sebree, Ky.
*Hubbard, Albert T. (Laundry-Dry Cleaning), 117 W. Water St., Hodgenville, Ky.
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LUCKNOW (2) OS

Sec. C; Rows 11-12; Seats 9-9

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*Nathan, Samuel A. (Physician), Rae Bareli, U.P., India.

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*Benjamin, Albert (Arrah Court Secretary), Arrah, Bihar, India.
*Nelson, Lamuel K. (Lumber Dealer), Gonda, U. P., India.
*Sheldon, Miss Mabel (Principal Brides' School), Gajadharganj, Buxar, Bihar, India.
*Paul, Miss Frances (Headmistress of Brides' School), Gajadharganj, Buxar, Bihar, India.

MADHYA PRADESH (2) OS

Sec. C; Rows 11-12; Seats 10-10

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Reserves

- Singh, Chandra B. (Bastar District Evangelist), Jagdalpur, M. P., India.
*Ward, Mrs. Rebecca W. (H), Mission House; Narsinghpur, M. P., India.

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Sec. B; Rows 1-2; Seats 4-5, 4-5

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*Currie, Miss Margaret (Attorney), 176 Maine St., Seco, Maine.

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Wentworth, Chauncey D. (P), First Church; 38 Oak St., Orono, Maine.

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*Hardy, Mrs. Harold A. (CP-WSCS), 164 Forest Ave., Bangor, Maine.

MALAYA (2) OS

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*Arumugam, G. S. (School Principal), Methodist School, Port Swettenham, Malaya.

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*Khoo, Siaw Hwa (Merchant), 85 Kings Road, Singapore 10, Malaya.

MEMPHIS (8) SE

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Newman, Wiley C. (DS), Paducah D; 510 Citizens Bank Bldg., Paducah, Ky.

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- *Seabrook, James H. (BE), 421 South Main St., Memphis, Tenn.
- *Appleby, Joe A. (Attorney), Lexington, Tenn.
- *Phillips, Mrs. Marcus F. (CP-WSCS), 417 Highland St., Jackson, Tenn.

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- Dunn, Van B. (P), Forest Heights; 865 W. Forest St., Jackson, Tenn.
- *Montgomery, Mrs. Nancy D. (Attorney), Clinton, Ky.
- *Gobbel, Luther L. (College President), Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn.
- *Bond, R. H. (BE), Dversburg, Tenn.
- *Morgan, Lawrence W. (Attorney), Brownsville, Tenn.
- *Riley, Glenard (Planter), Ridgely, Tenn.

MICHIGAN (8) NC

Sec. A; Rows 7-8; Seats 7-10, 7-10

- Kilpatrick, Lester A. (P), First Church; 1112 Chippewa, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
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- Miles, Richard C. (DS), Albion-Lansing D; 307 Burr Oak St., Albion, Mich.
- Frye, Glenn M. (Adm. Asst. to Bishop), 931 Backus St., Jackson, Mich.
- *Ormiston, Elmer H. (CLL), 416 Britian St., Benton Harbor, Mich.
- *Somerton, Mrs. William (CP-WSCS), 3419 Jewell Ave., Lansing 10, Mich.
- *Holbrook, Donald E. (Circuit Judge), Clare, Mich.
- *Strong, Donald T. (BE), 2001 Greenlawn St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Reserves

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- Tennant, John W. (P), First Church; 316 E. Porter St., Albion, Mich.
- Phillips, Clark H. (P), Temple; 2437 Sanford St., Muskegon, Heights, Mich.
- Morrison, Paul (P), Central; 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing 7, Mich.
- Pryor, Thomas M. (P), First Church; 212 Park St., Kalamazoo, Mich.
- *Neller, Alvin (Insurance), 636 LaSalle St., Lansing, Mich.
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MISSISSIPPI (8) SE

Sec. B; Rows 11-12; Seats 2-5, 2-5

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MISSOURI (6) SC

Sec. D; Rows 17-18; Seats 3-5, 3-5

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NEW ENGLAND (6) NE

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NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN (4) NE

Sec. A; Rows 11-12; Seats 6-7, 6-7

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NEW HAMPSHIRE (2) NE

Sec. D; Row 10; Seats 1-2

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NEW JERSEY (6) NE

Sec. A; Rows 1-2; Seats 8-10, 8-10

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- Raver, William N. (P), First Church; 25 Hunter St., Woodbury, N. J.
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NEW MEXICO (4) SC

Sec. B; Rows 1-2; Seats 8-9, 8-9

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NEW YORK (6) NE

Sec. D; Rows 13-14; Seats 4-6, 4-6

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NEW YORK EAST (8) NE

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NEWARK (8) NE

Sec. D; Rows 17-18; Seats 6-9, 6-9

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NORTH ALABAMA (12) SE

Sec. A; Rows 5-6; Seats 1-6, 1-6

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NORTH ARKANSAS (6) SC

Sec. C; Rows 15-16; Seats 1-3, 1-3

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NORTH CAROLINA (12) SE

Sec. C; Rows 17-18; Seats 5-10, 5-10

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- *Edwards, Alonzo C. (Goldsboro DLL), Hookerton, N. C.
- *Chadwick, William C. (Banker), New Bern, N. C.
- *Cutchin, Mrs. J. H. (H), Whitakers, N. C.
- *Dillon, Clyde A. (BE), Dillon Supply Co.; Raleigh, N. C.
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NORTH CAROLINA (2) C

Sec. B; Rows 9-10; Seats 6-6

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NORTH CHINA (2) OS

NORTH DAKOTA (2) NC

Sec. A; Rows 11-12; Seats 3-3

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NORTH GEORGIA (12) SE

Sec. B; Rows 19-20; Seats 5-10, 5-10

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*Banks, William N. (Banker), Grantville, Ga.
*Stiles, John C. (Hotel Owner), Georgian Hotel, Athens, Ga.
*Lance, T. Jack (State Supervisor of Schools), Calhoun, Ga.
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NORTH INDIA (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 19; Seats 1-2

- Chowdhury, Dan Singh (Principal Bareilly Theological Seminary), Bareilly, U. P., India.
*Tewarson, Subarna B. (Principal Parker Intermediate College), Moradabad, U. P., India.

Reserves

- Khiyalee, Charles S. (Manager Boys' Christian High School), Budaun, U. P., India.
*Mani, Jagat (Principal Ramsay Intermediate College), Almora, U. P., India.

NORTH INDIANA (8) NC

Sec. C; Rows 19-20; Seats 1-4, 1-4

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- Garrison, Edwin R. (Adm. Asst. to Bishop), 6238 Indianola St., Indianapolis 20, Ind.
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NORTH IOWA (12) NC

Sec. A; Rows 15-16; Seats 1-6, 1-6

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Reserves

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NORTH MISSISSIPPI (6) SE

Sec. A; Rows 7-8; Seats 1-3, 1-3

- Golding, Nathaniel J. (DS), Columbus D; Columbus, Miss.
Finger, Jr., H. Ellis (College President), Millsaps College; Jackson 10, Miss.
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*Black, Roy (Merchant), Nettleton, Miss.
*Houston, Sr., Jamie G. (Died January 4, 1956).

Reserves

- Cunningham, W. Jeff (P), First Church; Tupelo, Miss.
Moore, Rufus G. (DS), Cleveland D; Cleveland, Miss.
Brown, Albert Y. (DS), Greenwood D; 209 E. Cleveland St., Greenwood, Miss.
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NORTH TEXAS (8) SC

Sec. A; Rows 15-16; Seats 7-10, 7-10

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- Mood, G. Henry (P), First Church; Garland, Texas.
- Freeman, Alfred H. (P), First Church; Box 2125, Wichita Falls, Texas.
- *Waggoner, Merle T. (Cattleman), 1925 Ninth St., Wichita Falls, Texas.
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NORTHEAST GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. B; Rows 15-16; Seats 10-10

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Reserves

- Vogelsang, Bernhard F. (P), Berlin-Schoeneberg; Hauptstrasse 134, Berlin, Schoeneberg, Germany.
- *Jakubke, Sigurd (Physician), Cottbus, Virchowstrasse 41, Germany.

NORTH-EAST OHIO (14) NC

Sec. A; Rows 17-18; Seats 1-7, 1-7

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- Williams, John L. (DS), Norwalk D; 17 Newton St., Norwalk, Ohio.
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NORTHERN NEW YORK (4) NE

Sec. B; Rows 9-10; Seats 1-2, 1-2

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NORTHERN PHILIPPINES (2) OS

Sec. B; Rows 11-12; Seats 1-1

- Gines, Mariano L. (P), Bayombong; Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines.

*Galima, Epifanio C. (Attorney), Solano, Neuva Vizcaya, Philippines.

Reserves

Grospe, Felix J. (P), San Mateo; San Mateo, Isabela, Philippines.

*Galima, Pilar D. (High School Teacher), Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines.

NORTHWEST GERMANY (2) OS

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NORTHWEST INDIANA (6) NC

Sec. A; Rows 7-8; Seats 4-6, 4-6

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NORTHWEST PHILIPPINES (2) OS

Sec. C; Rows 5-6; Seats 10-10

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Reserves

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*Abenojar, Narciso E. (BE), Tayug, Pangasinan, Philippines.

NORTHWEST TEXAS (8) SC

Sec. C; Rows 5-6; Seats 6-9, 6-9

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*Nichols, Ray H. (Editor), Vernon, Texas.
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*Salem, Joe T. (Merchant), Sudan, Texas.

Reserves

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NORWAY (2) OS

Sec. A; Rows 11-12; Seats 8-8

- Karlsen, Trygve (P), First Church; Stavanger, Norway.
*Horn, Ragnar (Attorney), Grensen 10, Oslo, Norway.

Reserves

- Soerensen, Pauli (P), First Church; Porsgrunn, Norway.
*Rudd-Hansen, Willy (Master Baker), Moss, Norway.

OHIO (20) NC

Sec. D; Rows 15-16; Seats 1-10, 1-10

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- Babb, J. Carleton (Transferred to Colorado Annual Conference, October 1, 1955).
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- *Judd, William (BE), 7582 Forest Road, Cincinnati 30, Ohio.
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- Wiant, Warren W. (Retired), 129 Glencoe Road, Columbus 14, Ohio.
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- *Momborg, Paul B. (Banker), 148 Wrenwood Lane, Terrace Park, Ohio.
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OKLAHOMA (14) SC

Sec. D; Rows 3-4; Seats 1-7, 1-7

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- Stowe, W. McFerrin (P), St. Luke's; 415 N.W. 18th St., Oklahoma City 3, Okla.
- Bowers, Joe E. (DS), Tulsa D; 1325 S. Guthrie St., Tulsa 19, Okla.
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- *Wilcox, William H. (CLL), 1206 W. Fourth St., Stillwater, Okla.
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- *Egan, Jim A. (BE), 1519 Hayes St., Muskogee, Okla.
- *Doenges, William C. (Ford Dealer), RFD 1, Bartlesville, Okla.

Reserves

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- Deschner, Phil (DS), Clinton D; 224 South 15th St., Clinton, Okla.
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OREGON (6) W

Sec. B; Rows 5-6; Seats 1-3, 1-3

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 *Miller, Raymond L. (Hardwood Store), RFD 1, Box 229E, Forest Grove, Ore.
 *Howard, Charles G. (Prof. of Law, U of O), 2243 Potter St., Eugene, Ore.
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST (8) W

Sec. D; Rows 5-6; Seats 1-4, 1-4

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PENINSULA (6) NE

Sec. C; Rows 15-16; Seats 4-6, 4-6

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Reserves

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- Bunting, Jr., John J. (P), First Church; 100 Tanglewood Lane, Newark, Del.
- Spence, Preston W. (DS), Easton D; 215 S. Hanson St., Easton, Md.
- *Brown, Clinton H. (Sales Engineer), 9 N. Clifton Ave., Rozelle, Wilmington 5, Del.
- *Sylvester, Mrs. Earl (CP-WSCS), Box 218, Harrington, Del.
- *Simpson, S. Edward (BE), Trappe, Md.
- *Downing, Fulton J. (BE), Harrington, Del.

PHILADELPHIA (8) NE

Sec. C; Rows 17-18; Seats 1-4, 1-4

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PHILIPPINES (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 9; Seats 5-6

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Reserves

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PITTSBURGH (8) NE

Sec. C; Rows 9-10; Seats 1-4, 1-4

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Reserves

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RHODESIA (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 9; Seats 9-10

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Reserves

- Chitombo, Jonah (DS), Nyadiri Mission D; P. B. 636 #, Salisbury, Rhodesia.
- *Gates, Mrs. R. C. (Missionary), 11 S. Portland Ave., Ventnor, N. J.

RIO GRANDE (2) SC

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Reserves

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- *Contreras, Adan (BE), 323 Conway Ave., Mission, Texas.

ROCK RIVER (10) NC

Sec. B; Rows 17-18; Seats 1-5, 1-5

- Bosley, Harold A. (P), First Church; Evanston, Ill.
- Bond, Ray (DS), Northern D; 77 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.
- Goff, Charles Ray (P), Chicago Temple; 77 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.
- Minion, Lester R. (DS), Western D; 77 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.
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Reserves

- Israel, C. Wesley (DS), Southern D; 77 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.
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ST. LOUIS (6) SC

Sec. C; Rows 1-2; Seats 1-3, 1-3

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SHANTUNG (2) OS

SOUTH CAROLINA (12) SE

Sec. A; Rows 3-4; Seats 3-8, 3-8

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- *Clark, Mrs. Niles C. (CP-WSCS), Waterloo, S. C.
- *Gaines, Pendleton (College President), Wofford College; Spartanburg, S. C.
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SOUTH CAROLINA (4) C

Sec. D; Rows 17-18; Seats 1-2, 1-2

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SOUTH DAKOTA (4) NC

Sec. A; Rows 3-4; Seats 1-2, 1-2

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- *Moshure, John (Farmer), Northville, S. D.
- *Lockridge, Mrs. Frank E. (CO-WSCS), 204 N. E. Second St., Madison, S. D.

Reserves

- Herbst, Arnold (P), First Church; Mitchell, S. D.
- Sander, Harvey H. (P), Groton-Andover; Groton, S. D.
- Thompson, J. Harley (P), First Church; 701 W. Main St., Lead, S. D.
- *Hubbard, Fred C. (Supt. Lake Poinsett Methodist Camp), Arlington, S. D.
- *Rollins, Gordon S. (Bus. Mgr. Dakota Wesleyan), Dakota Wesleyan University; Mitchell, S. D.
- *Watson, Carl G. (Retired Professor), Rapid City, S. D.

SOUTH GEORGIA (10) SE

Sec. C; Rows 13-14; Seats 1-5, 1-5

- Cochran, Leonard H. (P), Mulberry St., Macon, Ga.
- Trulock, Albert S. (P), Wesley Monumental; Savannah, Ga.
- Hearn, Anthony (DS), Savannah D; Savannah, Ga.
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- Wilson, Frederick (P), First Church; Box 66, Albany, Ga.
- *Thornton, Benjamin I. (Lumber Dealer), Cordele, Ga.
- *Henderson, Zach S. (College President), Georgia State College; Statesboro, Ga.
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Reserves

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- Anthony, Mack (P), First Church; Valdosta, Ga.
- Fain J. Ed (P), First Church; Moultrie, Ga.
- Nalls, Frank (Supt. Epworth by the Sea), St. Simon, Ga.
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- Whiting, Tom A. (P), First Church; Jessup, Ga.
- *Anderson, A. M. "Phil" (Superior Court Judge), 1212 Swift St., Perry, Ga.
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- *Norwood, June (Printer), Valdosta, Ga.
- *Cottingham, Tom, Jr. (Farm Implements), Douglas, Ga.

SOUTH GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. D; Row 9; Seats 3-4

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Reserves

- Jeuther, Herman (P), Heilbronn; Karlstrasse 33, Heilbronn a.N., Wurt., Germany.

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SOUTH INDIA (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 10; Seats 7-8

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*David, Jambayya (Teacher Pastor-Teacher Training School), Methodist Church, Raichur, Hyderabad State, India.

Reserves

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*Rudrappa, Jayasheela N. (Teacher, Government High School), Raichur, Hyderabad State, India.

SOUTHEAST AFRICA (2) OS

Sec. A; Row 9; Seats 7-8

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA (16) W

Sec. B; Rows 15-16; Seats 1-8, 1-8

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SOUTHERN CONGO (2) OS

Sec. B; Rows 5-6; Seats 10-10

- Mij, Jean (P), Mission Metodiste; Sandoa Depeche Prive; Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, Africa.
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (6) NC

Sec. D; Rows 1-2; Seats 6-8, 6-8

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- Smalley, Stimson R. (Professor), McKendree College; Okawville, Ill.
*Grow, Russell H. (College President), McKendree College; Lebanon, Ill.
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Reserves

- Hoffman, Edward L. (P), Centenary; 403 S. Fifth St., Effingham, Ill.
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*Hall, James O. (BE), Harrisburg, Ill.
*Boyd, Elmer (BE), Robinson, Ill.
*Gill, Allen B. (Banker), Albion, Ill.
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SOUTHWEST (2) C

Sec. A; Row 10; Seats 9-10

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Reserves

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SOUTHWEST GERMANY (2) OS

Sec. B; Rows 1-2; Seats 10-10

- Hoffman, Gustav (DS), Karlsruhe D; Auerstrasse 20a (AZ) (17a), Karlsruhe-Durlach, Germany.
*Wuerker, Hermann (BE), Hanauer Landstrasse 25 (AZ) (16), Frankfurt M., Germany.

Reserves

- Diebel, Artur (P), Speyer; Hagedorngass 7 (FZ) (22b), Speyer Rhine, Germany.
*Schaefer, Ludwig (BE), Kyffheuserstrasse 41, Koeln A., Rhine, Germany.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (6) SC

Sec. A; Rows 17-18; Seats 8-10, 8-10

- Perryman, Willis L. (DS), Joplin D; 527 N. Moffet St., Joplin, Mo.
Galatas, Clinton B. (P), First Church; 309 E. North St., Marshall, Mo.
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TROY (8) NE

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VIRGINIA (18) SE

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WEST CHINA (2) OS

WEST TEXAS (4) C

Sec. B; Rows 1-2; Seats 6-7, 6-7

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Sec. C; Rows 1-2; Seats 4-10, 4-10

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Sec. C; Rows 3-4; Seats 1-9, 1-9

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WISCONSIN (6) NC

Sec. B; Rows 5-6; Seats 4-6, 4-6

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WYOMING (6) NE

Sec. B; Rows 5-6; Seats 7-9, 7-9

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YENPING (2) OS

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- 9 James V. Claypool (New England Southern—NE)
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 - 2 Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE)

- 3 Henry M. Bullock (Mississippi—SE)
- 4 Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama—SE)
- 5 Jesse A. Engle (Virginia—SE)
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- 9 Leon M. Adkins (Central New York—NE)
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Section B; Row 21; Seats assigned by numbers

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| Seat | 3 Lovick Pierce (*) (Tennessee—SE) |
| | 4 Miss Margaret Billingsley (*) (New York—SE) |
| | 5 Miss Thelma Stevens (*) (Newark—NE) |
| | 6 B. P. Murphy (Texas—SC) |
| | 7 James K. Mathews (Bombay—OS) |

Section D; Row 20; Seats assigned by numbers

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| Seat | 1 Ralph Stooddy (New England Southern—NE) |
| | 2 John O. Gross (Kentucky—SE) |
| | 3 Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC) |
| | 4 Richard G. Belcher (New England Southern—NE) |
| | 5 Caradine R. Hooton (Oklahoma—SC) |
| | 6 Harry C. Spencer (Rock River—NC) |
| | 7 A. Dudley Ward (New York East—NE) |
| | 8 Gaither P. Warfield (Virginia—SE) |
| | 9 E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio—NC) |
| | 10 Miss Mary Lou Barnwell (*) (New York—NE) |

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St. Louis (SC)	Albea Godbold
Shantung (OS)	None
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South Dakota (NC)	John V. Madison
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South Germany (OS)	Georg Haug
South India (OS)	Byrappa Rathnam Isaiah
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Acey, Archie E. (4)	Virginia (SE)
*Acker, Tom E. (2)	Texas (SC)
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*Anderson, Mrs. Edwin S. (6)	New England (NE)
*Anderson, Mrs. William T. (6)	Central New York (NE)
*Appleby, Joe A. (9)	Memphis (SE)
Araya, Samuel R. (1)	Chile (OS)
*Archer, John H. (3)	North-East Ohio (NC)
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Auman, Lester W. (1)	New York East (NE)
Averitt, James W. (9)	Louisville (SE)
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Conference)	Ohio (NC)
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Beatty, W. Carroll (3)	Baltimore (NE)
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Bennett, Alfred E. (2)	West Virginia (NE)
*Bennett, Royal E. (2)	North Iowa (NC)
*Benson, F. Murray (7)	Baltimore (NE)
*Berg, R. Howard (3)	Florida (SE)
Berkheimer, Charles F. (10)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
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Bevan, Frank W. (9)	Troy (NE)
*Black, Roy (9)	North Mississippi (SE)

Black, B. B. (4)	South Carolina (SE)
Blackard, Embree H. (1)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Blackburn, Henry W. (10)	Florida (SE)
*Blake, Mrs. C. Gerald (6)	Wyoming (NE)
*Blasingame, Walter A. (10)	South Georgia (SE)
*Blazer, Earl (2)	Holston (SE)
*Blue, Robert D. (8)	North Iowa (NC)
Bohmifalk, Erwin F. (1)	Central Texas (SC)
Bond, Ray (2)	Rock River (NC)
Boobar, Lester L. (5)	Maine (NE)
Booker, Charles J. (4)	Central Alabama (C)
Bosley, Harold A. (9)	Rock River (NC)
*Bostwick, William E. (3)	South Georgia (SE)
Bowers, Joe E. (9)	Oklahoma (SC)
Bowles, Charles P. (2)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Boyd, Marvin L. (5)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Boyd, W. Sproule (2)	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Brannon, William C. (3)	North Alabama (SE)
*Braun, Mrs. Henry M. (2)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
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Brennan, Harold R. (5)	New York East (NE)
*Bridgham, F. Nelson (8)	New England (NE)
*Broadhurst, William (6)	Oklahoma (SC)
*Brooks, Mrs. Frank G. (6)	North Iowa (NC)
Brown, G. Alfred (2)	Central Texas (SC)
*Brown, William G. (1)	Holston (SE)
Browning, Dallas L. (4)	Indiana (NC)
Browning, James T. (9)	West Virginia (NE)
*Bruns, Johann (3)	Northwest Germany (OS)
Bryan, Monk (2)	Missouri (SC)
Buckingham, Harold C. (7)	Wyoming (NE)
*Bunch, Mrs. Jesse W. (9) (Died Nov. 1, 1955)	Oregon (W)
*Burns, Harold E. (3)	Erie (NE)
Burns, Lacy H. (5)	West Virginia (NE)
*Burns, Robert E. (2)	California-Nevada (W)
Butters, George A. (2)	Minnesota (NC)
*Bynum, William E. (3)	South Carolina (SE)
*Campbell, Richard W. (3)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Campbell, Tom E. (3)	West Virginia (NE)
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Carlyon, Richard E. (6)	Nebraska (SC)
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Carrazana, Humberto (6)	Cuba (SE)
Carruth, Samuel E. (5)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Carson, Verle J. (7)	Detroit (NC)
*Carter, A. M. (7)	Georgia (C)
Carter, George W., Jr. (1)	Louisiana (C)
Carter, Robert C. (1)	Louisiana (SC)
Carter, Stanley (9)	Texas (SC)
Case, Harold C. (2)	New England (NE)
*Cates, Paul (2)	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Chaffey, Edmund K. (3)	Pittsburgh (NE)
Chieza, Samuel (1)	Rhodesia (OS)
*Childs, Benjamin G. (10)	North Carolina (SE)
Chiles, Paul D. (10)	Ohio (NC)
*Chittum, John W. (9)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Chitwood, J. Henry (5)	North Alabama (SE)
Chowdhury, Dan Singh (6)	North India (OS)

Christner, Ben H. (1)	Colorado (W)
Chubb, James S. (5)	Nebraska (SC)
*Clark, B. Clyde (4)	Oklahoma (SC)
*Clark, Mrs. Niles C. (5)	South Carolina (SE)
Clary, Sr., George E. (8)	South Georgia (SE)
Clay, Russell E. (2)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Clay, Thomas B. (3)	Genesee (NE)
*Clegg, Charles R. (3)	North Georgia (SE)
Clegg, Leland (4)	Oklahoma (SC)
Clegg, W. Lemuel (1)	North Carolina (SE)
Clemens, Norman W. (5)	Wyoming (NE)
Clendenning, Stewart (5)	Texas (SC)
Clute, Dow S. (1)	Troy (NE)
Cochran, Leonard H. (1)	South Georgia (SE)
*Coe, Mrs. Obie C. (6)	West Texas (C)
*Coleman, Robert D. (10)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Colley, Mrs. Stewart (6)	North Georgia (SE)
Collier, Otis L. (1)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Collins, Hubert L. (6)	Kansas (SC)
*Compton, Chester J. (4)	West Virginia (NE)
*Conway, Ralph W. (10)	Wisconsin (NC)
Cooke, Don A. (5)	Florida (SE)
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*Cooper, Mrs. Charles L. (6)	Kentucky (SE)
*Cooper, Mrs. Dorothy J. (9)	Angola (OS)
*Cope, Kenneth B. (2)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Copeland, Kenneth W. (4)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Corson, Lynn H. (1)	New Jersey (NE)
*Cortez, Camilo (6)	Chile (OS)
Cox, Sr., Alva I. (5)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Cox, Henry Miot (10)	Nebraska (SC)
*Cox, Lionel C. (2)	New Mexico (SC)
*Cromwell, Clyde A. (3)	Montana (W)
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*Crowding, Mrs. Lynn W. (6)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Crump, Mrs. Sam W. (6)	Louisville (SE)
Crutchfield, Finis A., Jr. (5)	Oklahoma (SC)
Cryer, Donald W. (3)	Ohio (NC)
*Cullins, John S. (3)	Southwest (C)
Curl, R. F. (10)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Current, John T. (3)	Lexington (C)
*Currie, Miss Margaret (1)	Maine (NE)
*Curry, Ed (9)	Central Texas (SC)
Curry, George M. (8)	West Virginia (NE)
Curry, John W. (1)	South Carolina (C)
*Daniel, Diamond R. (2)	Malaya (OS)
*Darrah, Donald B. (9)	Oklahoma (SC)
*David, Jambayya (9)	South India (OS)
Davis, C. Anderson (8)	East Tennessee (C)
Davis, Laurence R. (2)	Nebraska (SC)
Davis, Warner P. (5)	Kentucky (SE)
*Davis, Wilmer Fell (1)	Peninsula (NE)
Day, Albert E. (8)	Baltimore (NE)
Delahooke, James K. (5)	North Iowa (NC)
*de la Rosa, Samuel E. (3)	Puerto Rico Provisional (NE)
*de la Vina, Juan (3)	Rio Grande (SC)
*DeWeese, Henry Owen (3)	North Indiana (NC)
Dewey, Halsey E. (9)	Bengal (OS)
*Dickason, Henry L. (2)	East Tennessee (C)

Dickerson, Adolphus S. (9)	Georgia (C)
Dill, R. Laurence, Jr. (1)	North Alabama (SE)
Dodge, Allan T. (5)	Northern New York (NE)
Dodgen, Ethan W. (5)	North Arkansas (SC)
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*Doenges, William C. (3)	Oklahoma (SC)
*Dominguez, Larry (9)	Latin American Provisional (W)
*Downing, John W. (10)	Peninsula (NE)
*Drake, Edward C. (3)	New England (NE)
*Drake, Mrs. Mary M. (9)	Tennessee (C)
*Dudley, Mrs. C. P. (6)	North-East Ohio (NC)
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Duncan, Robert H. (5)	Holston (SE)
*Dyer, Jay T. (10)	West Virginia (NE)
*Eady, Virgil Y. C. (8)	North Georgia (SE)
*Easter, John E. (9)	Virginia (SE)
*Eblen, Marvin D. (2)	Louisville (SE)
*Edge, Claude A. (7)	Texas (SC)
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Edwards, Philip C. (6)	Baltimore (NE)
*Edwards, Mrs. Scott A. (6)	South Georgia (SE)
*Egan, James A. (2)	Oklahoma (SC)
*Ellis, Matt L. (3)	North Arkansas (SC)
*Engert, Walter (4)	Central Germany (OS)
Ernst, J. Henry (1)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Ervin, Paul R. (9)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Essig, J. Fred (1)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Eubank, Graham S. (4)	North Carolina (SE)
*Evans, John W. (9)	Minnesota (NC)
*Evans, Paul F. (3)	Western North Carolina (SE)
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*Ewing, James M. (2)	Mississippi (SE)
*Faber, Fran H. (3)	Minnesota (NC)
Felder, Luther B. (4)	Texas (C)
Fenn, G. Lemuel (1)	Oklahoma (SC)
Finger, H. Ellis, Jr. (2)	North Mississippi (SE)
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Fisher, James A. (2)	Memphis (SE)
Flatt, F. Alton (5)	Memphis (SE)
Fleming, Raymond J. (1)	West Wisconsin (NC)
*Folsom, John V. (3)	North Texas (SC)
*Fomby, James N. (4)	Louisiana (SC)
*Fondren, Mrs. Walter William (1)	Texas (SC)
*Ford, Mrs. W. D. (6)	Oklahoma (SC)
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Francis, S. Wilson (7)	Troy (NE)
Frank, Eugene M. (2)	Kansas (SC)
*Franklin, Hollis C. (3)	Louisville (SE)
Frazer, G. Stanley (1)	Alabama (SE)
*Froehlich, Guenter P. (3)	Northeast Germany (OS)
Frye, Glenn M. (4)	Michigan (NC)
*Gaines, Pendleton (2)	South Carolina (SE)
Galatas, Clinton B. (5)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Galima, Epifano (3)	Northern Philippines (OS)
Galloway, Paul V. (8)	Oklahoma (SC)
*Gamadia, Samuel L. (3)	Gujarat (OS)
*Gapen, Mrs. Clarke	Wyoming State (W)
Garcia, Catalino T. (5)	Philippines (OS)
Garrison, Claude (5)	Ohio (NC)

*Gattinoni, Eduardo J. (8)	Argentina (OS)
*Genins, R. J. (3)	Saint Louis (SC)
*Gentile, Mrs. Philip (1)	Detroit (NC)
*Gentry, Mrs. W. Max (1)	Nebraska (SC)
*Gerstenecker, Friedrich (6)	South Germany (OS)
*Gibson, J. Nelson, Jr. (1)	North Carolina (SE)
*Glass, Mrs. Henry I. (6)	North Carolina (SE)
Glassco, Herbert W. (5)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Glenn, Mrs. George W. (7)	Central Kansas (SC)
Godbold, Albea (5)	Saint Louis (SC)
Goff, Charles Ray (1)	Rock River (NC)
*Gold, Glenn W. (8)	Florida (SE)
Golden, Charles F. (6)	Lexington (C)
Golding, Nathaniel J. (1)	North Mississippi (SE)
Goodloe, W. Henry (6)	North Arkansas (SC)
Goodrich, Jr., Robert E. (1)	North Texas (SC)
Goodson, W. Kenneth (9)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Gordon, Mrs. Robert K. (10)	South Carolina (C)
Goto, Taro (6)	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
*Grace, J. Harry (4)	Baltimore (NE)
*Graham, Nathan R. (1)	Florida (SE)
*Graybeal, Henry C. (3)	Holston (SE)
*Greathouse, Frank (3)	New Mexico (SC)
*Greelis, David E. (3)	Troy (NE)
*Green, Mrs. Wesley C. (2)	New England Southern (NE)
Greer, George D. (2)	North Indiana (NC)
Griffis, Harold W. (5)	Troy (NE)
*Grow, Russell H. (9)	Southern Illinois (NC)
Grummon, A. Ray (6)	Illinois (NC)
Guffick, William R. (2)	New Jersey (NE)
Gum, Walter C. (10)	Virginia (SE)
Gustafson, Lloyd A. (9)	North Iowa (NC)
Guthrie, W. Nelson (7)	North Alabama (SE)
*Haddock, Edward E. (1)	Virginia (SE)
Haddock, W. Kenneth (10)	Virginia (SE)
*Haggard, Carl W. (7)	Kentucky (SE)
Hagler, Albert D. (2)	Florida (SE)
Haglund, Ruben (6)	Sweden (OS)
Hamm, Clarence H. (5)	Central Kansas (SC)
Han, Chua Iok (5)	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
Hann, Paul M. (7)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Harbison, Mrs. John W. (6)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Hargrove, Lamar (8)	Texas (SC)
*Harkness, Miss Georgia (2)	Troy (NE)
Harmon, Nolan B. (8)	Virginia (SE)
*Harrell, Alvin (7)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Harris, M. LaFayette (2)	Lexington (C)
Harris, Thomas S. (6)	Alabama (SE)
Harvey, Gerald B. (2)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Hastings, Ralph G. (3)	Indiana (NC)
Hathaway, Offie L. (6)	North Carolina (SE)
Haug, Georg (9)	South Germany (OS)
Havighurst, Freeman C. (6)	Missouri (SC)
Havighurst, Lawrence D. (1)	North Iowa (NC)
*Hawkins, J. Clinton (8)	Saint Louis (SC)
Hayes, Clare J. (5)	Kansas (SC)
*Headlee, Russell L. (10)	Pittsburgh (NE)
Hearn, Anthony (4)	South Georgia (SE)
*Heer, Amos L. (8)	North-East Ohio (NC)

Heinsohn, Edmund (9)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Hempstead, Charles S. (2)	North Iowa (NC)
*Henderson, Zach S. (2)	South Georgia (SE)
Henley, James W. (1)	Tennessee (SE)
Henninger, Frank LaMont (1)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Henry, Archie R. (7)	West Wisconsin (NC)
*Henry, Mrs. Archie R. (6)	West Wisconsin (NC)
Henry, Waights G., Jr. (9)	North Georgia (SE)
Henwood, Roy T. (4)	Wyoming (NE)
Herbert, R. Bryce (6)	South Carolina (SE)
Hibbard, Eugene W. (7)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Hicks, Guy M. (5)	Louisiana (SC)
High, Henry R. (7)	West Virginia (NE)
Hirabhai, Mithalal (6)	Gujarat (OS)
Hite, Wesley V. (10)	North Texas (SC)
*Hoadley, John A. (10)	Indiana (NC)
Hodge, Bachman G. (10)	Holston (SE)
*Hodson, Glendon C. (3)	Southern Illinois (NC)
Hoffmann, Gustav (4)	Southwest Germany (OS)
*Holbrook, Donald E. (1)	Michigan (NC)
*Hole, J. Wesley (7)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Holland, Amos L. (1)	Mississippi (C)
Holland, Sr., Harvey C. (4)	North Georgia (SE)
Holler, Adlai C. (7)	South Carolina (SE)
*Holler, J. Carlisle (1)	South Carolina (SE)
Holme, Benjamin F. (6)	Detroit (NC)
Holmes, Robert C. (9)	Florida (SE)
*Hooper, Granville (4)	Peninsula (NE)
*Horn, Rangar (3)	Norway (OS)
Horner, William H. (9)	Genesee (NE)
*Horton, Oscar (6)	North Alabama (SE)
*Houston, Sr., Jamie G. (3) (Died Jan. 4, 1956)	North Mississippi (SE)
*Howell, Mrs. James P. (6)	California-Nevada (W)
Huff, Harold S. (2)	North Dakota (NC)
*Hughes, Harold D. (1)	Indiana (NC)
Hughes, Harold H. (6)	Virginia (SE)
Huneycutt, W. Jackson (4)	Western North Carolina (SE)
Hunt, Brunner M. (1)	Mississippi (SE)
Hunt, Jr., Earl G. (4)	Holston (SE)
*Hunt, Robert E. (2)	Upper Mississippi (C)
*Hunt, Walter L. (1)	Wyoming (NE)
*Hunter, Stanley C. (7)	Minnesota (NC)
Hutchinson, Jr., Charles X. (1)	New England Southern (NE)
*Ingham, Mrs. Edwin A. (6)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Ingram, Ben L. (1)	North Alabama (SE)
Isaiah, Byrappa Rathnam (4)	South India (OS)
*Ivey, Mrs. A. R. (6)	Florida (SE)
*Jackins, Melbourne E. (6)	Maine (NE)
*Jackson, H. Leo (6)	Holston (SE)
Jackson, Kelly L. (4)	Washington (C)
Jackson, Olin D. (5)	Minnesota (NC)
Jamella, Gideon (6)	Southeast Africa (OS)
James, Sr., D. Trigg (1)	Holston (SE)
James, Glenn C. (7)	Florida (SE)
*Jefferson, Allie G. (3)	Virginia (SE)
Jenkins, Farrell D. (5)	Southern Illinois (NC)
*John, Mrs. Byron W. (7)	West Virginia (NE)

- Johnson, Emanuel M. (1) Southwest (C)
 *Johnson, Joseph T. (1) Lexington (C)
 *Johnson, Karl R. (1) Idaho (W)
 Johnson, Lyman S. (1) Central Kansas (SC)
 Johnson, Merrill C. (6) New York (NE)
 Johnson, Zach T. (4) Kentucky (SE)
 *Jolly, Elmer (3) Illinois (NC)
 *Jones, A. Loy (3) Missouri (SC)
 *Jones, Mrs. C. I. (6) Louisiana (SC)
 *Jones, Mrs. Dewey H. (6) Southwest Missouri (SC)
 *Jones, Sr., Edwin L. (1) Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Jones, E. Ray (9) West Virginia (NE)
 Jones, Herman H. (5) Tennessee (C)
 Jones, William T. (5) Indiana (NC)
 Jordan, Frank B. (8) Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Jud, Eugene F. (3) Central Texas (SC)
 *Judd, William (4) Ohio (NC)
 *Kahl, Norman (3) West Wisconsin (NC)
 *Kane, Mrs. Cecil G. (6) Saint Louis (SC)
 Karlson, Trygve (4) Norway (OS)
 Kearns, Francis E. (2) Wisconsin (NC)
 Kendall, Charles S. (9) Southern California-Arizona (W)
 Kenna, James B. (2) Southwest Missouri (SC)
 *Keyser, Lester L. (1) Southwest Texas (SC)
 Kilpatrick, Lester A. (7) Michigan (NC)
 Kimbrough, R. Edwin (2) North Alabama (SE)
 Kin, U On (6) Burma (OS)
 *King, John T. (3) West Texas (C)
 *Kinzer, Mrs. J. Marvin (6) Pittsburgh (NE)
 *Kirk, Mrs. Clyde (4) Missouri (SC)
 Kirkpatrick, Dow (6) North Georgia (SE)
 *Klingner, Mrs. Oliver A. (9) Kansas (SC)
 *Knepple, Mrs. Clare E. (6) North Indiana (NC)
 *Kreutziger, Miss Susan (2) Ohio (NC)
 *Labbitt, Ray W. (3) Detroit (NC)
 *Lacy, Henry A. (10) Delhi (OS)
 *Laing, Mrs. Alan K. (6) Illinois (NC)
 Lambdin, Henry Lyle (5) Newark (NE)
 *Lambeth, M. Thomas (2) Western North Carolina (SE)
 Landreth, Elmer D. (1) Northwest Texas (SC)
 *Lane, Frank L. (2) Texas (C)
 LaRue, Clarence H. (9) North-East Ohio (NC)
 Lara, David T. Northwest Philippines (OS)
 *Law, Clyde O. (2) West Virginia (NE)
 *Lawrenson, Mrs. Ralph C. (4) North Iowa (NC)
 *Lay, Robert P. (3) Louisiana (SC)
 *LeFevre, DeWitt C. (2) Northern New York (NE)
 Leggett, Jr., J. Willard (5) Mississippi (SE)
 Lemons, A. D. (4) Texas (SC)
 Lester, Woodie D. (4) Central West (C)
 *Lewis, G. Wesley (3) Wyoming (NE)
 Lewis, Henry H. (5) South Dakota (NC)
 *Lewis, Joseph L. (8) North Alabama (SE)
 *Lewis, Thomas J. (3) Philadelphia (NE)
 *Lewis, Vaughn (10) Ohio (NC)
 *Lim, Kay Wan (3) Burma (OS)
 *Linder, Paul (10) North Iowa (NC)
 Lindgren, Alvin J. (1) Wisconsin (NC)

Lindsey, Merrill W. (6)	Upper Mississippi (C)
*Lindstrom, Harald (5)	Sweden (OS)
Linger, Ross (4)	West Virginia (NE)
*Lingiah, Miss Edith V. (2)	Bombay (OS)
Link, John N. (5)	Peninsula (NE)
*Little, Thomas M. (4)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Lochridge, Mrs. Frank E. (6)	South Dakota (NC)
*Loeppert, Mrs. Henry V. (5)	Rock River (NC)
Long, Arthur V. (10)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Long, Carroll H. (9)	Holston (SE)
*Long, Mrs. Conrad C. (8)	Ohio (NC)
Long, Nat G. (1)	North Georgia (SE)
Lord, Lemuel K. (5)	New England (NE)
Loud, Ira B. (5)	West Texas (C)
*Love, Frank C. (9)	Central New York (NE)
*Lowman, Mrs. Harmon (6)	Texas (SC)
*Luff, Ralph G. (1)	Philadelphia (NE)
Lugg, Thomas B. (10)	Illinois (NC)
Lundy, Clyde E. (8)	Holston (SE)
Luster, Cosum M. (5)	Texas (C)
*Lynn, Lee W. (3)	Central Alabama (C)
Madison, John V. (8)	South Dakota (NC)
*Marple, Mrs. George K. (6)	New Jersey (NE)
Marvin, John E. (9)	Detroit (NC)
Maser, Frederick E. (9)	Philadelphia (NE)
Mason, Carl B. (7)	Oregon (W)
*Mason, Ted (10)	Central Kansas (SC)
Massengale, LeRoy (7)	Oklahoma (SC)
*Massie, W. Hugh (8)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Mathews, Elmer E. (3)	New Jersey (NE)
Mathison, H. Paul (5)	Alabama (SE)
Matthews, Cecil R. (4)	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Mawha, Mrs. James K. (5)	Newark (NE)
May, Ernest V. (1)	Pittsburgh (NE)
Mayer, Theodore C. (6)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Mayes, Mrs. Fred D. (10)	Texas (C)
*Mayfield, Robert G. (10)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*McCluhan, J. Everett (3)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*McCracken, Mrs. W. A. (6)	Southern Illinois (NC)
*McCulloch, Leonard L. (9)	North Alabama (SE)
*McDonald, E. D. (5)	Southwest Texas (SC)
McFall, Merrill B. (2)	Indiana (NC)
McGee, Ashworth Harold (5)	Lucknow (OS)
*McGill, Mrs. Kenneth L. (4)	Central Kansas (SC)
*McGregor, Donald (8)	Troy (NE)
McIntosh, James M. (4)	Erie (NE)
McKean, Maurice D. (2)	Michigan (NC)
McKelvey, John W. (5)	Philadelphia (NE)
*McKibben, George B. (10)	Rock River (NC)
McPheeters, Chester A. (1)	Detroit (NC)
*McWilliams, Meade (1)	Illinois (NC)
Medlock, Melvin K. (8)	South Carolina (SE)
*Melin, Bengt K. (3)	Sweden (OS)
*Mercer, Theodore F. (4)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Meredith, Ronald R. (8)	Central Kansas (SC)
*Michener, Charles V. (4)	Minnesota (NC)
Middaugh, Bruce L. (1)	Erie (NE)
Middleton, W. Vernon (6)	Philadelphia (NE)
Miguel, Julio Joao (6)	Angola (OS)

Mij, Jean (4)	Southern Congo (OS)
Miles, Richard C. (5)	Michigan (NC)
Miller, Jr., Levi B. (2)	Washington (C)
Minion, Lester R. (4)	Rock River (NC)
*Mobley, Marion R. (9)	South Carolina (SE)
Montgomery, Sr., John C. (1)	Saint Louis (SC)
Moore, Farris F. (6)	Tennessee (SE)
Moore, Homer L. (9)	Kentucky (SE)
*Moore, L. S. (8)	Alabama (SE)
Moore, Leon S. (7)	Delaware (C)
Moore, Noah W., Jr. (9)	Delaware (C)
*Moore, Richard V. (2)	Florida (C)
*Moreland, J. Earl (2)	Virginia (SE)
*Morgan, Clarence E. (7)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Morgan, R. Kenneth (3)	Tennessee (SE)
*Morgan, Miss Wilmuth (6)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Morris, Thurman B. (5)	North Indiana (NC)
Morris, Virgil D. (10)	Louisiana (SC)
Mosby, Robert S. (2)	West Texas (C)
*Moshure, John (7)	South Dakota (NC)
Muir, J. Dewey (5)	Illinois (NC)
Mumbulo, Verner S. (2)	Detroit (NC)
Murphy, C. Edwin (9)	Nebraska (SC)
*Myers, William D. (6)	Mississippi (SE)
Nanez, Alfredo (6)	Rio Grande (SC)
*Nathan, Samuel A. (3)	Lucknow (OS)
*Neff, Mrs. Royal R. (1)	North Indiana (NC)
Newman, I. DeQuincey (8)	South Carolina (C)
Newman, Wiley C. (8)	Memphis (SE)
*Nichols, Ray H. (3)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Nimene, James Kie (9)	Liberia (OS)
*Northrop, George M. (2)	New York (NE)
Nowlen, Charles A. (6)	Wyoming State (W)
Nye, Laurence Everett (8)	Oregon (W)
*Odell, Donald A. (7)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Odom, Warren G. (2)	Central New York (NE)
Olivas, Mardy L. (5)	Latin American Provisional (W)
Olson, Oscar Thomas (8)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*O'Neal, Robert J. (7)	Louisiana (SC)
*Ormiston, Elmer H. (9)	Michigan (NC)
*Orr, Verne, Sr. (3)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Ortmeyer, Fred W. (7)	North Iowa (NC)
*Ottinger, Albert D. (3)	North Dakota (NC)
Overhulser, William F. (2)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Palmer, Everett W. (4)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Parham, Miss Catherine (3)	Southern Congo (OS)
*Parlin, Charles C. (9)	Newark (NE)
*Patterson, D. Stewart (5)	Baltimore (NE)
*Patterson, Dwight F. (10)	South Carolina (SE)
Patton, Russell R. (1)	Kentucky (SE)
*Paul, Charles R. (3)	Alabama (SE)
Paul, Edwin B. (5)	Madhya Pradesh (OS)
*Pawar, Goodwin D. (3)	Madhya Pradesh (OS)
*Peace, John R. (10)	Texas (SC)
Peacock, H. Eugene (2)	Alabama (SE)
Pearson, J. Kenneth (5)	New England Southern (NE)
Pearson, John H. (5)	Virginia (SE)

*Peet, John H. (3)	North Iowa (NC)
Pendergrass, Edward J. (4)	Florida (SE)
*Perkins, Joe J. (7)	North Texas (SC)
*Perkins, Mrs. Laurence M. (8)	Wisconsin (NC)
Perryman, Willis L. (4)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
*Peterson, Ernest W. (6)	Oregon (W)
*Pettygrove, G. Clifford (10)	California-Nevada (W)
*Pfeiffer, Mrs. A. B. (6)	Rock River (NC)
*Phend, Harold C. (10)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Phillips, Mrs. Marcus F. (6)	Memphis (SE)
*Pierce, Clifford D. (3)	Memphis (SE)
*Pierce, Millard Franklin (7)	North Mississippi (SE)
*Pike, Mrs. LeRoy A. (9)	Illinois (NC)
Pinkard, Calvin M. (10)	North Alabama (SE)
Pope, Kenneth W. (5)	Texas (SC)
Potter, Truman W. (8), Transferred to West Virginia Conference, August 1, 1955	Minnesota (NC)
Pothoff, Harvey H. (5)	Colorado (W)
Potts, Edgar A. (2)	Virginia (SE)
Powers, R. Merrill (7)	Rock River (NC)
Prewitt, Thomas O. (7)	Mississippi (SE)
*Puckett, L. G. (4)	Tennessee (SE)
Pugh, A. Wesley (8)	North Indiana (NC)
Queen, Vergil E. (2)	North Carolina (SE)
Radcliffe, Lynn J. (6)	Ohio (NC)
Radford, Waid C. (4)	Ohio (NC)
Ragsdale, Ray W. (4)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Ramsing, Thorvald B. (3)	Denmark (OS)
*Raney, Alton B. (2)	Little Rock (SE)
*Rawlings, Garrett D. (10)	Washington (C)
*Raynor, Arthur E. (3)	New York East (NE)
*Rea, Miss Mary P. (6)	Southeast Africa (OS)
Redmond, Donald E. (2)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Reid, Mrs. E. L. (4)	Central Texas (SC)
*Reid, William W. (6)	New York East (NE)
*Reitz, T. Russell (3)	Kansas (SC)
*Rentz, Mrs. J. F. (2)	Erie (NE)
Rice, Allen B. (6)	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Richard, Walter L. (1)	North Georgia (SE)
Richards, George W. (2)	Central Kansas (SC)
Richards, Herbert E. (2)	Idaho (W)
Richardson, Dean E. (6)	Genesee (NE)
Rico, Tomas Saltero (6)	Puerto Rico Provisional (NE)
Riddick, Roland Parker (7)	Virginia (SE)
Riggleman, Leonard (8)	West Virginia (NE)
*Rittenour, John T. (8)	Ohio (NC)
Ritter, Harry O. (8)	Kansas (SC)
Ritter, R. Roland (6)	North Iowa (NC)
Robbins, Cecil W. (8)	North Carolina (SE)
Roberts, Victor H. (2)	Illinois (NC)
Robinson, Orris G. (2)	Baltimore (NE)
Robinson, William B. (2)	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Roca, Sergio (3)	Cuba (SE)
*Rodkey, John P. (9)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Rosel, Mrs. Merl (6)	Central Kansas (SC)
Rosenqvist, Gosta (4)	Sweden (OS)
*Rosser, Harold A. (7)	Ohio (NC)
*Roudebush, Roy R. (4)	North Indiana (NC)

Roush, Lester L. (7)	Ohio (NC)
Rule, E. Clifton (10)	Little Rock (SC)
Rumble, Lester (2)	North Georgia (SE)
*Rupert, Mrs. J. R. (6)	Erie (NE)
*Russell, Paul R. (3)	New York (NE)
Rutter, Kenneth P. (5)	Pittsburgh (NE)
Saermark, Georg H. (5)	Denmark (OS)
Sagar, Sisa M. (2)	Delhi (OS)
*Saito, Kazuo (4)	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
*Salem, Joe T. (10)	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Samson, Gerardo (6)	Philippines (OS)
*Samuel, Alla Rakha (3)	Indus River (OS)
*Sanford, Terry (9)	North Carolina (SE)
Satyavrata, James Benedict (1)	Bombay (OS)
*Saunders, William G. (4)	Virginia (SE)
Schaff, Lester (1)	Central New York (NE)
Scheuermann, Walter M. (5)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Schneck, Wilhelm K. (6)	Northwest Germany (OS)
Scholz Ernst P. (5)	Northeast Germany (OS)
Scrimshire, Joe B. (4)	New Mexico (SC)
*Seabrook, James H. (4)	Memphis (SE)
*Searcy, Hubert (10)	Alabama (SE)
*Seiberling, George (9)	Missouri (SC)
Selah, William B. (4)	Mississippi (SE)
Sessions, Cleo C. (5)	Central Texas (SC)
Sexton, Charles M. (1)	Minnesota (NC)
*Seymour, Alick S. (3)	Delhi (OS)
Shafi, Elijah D. M. (4)	Indus River (OS)
*Shearer, Paul V. (9)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Sheeley, Lynn (7)	Holston (SE)
*Shelton, Roland M. (3)	Little Rock (SC)
*Shivley, Charles S. (1)	North Arkansas (SC)
*Shult, C. I. (3)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Shuman, Charles B. (9)	Illinois (NC)
Shute, Olin Y. (6)	Newark (NE)
*Simmons, Eugene C. (10)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Simpson, John C. (3)	Virginia (SE)
*Singh, Ashoke B. (3)	Bengal (OS)
Singh, Mangal (6)	Delhi (OS)
Slater, Eugene (6)	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Slaughter, Nat G. (7)	North Georgia (SE)
*Slutz, Leonard D. (1)	Ohio (NC)
Smalley, Stimson R. (2)	Southern Illinois (NC)
Smith, Alexander K. (2)	Philadelphia (NE)
Smith, Asbury (9)	Baltimore (NE)
*Smith, Chester A. (9)	New York (NE)
*Smith, Edward A. (10)	Detroit (NC)
*Smith, Hampton D. (2)	South Carolina (C)
Smith, Harold N. (2)	Newark (NE)
Smith, John O. (2)	South Carolina (SE)
*Smith, Russell (6)	North Texas (SC)
*Smith, W. Jasper (3)	North Carolina (SE)
Smith, Walter A. (4)	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Snapp, Dennis V. (2)	Kentucky (SE)
*Snyder, Murrel K. (3)	Central Kansas (SC)
Sockman, Ralph W. (1)*	New York (NE)
*Somers, Howard B. (3)	Oregon (W)
*Somerton, Mrs. William (6)	Michigan (NC)
Sosa, Adam F. (1)	Argentina (OS)

- *Spaid, Mrs. C. L. (6) Ohio (NC)
 Spear, Charles W. (10) Minnesota (NC)
 *Spear, Mrs. Charles W. (6) Minnesota (NC)
 Spear, Laren (4) Illinois (NC)
 Spears, R. Wright (9) South Carolina (SE)
 Spellman, L. U. (8) Southwest Texas (SC)
 *Spencer, Robert B. (3) Colorado (W)
 *Spilman, Louis (9) Virginia (SE)
 *Sproull, John F. (3) Florida (SE)
 *Spry, Claude E. (1) Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
 Stafford, Garland R. (5) Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Stafford, James P. (3) Mississippi (SE)
 *Stahly, Mrs. Edward H. (9) Detroit (NC)
 *Stahmer, Albert H. (7) Wisconsin (NC)
 *Stainton, Howard S. (8) New Jersey (NE)
 *Stalcup, J. Doyle (8) Central Texas (SC)
 Stanger, Frank Bateman (4) New Jersey (NE)
 *Starie, John H. (3) New Hampshire (NE)
 *Steed, George V. (6) Southern California-Arizona (W)
 Steel, Marshall T. (5) North Texas (SC)
 Steffens, William Lincoln (9) Ohio (NC)
 *Stevens, Ben M. (9) Mississippi (SE)
 *Stilwell, Mrs. Charles A. (6) Indiana (NC)
 *Stine, Mrs. Ovid A. (6) Rhodesia (OS)
 Stocking, Carl L. (2) California-Nevada (W)
 Stokes, Mack B. (5) Holston (SE)
 Stowe, W. McFerrin (2) Oklahoma (SC)
 *Strange, John K. (1) Wyoming State (W)
 Stroh, Byron F. (9) North Indiana (NC)
 *Strong, Donald T. (3) Michigan (NC)
 Stuart, R. Marvin (5) California-Nevada (W)
 *Stuck, Charles A. (4) North Arkansas (SC)
 Sundaram, Gabriel (6) Hyderabad (OS)
 *Surface, Mrs. Ralph K. (4) Northwest Indiana (NC)
 *Susag, M. Philip (9) New England Southern (NE)
 Swales, Harold S. (4) Central New York (NE)
 Swan, Lowell B. (10) Colorado (W)
 *Swayze, Mrs. Thomas A. (4) Pacific Northwest (W)
 Sweeney, Samuel H. (5) New York (NE)
 *Swisher, Dwight A. (9) Ohio (NC)
 *Sykes, W. Clyde (9) Northern New York (NE)
- *Tan, Keat Thaing (3) Malaysia Chinese (OS)
 *Tate, Willis M. (2) North Texas (SC)
 Taylor, Daniel E. (5) Pacific Northwest (W)
 Taylor, Harry M. (4) Newark (NE)
 Taylor, Prince A., Jr. (1) North Carolina (C)
 Temple, Claude M. (7) Illinois (NC)
 Templin, Frank M. (9) Indiana (NC)
 *Tewarson, Subarna B. (2) North India (OS)
 *Thomas, Henry F. (10) New York East (NE)
 Thomas, Johannes (9) Central Germany (OS)
 *Thompson, Pat (3) Texas (SC)
 Thompson, R. Franklin (2) Pacific Northwest (W)
 Thonger, William G. (6) Belgian (OS)
 *Thornton, Benjamin I. (9) South Georgia (SE)
 Throckmorton, Dillon Wesley (9) California-Nevada (W)
 Throckmorton, J. Russell (9) Central Kansas (SC)
 *Tink, Edmund L. (3) Newark (NE)
 *Tolle, Alvin H. (10) Southern California-Arizona (W)

- *Tombaugh, Reid R. (8) Illinois (NC)
- *Tompkins, Harvey A. (4) Nebraska (SC)
- *Tonkin, Charles E. (4) Detroit (NC)
- Tower, Joe Z. (2) Texas (SC)
- Trice, William E. (2) Louisiana (SC)
- *Trimble, Mrs. H. B. (10) North Georgia (SE)
- Trott, Norman L. (5) Baltimore (NE)
- Trotter, Fred B. (1), Died Sept. 4, 1955
 Southern California-Arizona (W)
- *Truax, Lyle H. (3) Pacific Northwest (W)
- Trulock, Albert S. (5) South Georgia (SE)
- Tucker, Frank C. (2) Saint Louis (SC)
- Tuttle, Lee F. (6) Western North Carolina (SE)
- *Underwood, Samuel B., Jr. (5) North Carolina (SE)
- *Ussery, Lee Roy (9) Alabama (SE)
- *van Groningen, Miss Johanna M. (9) Belgian (OS)
- *Van Sickle, John R. (8) Rock River (NC)
- *Vessey, Bernard (9) Colorado (W)
- *Vittal, Mallappa (3) Hyderabad (OS)
- Vivion, Monroe (6) Texas (SC)
- Vosburg, Frederick C. (5) Detroit (NC)
- Wagner, H. Hughes (9) New England (NE)
- Walker, Daniel D. (2) Oregon (W)
- *Walker, Morris (7) Central Texas (SC)
- Wallace, William T. (5) New Hampshire (NE)
- *Walter, Dwight E. (3) Ohio (NC)
- Walton, Aubrey G. (6) Little Rock (SC)
- *Walton, W. Carl (1) Newark (NE)
- Ward, W. Ralph (9) Pittsburgh (NE)
- *Warlow, Mrs. D. Chester (10) Philadelphia (NE)
- Warren, John W. (7) Northern New York (NE)
- *Waterman, Milton W. (3) Rock River (NC)
- *Waters, Mrs. Helen C. (4) Delaware (C)
- Weaver, Adolph P. (5), Transferred to Pittsburgh
 Conference, Sept. 1, 1955 Erie (NE)
- *Webb, Sr., James R. (3) Delaware (C)
- Webb, Lance (1) Ohio (NC)
- *Webber, Frank (7) California-Nevada (W)
- Weeks, S. Marion (1) Florida (C)
- Weldon, E. Wade (8) Louisville (SE)
- Weldon, Wilson O. (3) Western North Carolina (SE)
- *Welker, Miss Edith F. (2) New York East (NE)
- *Wells, Luther W. (5) Virginia (SE)
- *Werner, Mrs. John H. (1) Baltimore (NE)
- *Wertz, Mrs. Philip H. (6) Troy (NE)
- Westenberger, Wilford C. (2) Tennessee (SE)
- White, Charles D. (7) Western North Carolina (SE)
- *Whitfield, Allen (8) Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
- Wilcox, Monroe J. (6) Montana (W)
- *Wilcox, William H. (10) Oklahoma (SC)
- Wilkins, John R. (1) California-Nevada (W)
- *Williams, Claude W. (6) Mississippi (C)
- Williams, Frank S. (5) Southern California-Arizona (W)
- Williams, George R. (5) North Mississippi (SE)
- Williams, Harold B. (1) North-East Ohio (NC)
- Williams, L. Stanley (10) Central Texas (SC)
- *Williams, Paul G. (3) Iowa-Des Moines (NC)

Willingham, Raymon L. (6)	New Mexico (SC)
*Willson, James M. (2)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Wilson, Elwin L. (9)	Maine (NE)
Wilson, Frederick (7)	South Georgia (SE)
Wilson, Percy D. (4)	North Alabama (SE)
Wilson, W. Carleton (7)	North Carolina (SE)
*Winchester, Clarence M. (3)	North Carolina (C)
*Wood, C. R. (7)	North Alabama (SE)
*Wood, Mrs. John S. (6)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Woodward, Charles W. (10)	Baltimore (NE)
Woodward, Ralph Lee (5)	Missouri (SC)
Worley, Loyd F. (8)	New York East (NE)
*Wright, Mrs. Arthur S. (2)	Genesee (NE)
*Wuerker, Hermann (1)	Southwest Germany (OS)
*Wyatt, Bige (7)	Central West (C)
*Young, Mrs. Arthur L. (1)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Young, J. Otis (8)	Ohio (NC)
*Young, Joe M. (8)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Zimmerman, Henry M. (8)	Kentucky (SE)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RESERVE DELEGATES

* Before a name means Lay Delegate. Abbreviations in right-hand column after the names of the Conferences: NE, Northeastern Jurisdiction; SE, Southeastern Jurisdiction; C, Central Jurisdiction; NC, North Central Jurisdiction; SC, South Central Jurisdiction; W, Western Jurisdiction; OS, Overseas Conference.

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Abbey, Merrill R.	Detroit (NC)
Ackerman, Edgar E.	Minnesota (NC)
*Adams, Quinton D.	Central Alabama (C)
*Adams, Waldo L.	North Indiana (NC)
*Addicks, Milton G.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Adkins, Homer M.	Little Rock (SC)
*Adolfsson, Gunnel	Southeast Africa (OS)
Ake, Frank W.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Ake, Mrs. J. Howard	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Albert, Theodore R.	Louisiana (C)
*Aldrich, Mrs. A. O. (6-15-1202)	Rock River (NC)
*Alford, J. W.	Mississippi (SE)
Allen, Earl E.	Wisconsin (NC)
*Allen, Ed. H.	Florida (SE)
*Allen, Ernest S.	West Virginia (NE)
*Allen, Mrs. Luther L.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Allen, Robert F.	Ohio (NC)
*Allison, Will F.	Illinois (NC)
*Ammerman, Carl R.	Detroit (NC)
*Anderson, A. M. "Phil" (10) (257); (1-17-1187); (5-21-1199); (6-17-1202); (8-24-1209); (9-15-1213)	South Georgia (SE)
*Anderson, Roy L.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Anderson, Walter F.	North Carolina (SE)
Anthony, Mack (4-19-1195)	South Georgia (SE)
Arend, LeRoy F.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Armistead, Dero F.	North Texas (SC)
*Armstrong, Jacob E.	Texas (C)
*Armstrong, Mrs. Robert C.	North Iowa (NC)
*Arumugam, G. S.	Malaya (OS)
Ashmore, Samuel E. (4-14-1195); (8-14-1208)	North Mississippi (SE)
*Astorga, Mario V.	Chile (OS)
*Awtrey, Mrs. L. M.	North Georgia (SE)

Backstrom, H. H.	Georgia (C)
Bacon, C. Clifford	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Bagley, Roy I. (6-11-1202)	North Arkansas (SC)
Bailey, Donald E.	North Indiana (NC)
*Bailey, Joe N.	North Mississippi (SE)
Bailey, Joyce J.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Baird, Sr., Frank	North Mississippi (SE)
*Baird, Frank E.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Baker, Mrs. Clarence E.	Indiana (NC)
*Baker, Edgar	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Baker, Henry H. (9-2-1211)	Colorado (W)
Baker, Stewart M.	Alabama (SE)
Baldwin, Donald H.	California-Nevada (W)
*Baldwin, Howard C.	Detroit (NC)
Ballard, Marion O. (8-4-1206)	Delaware (C)
Ballenger, Maurice G.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Banks, William N.	North Georgia (SE)
Barclift, Chancie D.	North Carolina (SE)
*Barnett, I. Nels	North Arkansas (SC)
*Barr, Mrs. C. A.	Southwest Texas (SC)
Barret, J. Norman	New Hampshire (NE)
*Barrett, Herbert F.	Genesee (NE)
Barrett, Moses C.	Central Alabama (C)
Barron, J. Daniel	North Texas (SC)
*Barta, Rudolph	Central Kansas (SC)
Bass, J. Dallas	Tennessee (SE)
*Batten, Mrs. Fay W.	California-Nevada (W)
*Bauer, Mrs. Richard H. (8-18-1208)	Ohio (NC)
*Baun, Mrs. Ted F.	California-Nevada (W)
Bayer, Karl O.	Texas (SC)
Beadles, Owen J. (5-18-1199)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Beals, Marvin H.	Virginia (SE)
*Beard, Stephen S.	Ohio (NC)
*Becker, Joe M.	Central Kansas (SC)
Beebout, John L.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Beeson, Malcolm A.	Oklahoma (SC)
*Bell, Mrs. Mattie R.	West Texas (C)
*Benjamin, Albert	Lucknow (OS)
*Berry, Susan A. (1) (256) (1-5-1186)	Liberia (OS)
*Bhatnagar, Mishei L.	Delhi (OS)
Biswas, Filip	Bengal (OS)
Black, William B.	North Texas (SC)
*Blackburn, Mrs. J. Frank	North Texas (SC)
*Blackstock, Miss Constance E.	Indus River (OS)
Blackwell, H. Conrad	Virginia (SE)
*Blagg, Donald O.	West Virginia (NE)
*Blanco, Jose, Jr.	Cuba (SE)
Bodine, Robert H.	Illinois (NC)
Boissen, Rafael	Puerto Rico Provisional (NE)
Bollinger, Charles	Genesee (NE)
*Bond, R. H.	Memphis (SE)
*Bonorden, Miss Ann Ruth	Angola (OS)
Booth, Melvin (7-3-1203)	Kansas (SC)
Boren, Amos L.	Indiana (NC)
Borger, Clarence J.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Bounds, Mrs. Clyde E. (4) (5-20-1199)	Pittsburgh (NE)
Bovee, Barton	New York East (NE)
*Bovey, Clarence E.	California-Nevada (W)
*Boyd, Elmer	Southern Illinois (NC)
Boyd, P. M.	Florida (SE)

*Bradley, Mrs. Allen E.	Michigan (NC)
Bragg, G. Roy	New York (NE)
Bramble, Albert F.	Kansas (SC)
Branton, Razzie R.	Louisiana (SC)
Bratcher, Hubert H. (3-15-1191)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Brendall, Earl H.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Brennan, Mrs. Harold R.	New York East (NE)
Brewster, Edward B.	Ohio (NC)
*Brower, Mrs. Herbert H.	Missouri (SC)
Brower, V. Floyd	Saint Louis (SC)
Brown, Albert Y. (3-14-1191)	North Mississippi (SE)
Brown, Archiles M.	Indiana (NC)
Brown, C. Maxwell	North Dakota (NC)
*Brown, Clinton H.	Peninsula (NE)
Brown, Earl R.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Brown, Joseph E.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Brown, Paul M.	Central New York (NE)
*Brown, Samuel R.	Tennessee (C)
Brox, Daniel D. (Transferred to New York Annual Conference, January 16, 1956)	Troy (NE)
*Bryant, R. Bernard	Northwest Texas (SC)
Bryant, R. Orman	Virginia (SE)
*Bryant, Thomas V.	Lexington (C)
Brumley, Ira A. (3-12-1190) (4-12-1194) (5-15-1198)	North Arkansas (SC)
*Buck, Frank Monroe, Died July 20, 1955	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Budd, Henry G. (4-13-1194)	Central New York (NE)
Budd, W. Chandler	North Georgia (SE)
Bulaya-Ngoi, Joel	Southern Congo (OS)
*Bullock, William J.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Bumpers, E. Clay	North Arkansas (SC)
*Bunch, C. Pardue (3-11-1190) (4-11-1194)	New Mexico (SC)
*Bundy, Mrs. Theodore R.	Troy (NE)
Bunting, John J., Jr.	Peninsula (NE)
*Burciaga, Ernest	Latin American Provisional (W)
Burden, Howard W.	Detroit (NC)
*Burgess, J. Rowland	North Georgia (SE)
*Butts, B. J.	Texas (SC)
Buxton, Howard P.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
Calderwood, Robert C.	Illinois (NC)
*Callahan, Mrs. G. C.	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Campbell, Arthur W.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Cannon, Neal D.	Texas (SC)
Carlson, Kenneth A.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Carney, James C.	Louisiana (C)
Carothers, J. Edward	Troy (NE)
Carr, Harold F.	Colorado (W)
Carruthers, Jacob H. (3-25-1192) (6-22-1203)	West Texas (C)
*Carson, Robert W.	Newark (NE)
Carter, Orion W.	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Cary, Robert	California-Nevada (W)
*Casad, Victor H.	Oklahoma (SC)
*Castro, Amado (10-12-1215)	Philippines (OS)
*Chadwick, Mrs. J. Raymond (5-10-1197)	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Chadwick, William C.	North Carolina (SE)
*Chamberlin, Percy D.	New York East (NE)
*Chambers, Fred	Ohio (NC)
Cheney, John R.	Ohio (NC)
Chitombo, Jonah	Rhodesia (OS)

Choate, Cautious A.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Christian, Gideon H.	Gujarat (OS)
Christian, Peter N.	Gujarat (OS)
Christopher, Franz O.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Churn, Silverius C.	Virginia (SE)
*Clabaugh, E. C., Jr. (5-24-1199)	Texas (SC)
Clark, Alva H.	Nebraska (SC)
Clark, Fred G.	Wyoming State (W)
*Clarke, Vincent P.	New England (NE)
Clay, H. Newton	New England (NE)
*Clem, A. D.	North Iowa (NC)
Clem, Paul L.	North Alabama (SE)
Cleveland, Millard C. (4-4-1193) (8-5-1207)	Florida (SE)
Clinton, John J.	Kansas (SC)
*Clore, Walter J.	Pacific Northwest (W)
Closson, Hanford H.	Genesee (NE)
Coble, Almon J.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*Coffee, Mrs. C. C. (256) (1-13-1186)	Northwest Texas (SC)
*Coffman, Floyd H.	Kansas (SC)
*Cofran, George P.	New Hampshire (NE)
*Cogswell, T. Keller	South Carolina (SE)
Colley, Arthur B. R. (5) (255) (1-3-1186)	Erie (NE)
*Collins, Mrs. Myron S.	West Virginia (NE)
Conard, Norman L. (5-3-1196) (6-2-1200)	California-Nevada (W)
*Contee, Earl N.	Washington (C)
*Contractor, John M.	Gujarat (OS)
*Contreras, Adan	Rio Grande (SC)
Cook, Pierce E.	South Carolina (SE)
*Cooke, George W.	Genesee (NE)
Cooke, L. Edwin	Montana (W)
Cooper, Claude W.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Cottingham, Mrs. T. J.	North Alabama (SE)
*Cottingham, Jr., Tom	South Georgia (SE)
Cotton, C. M. (6-5-1201)	Florida (SE)
*Cotton, W. Davis	Louisiana (SC)
Court, Frank A. (9-8-1212)	Nebraska (SC)
Courtney, Robert H.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Cowan, Jr., J. C.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Cox, Lester E.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Craig, William E. (3-26-1192)	West Virginia (NE)
Crain Nuell C. (8-19-1209) (10-9-1214)	Oklahoma (SC)
Cranston, Earl	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Cranston, Mrs. Earl	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Craven, Jr., J. Braxton	Western North Carolina (SE)
Crawford, J. Howard (4-16-1195) (10-8-1214)	Northwest Texas (SC)
Crawford, Nace B. (10-8-1213)	Texas (SC)
*Crawford, Mrs. Otto A.	Colorado (W)
*Crawford, Mrs. Walter C.	Kansas (SC)
Crede, Harry S.	Illinois (NC)
*Crowder, Alex B.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Crowson, L. E. (8-29-1210)	West Virginia (NE)
Croyle, Robert R. (8-2-1206)	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
*Crump, Mrs. Jennie R.	Mississippi (C)
Culver, Cecil R.	Little Rock (SC)
Cunningham, W. Jeff	North Mississippi (SE)
*Cutchin, Mrs. J. H.	North Carolina (SE)
Cutlip, William W.	Illinois (NC)
*Danforth, Warner C.	New England (NE)
*Daniel, Vattel E.	Central Alabama (C)

Daniels, Eric N.	Indus River	(OS)
*Daniels, Rose F.	Bombay	(OS)
*Dannelly, James Patrick	Alabama	(SE)
Das, Preo N.	Bengal	(OS)
David, Prabhu D.	Delhi	(OS)
*Davidson, J. Quentin	South Georgia	(SE)
Davis, Ernest E.	Genesee	(NE)
*Davis, Hartwell	Alabama	(SE)
Davis, Lewis H.	New York East	(NE)
*Dawkins, DeWitt C. (6) (256) (1-4-1186)	Florida	(SE)
Dawson, R. Grady (8-11-1208)	North Carolina	(SE)
Day, Walter F.	Illinois	(NC)
*DeBusk, Mrs. William S. (4-5-1194) (8-6-1207)	Holston	(SE)
Decker, B. Harrison	New Jersey	(NE)
*DeFord, Albert R.	Baltimore	(NE)
*Denman, James H.	Southwest Missouri	(SC)
Desai, Ramjibhai B.	Gujarat	(OS)
Deschner, Phil	Oklahoma	(SC)
Dickhaut, John W.	Ohio	(NC)
Dickhaut, Walter R.	Ohio	(NC)
Dickey, Edwin H.	Ohio	(NC)
Dickey, W. DeWitt	Baltimore	(NE)
Diebel, Artur	Southwest Germany	(OS)
*Diefendorf, Robert R.	Newark	(NE)
*Dillinger, Ray A.	Illinois	(NC)
*Dillon, Clyde A.	North Carolina	(SE)
*Dixon, Mrs. Jennie L.	Florida	(C)
*Dolliver, James I.	North Iowa	(NC)
Donaho, John (3-23-1192) (5-22-1199)	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Doraisamy, Theodore R.	Malaya	(OS)
Dorff, Earl N. (3-16-1191) (4-17-1195)	Oklahoma	(SC)
*Downing, Fulton J.	Peninsula	(NE)
*Drackley, Theodore	Minnesota	(NC)
Dubra, Charles H., (Died Aug. 29, 1955)	Mississippi	(C)
*Duffard, Walter F.	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Dugger, J. Calvin	Virginia	(SE)
Duncombe, Franklin	Philadelphia	(NE)
*Dunlap, Mrs. E. B.	Oklahoma	(SC)
Dunn, George W.	North Iowa	(NC)
*Dunn, Percy L.	Wisconsin	(NC)
*Dunn, Ralph M.	Northwest Indiana	(NC)
Dunn, Van Bogard	Memphis	(SE)
Dycus, Ernest M.	Southern Illinois	(NC)
Dyson, John B. A. (8-28-1210) (10-19-1216)	Washington	(C)
*Earley, Charles M. (1) (257) (1-22-1187)	Virginia	(SE)
*Ebeling, Phil C.	Ohio	(NC)
*Eberhardt, Alexander Edwin	Colorado	(W)
*Ebers, Albert J.	Nebraska	(SC)
*Ebner, Mrs. Henry D. (8-13-1208) (9-9-1212)	New Jersey	(NE)
Echols, Timothy B.	West Texas	(C)
*Edens, A. Hollis	North Carolina	(SE)
*Edwards, Alonzo C.	North Carolina	(SE)
Edwards, Norman O.	New York East	(NE)
*Elijah, Earl	North Iowa	(NC)
*Emery, Robert E.	West Wisconsin	(NC)
*Emile, Luhahi	Central Congo	(OS)
Empie, Harold J.	North Dakota	(NC)
Engle, Jesse A. (10-18-1213)	Virginia	(SE)
*Ensminger, J. Neal (4-5-1193) (8-6-1207)	Holston	(SE)

Ensor, Lowell S. (5-2-1196)	Baltimore (NE)
Etchieson, Dewey D.	Oklahoma (SC)
*Erickson, E. Herman	Baltimore (NE)
*Erwin, Sr., Richard C.	North Carolina (C)
Evans, J. Claude (8-22-1209)	South Carolina (SE)
*Evans, James M.	North Indiana (NC)
*Evans, T. Sterling (9) (257) (1-23-1187)	West Virginia (NE)
*Everson, Ray D.	Indiana (NC)
Fain, J. Ed	South Georgia (SE)
Farnham, Harley W.	North Iowa (NC)
Farr, Joyce W.	California-Nevada (W)
Faus, Raymond W.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Fenstermacher, George H.	North Indiana (NC)
Ferguson, Clarence F.	South Carolina (C)
*Ferguson, Margaret E.	Bengal (OS)
Few, Eugene C.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Fichter, Joseph W.	Ohio (NC)
*Finch, George	Western North Carolina (SE)
Finch, Gomer W.	West Wisconsin (NC)
Finch, William C.	Southwest Texas (SC)
Finkbeiner, M. M. (10-10-1215)	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Fischer, Ronald E.	Detroit (NC)
*Fisher, Willis	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Fitch, Mrs. Harold W.	Illinois (NC)
*Flaming, Wilbert	Nebraska (SC)
Fletcher, Dennis R. (9-3-1211)	Delaware (C)
Flint, George Y.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Florer, W. Sharon	Kentucky (SE)
*Flowers, Paul R.	North Indiana (NC)
*Fooks, B. Tyndle	Little Rock (SC)
Foote, Edward W. (8) (256) (1-8-1186)	Minnesota (NC)
Foote, Gaston (3-3-1189) (4-3-1193)	Central Texas (SC)
Ford, J. Emerson	South Carolina (SE)
*Forman, Julius M. (3) (256) (1-10-1186)	North Mississippi (SE)
Fort, Homer T.	Texas (SC)
Fowler, H. Thornton	Tennessee (SE)
Fowler, James W., Jr. (5-27-1200)	Western North Carolina (SE)
*France, Paul H.	Virginia (SE)
Franklin, Denson N. (2-3-1188) (5-14-1198)	North Alabama (SE)
Freeman, Alfred H. (7-9-1204) (8-16-1208)	North Texas (SC)
Freeman, Everett W.	Central Kansas (SC)
French, John Edward	Peninsula (NE)
Fridy, Wallace	South Carolina (SE)
*Froe, Dreyfus W.	East Tennessee (C)
*Fry, Forrest D. (9)	Oregon (W)
Fuess, Forest M.	Newark (NE)
Fulton, Ross A. (2-5-1188) (7-14-1205) (8-26-1210)	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Furman, J. G. Wayne	Erie (NE)
Gafford, Alvin S.	Central Texas (SC)
Galang, Fidel P.	Philippines (OS)
*Galima, Pilar D. (3) (256) (1-12-1186) (4-15-1195)	Northern Philippines (OS)
*Gamble, A. N.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Gamble, Edge W. (8-10-1207)	Louisville (SE)
*Gapen, Mrs. Clarke (1) (256) (1-24-1187) (10-21-1216)	Wyoming State (W)
Garrison, Edwin R. (7-8-1204)	North Indiana (NC)
*Gates, Mrs. R. C.	Rhodesia (OS)

- Gatlin, J. Albert North Arkansas (SC)
 *Gibson, Berry C. Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Gibson, R. W. "Deacon" Kentucky (SE)
 *Gill, Alan B. Southern Illinois (NC)
 Ginns, C. Homer New England Southern (NE)
 Gladstone, Houle S. Hyderabad (OS)
 *Glock, Loran P. (6-18-1202) Southern Illinois (NC)
 *Gobbel, Luther L. (9) (256) (1-7-1186) Memphis (SE)
 *Gold, Donald W. Minnesota (NC)
 *Golightly, E. C. (Died April 21, 1956) South Carolina (SE)
 Goodioc, Robert W. Central Texas (SC)
 *Goss, Milton M. New England Southern (NE)
 Graham, John H. Upper Mississippi (C)
 *Grant, Ernest C. Central New York (NE)
 Graves, Alden R. Pacific Northwest (W)
 Green, J. Leas (8-20-1209) Peninsula (NE)
 *Greene, Charles M. South Carolina (C)
 *Greenlee, Jacob A. (4) (257) (1-23-1187) West Virginia (NE)
 Griffith, Robert C. South Carolina (SE)
 *Grimes, Mrs. Larry Pacific Northwest (W)
 *Gronemeier, William H. Illinois (NC)
 *Groomes, Franklin Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
 Grose, Wilbur D. Minnesota (NC)
 Groves, Meredith A. (5-17-1199) Oregon (W)
 Guderian, Lawrence E. (5-17-1198) Oregon (W)
 *Gunnerud, Mrs. Albert O. North Dakota (NC)
 *Haas, Charles C. New York East (NE)
 Haase, Walther Central Germany (OS)
 Hager, Wesley H. Saint Louis (SC)
 Hagood, Delma L. (3-13-1190) North Georgia (SE)
 *Haley, Paul S. (9-11-1212) North Alabama (SE)
 Hall, Aaron D. Florida (C)
 Hall, Edgar D. Washington (C)
 *Hall, James O. Southern Illinois (NC)
 Hamill, Robert H. Rock River (NC)
 Hang, Paul S. H. Malaysia Chinese (OS)
 Hanifan, John E. West Virginia (NE)
 Hannan, Cecil G. Idaho (W)
 *Hansen, Homer G. North-East Ohio (NC)
 *Hardcastle, James C. Delaware (C)
 *Hardie, Mrs. Maude W. New York East (NE)
 Hardin, Cecil P. (2-1-1188) Holston (SE)
 Hardin, Edward L. (3-1-1189) (5-1-1196) (6-1-1200) (7-1-1203)
 (10-1-1213) Alabama (SE)
 *Hardy, Mrs. Harold A. Maine (NE)
 Harkey, Swep F. Mississippi (SE)
 Harmon, Dale Southern Illinois (NC)
 Harper, Jolly B. Louisiana (SC)
 *Harrington, Mrs. Wayne (9-8-1212) Nebraska (SC)
 Harris, James T. Louisiana (SC)
 *Harris, Julian North Alabama (SE)
 Harris, L. Eugene Southwest Texas (SC)
 Harris, Pierce North Georgia (SE)
 Harris, Theodore R. W. Louisiana (C)
 Harris, William M. North Alabama (SE)
 *Harrison, Mrs. B. F. Oklahoma (SC)
 *Harrison, Walter (4-19-1196) South Georgia (SE)
 *Hartenbower, Mrs. G. Earl (9) (3-8-1190) (5-9-1197) (6-8-1201)
 (9-5-1211) (10-4-1214) Illinois (NC)

*Harwood, Thomas A.	Rock River (NC)
*Haskell, Frank J.	Maine (NE)
Hawke, Russell J.	Wyoming (NE)
*Hawkins, Elmer A.	Delaware (C)
Hawver, H. Daniel	New England (NE)
Hayashi, Francis	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
Hayes, Paul G.	Minnesota (NC)
*Hayes, W. H.	Central Texas (SC)
*Haygood, Howard	Alabama (SE)
*Hayman, William H.	Delaware (C)
Heacock, Richard K. (10-16-1215)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Head, Lewis N.	Florida (SE)
*Hearn, Mrs. George K.	Newark (NE)
Heaston, W. D.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Heflin, Howell Thomas	North Alabama (SE)
*Helmick, Dewey R. (3) (257) (1-23-1187)	West Virginia (NE)
*Henderson, Mrs. J. Russell	Little Rock (SC)
Henderson, Vernon N.	Northwest Texas (SC)
Herbert, Jr., Chesley C.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Herbert, Hugh S.	Montana (W)
Herbst, Arnold	South Dakota (NC)
Herd, George W.	Ohio (NC)
Herr, John D.	Philadelphia (NE)
*Herr, Mrs. Philip C.	Philadelphia (NE)
*Hickman, Leon E.	Pittsburgh (NE)
Hightower, Ted (9-7-1211)	Louisville (SE)
Hildreth, Charles H. (7-1-1203) (8-1-1206) (9-1-1210)	Alabama (SE)
Hill, Ennis B. (5-22-1199) (6-19-1203) (8-1-1206) (9-1-1203)	Southwest Texas (SC)
Hoffman, Edward L.	Southern Illinois (NC)
Hogg, William L.	Pittsburgh (NE)
Holifield, Elmer J. (5-15-1198)	North Arkansas (SC)
*Holland, Castle O.	Louisiana (SC)
Holliday, Robert C.	Saint Louis (SC)
Holloway, Fred G. (5-2-1196)	Baltimore (NE)
*Holm, Carl-Axel	Sweden (OS)
*Holman, Moses	Central West (C)
*Hooper, Mrs. Joel W.	Central Texas (SC)
Hooton, Caradine R.	Oklahoma (SC)
Hoover, Kenneth E.	New York (NE)
Horn, Nelson P.	Kansas (SC)
*Hornsby, Mrs. Kate	North Alabama (SE)
Horst, Preston E.	Illinois (NC)
*Horton, Jr., Mrs. William E. (10) (257) (1-20-1187) (3-24-1192)	Texas (SC)
*Howard, Charles G.	Oregon (W)
Howe, Robert C. (9-14-1213)	Pittsburgh (NE)
Howes, John B.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Hoy, Russell	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Hubbard, Albert T.	Louisville (SE)
*Hubbard, Fred C. (8-23-1209)	South Dakota (NC)
*Hubbard, William B.	South Carolina (SE)
Huebner, Paul F.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Hughes, William J. (8-1-1206)	Alabama (SE)
*Hultgren, Walter	Minnesota (NC)
*Humphreys, Sexson E.	Indiana (NC)
Hunt, Frederick W.	Erie (NE)
Hurley, Evan M. (5-6-1197) (6-6-1201)	Florida (C)
*Husted, Clayton L.	Genesee (NE)

Hydon, Paul V. (4) (257) (1-21-1187) (5-25-1199) (7-16-1205)	Troy (NE)
*Irvine, Willard W.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Isaac, William	Indus River (OS)
Isbell, Hugh O.	Missouri (SC)
Israel, C. Wesley (2-4-1188)	Rock River (NC)
*Ivins, Lester S. (3) (256) (1-14-1185)	Ohio (NC)
Jackman, Everett E. (9-8-1212)	Nebraska (SC)
Jackson, Jr., Charles A. (8-24-1209) (9-15-1213)	South Georgia (SE)
*Jackson, Will Woodrow (9-15-1210)	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Jakubke, Sigurd	Northeast Germany (OS)
*James, Floyd B.	Louisiana (SC)
James, Harry	Indus River (OS)
*James, Mrs. Hattie I.	Florida (C)
Jarrett, Lee S.	Indiana (NC)
Jarvis, James C. (4-21-1196)	West Virginia (NE)
*Jenkins, Daniel C.	Ohio (NC)
Jenkins, Warren M.	South Carolina (C)
Jeuther, Hermann	South Germany (OS)
*Johnson, Charles H.	West Texas (C)
Johnson, Elmer C.	North Alabama (SE)
*Johnson, Francis	North Iowa (NC)
Johnson, Harvey L.	East Tennessee (C)
*Johnson, Hubert (3-3-1189) (5-4-1197)	Central Texas (SC)
*Johnson, Kenneth T.	Erie (NE)
*Johnson, Mrs. Pinkie D.	Texas (C)
*Johnson, Samuel Neal	Oklahoma (SC)
Johnston, Joseph S. (5-26-1200) (6-20-1203)	Virginia (SE)
*Jones, Benjamin A.	Illinois (NC)
*Jones, Charles A.	Ohio (NC)
*Jones, Jr., Edwin L.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Jones, Elton F. (8-7-1207)	Holston (SE)
*Jones, Sr., Ernest H.	Indiana (NC)
Jones, Lowell D.	Nebraska (SC)
Jones, Robert D.	Northern New York (NE)
*Jones, S. Grant	Central Kansas (SC)
Jordan, G. Ray	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Kaetzell, Mrs. Edwin G. (5-15-1198)	North Arkansas (SC)
Kale, W. Arthur	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Kallinger, Leo	Michigan (NC)
Kallstad, Thorvald	Sweden (OS)
*Kanold, Hermann	Northwest Germany (OS)
*Karls, Harold M.	Detroit (NC)
*Katterheinrich, Mrs. Elmer E.	Ohio (NC)
Kaufman, E. Ernest	North Indiana (NC)
*Keefer, W. Frank	West Virginia (NE)
Keese, William A.	Baltimore (NE)
*Keith, Robert P.	North Iowa (NC)
Kellogg, Harold F. (2) (256) (1-14-1187)	Ohio (NC)
Kelly, Dorsey J. (3-16-1191) (4-17-1195)	Oklahoma (SC)
*Kelly, Russell S. (3-18-1191) (5-19-1199)	Philadelphia (NE)
*Kemp, Leland P.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Kerlin, George W.	Alabama (SE)
*Kern, Will A.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Kess, Theodore W.	Washington (C)
Kessler, Charles Walter	Troy (NE)
*Ketron, Carmel V.	Holston (SE)

Khankar, Dhanji K.	Gujarat (OS)
Khiyalee, Charles S.	North India (OS)
*Khoo, Siaw Hwa	Malaysia Chinese (OS)
*Kimbler, N. O.	Kentucky (SE)
*Kincer, Rupert N.	Holston (SE)
Kincheloe, Marvin S.	Holston (SE)
King, Carl H. (7-18-1206)	Western North Carolina (SE)
King, Harry F. (Died June 14, 1955)	West Virginia (NE)
*King, Julian P.	Baltimore (NE)
*Kirby, Amos N.	North Alabama (SE)
Kirby, J. Edmund	Northwest Texas (SC)
Kirby, Otis E. (9-11-1212) (10-7-1214)	North Alabama (SE)
Kirk, R. Luther	Northwest Texas (SC)
Kisner, Harry O.	Indiana (NC)
Klaus, LeRoy H.	Minnesota (NC)
Knox, Alfred A. (7-7-1204)	North Arkansas (SC)
Knox, Kenneth C.	Illinois (NC)
*Knupp, Robert E.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Knutsson, Per A.	Southeast Africa (OS)
*Koehler, Albert W.	Indiana (NC)
*Kolb, Mrs. Carl A.	Wisconsin (NC)
Lackland, George S.	Ohio (NC)
*Laird, Francis	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Lal, Hira	Delhi (OS)
Lamb, Wayne A.	Memphis (SE)
*Lampkin, Dewey	Lexington (C)
*Lance, T. Jack	North Georgia (SE)
*Lander, Richard N.	New York (NE)
Landis, Theodore E.	Virginia (SE)
Landrum, D. Lawrence	Texas (SC)
Landrum, Van R.	Mississippi (SE)
*Lane, Wilbur	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Lanius, Paul F.	Tennessee (SE)
Lawrence, Leland L.	Illinois (NC)
Lawrence, Marquis W.	North Carolina (SE)
*Lawrence, R. Jay (3) (255) (1-1-1186) (4-1-1193) (6-1-1200)	Alabama (SE)
Layton, Albert S. (4-10-1194)	New Jersey (NE)
Leckrone, Eugene M.	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Lee, Miss Premi E.	Bengal (OS)
*Lee, Vernon L.	Northern New York (NE)
Lehew, Robert M.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Lehmberg, Ben F. (3-5-1189)	Colorado (W)
*Leitnaker, F. Cherry	Kansas (SC)
*Le Messurier, Mrs. Clyde	Genesee (NE)
*Lewis, Mrs. Marion	Montana (W)
Lewis, Paul E.	Minnesota (NC)
*Lewis, Vernon E. (Died October 24, 1955)	Montana (W)
*Lindsey, F. Gordon	Northern New York (NE)
Loden, G. Ray	Texas (SC)
*Loepert, Henry V. (10-13-1215)	Rock River (NC)
Long, Kermit L.	Rock River (NC)
*Lookadoo, John H.	Little Rock (SC)
*Love, J. C., Jr.	Louisiana (SC)
Lowery, Joseph E. (6-3-1200)	Central Alabama (C)
Loyd, H. Brown (3-3-1189) (5-4-1196) (6-4-1201)	Central Texas (SC)
*Luce, E. Elizabeth	New York (NE)
Lueg, Carl F. (3-10-1190) (4-8-1194) (5-12-1198)	Louisiana (SC)

Luerich, Rolana L.	Newark (NE)
Luetzow, Herman H. (3-19-1192) (10-14-1215)	Saint Louis (SC)
Lyght, William L. D. (8-4-1206)	Delaware (C)
Lylloff, Andreas N.	Denmark (OS)
Maberry, Alvin T.	Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
*Mack, John	Central New York (NE)
*Madison, Blaine M.	North Carolina (SE)
Madison, J. Clay	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Magill, M. H.	Southwest (C)
*Major, Berry F.	Louisville (SE)
Mall, Samuel D.	Indus River (OS)
*Mani, Jagat	North India (OS)
Mann, D. Muzon (4-7-1194)	Little Rock (SC)
*Manning, George	South Carolina (C)
*Manning, Sr., Mrs. N. P. (3-13-1190)	North Georgia (SE)
Marriott, Albert (9-4-1211) (10-2-1214)	Erie (NE)
*Martin, Charles Eaves	Louisville (SE)
*Martin, Mrs. J. B.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Martin, Mrs. Mary K. (6-21-1203) (7-17-1205) (10-19-1216)	Washington (C)
*Martin, T. T.	Tennessee (SE)
Master, Ithiel V.	Gujarat (OS)
Mathison, Edwin M. (7-15-1205) (8-27-1210)	Texas (SC)
Matthew, Glenn E.	Central Kansas (SC)
*Mattson, Bruce	Minnesota (NC)
Mayer, Paul O. (7-11-1205) (8-17-1208)	North-East Ohio (NC)
Mayer, Sidney A.	Ohio (NC)
Mayes, Allen M.	Texas (C)
*Mayne, Mrs. Lynn L.	Michigan (NC)
*McBride, Alonzo W.	Washington (C)
McCaig, Sidney L.	Nebraska (SC)
*McCall, Mrs. Frank W.	Ohio (NC)
*McClelland, M. Ray	Missouri (SC)
McCleskey, Wayne H.	Texas (SC)
McClure, Marvin P. (7-4-1204) (8-7-1206) (9-6-1211)	Kentucky (SE)
*McCord, Lodwick P.	Florida (SE)
McCormick, Martin L. (2-2-1188) (4-9-1194)	Mississippi (SE)
*McCreless, Sollie E.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*McDaniel, C. M.	Kentucky (SE)
*McDaniel, Mrs. Frank L.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
*McDougall, Richard E. C.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*McFall, Carl S. (3-16-1191) (4-17-1195) (6-13-1202) (8-19-1209) (9-12-1212)	Oklahoma (SC)
*McHale, John W. (4-18-1195)	Oregon (W)
McInay, Harold W.	Genesee (NE)
McKay, Orville H. (8-25-1206)	Detroit (NC)
McKee, Stanley S. (7-13-1205) (8-25-1210)	Southern California-Arizona (W)
McKeithen, David H. (2-2-1188)	Mississippi (SE)
*McKibben, H. B.	Central Kansas (SC)
*McKinney, James H.	Louisville (SE)
McLamb, Howard M.	North Carolina (SE)
McLarty, Jr., Emmett K.	Western North Carolina (SE)
McLaughlin, John R.	Newark (NE)
*McPherson, Mrs. Charles C.	New England (NE)
*McQuary, Thomas Roy	Louisville (SE)
McQueen, M. Wayne	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Mead, Mrs. Charles W. (9-8-1212)	Nebraska (SC)

- *Mehaffie, Mrs. Charlie D. Holston (SE)
 *Mell, Milton G. Texas (SC)
 *Menker, Mrs. Earle California-Nevada (W)
 *Meyers, C. Raymond Southern California-Arizona (W)
 Michalson, Gordon E. (8-15-1208) Newark (NE)
 *Middleton, Samuel T. South Carolina (C)
 *Miller, Carl W. Northwest Texas (SC)
 Miller, Fred E. North Iowa (NC)
 *Miller, Raymond L. (256) (1-15-1187) Oregon (W)
 *Mills, Charles B. Ohio (NC)
 *Mills, Henry J. Y., Jr. Southwest Texas (SC)
 *Mills, J. Walter Texas (SC)
 Milne, W. Arthur Ohio (NC)
 *Milner, John K. Mississippi (SE)
 Minga, T. Herbert (5-16-1198) (6-12-1202) (8-16-1208) North Texas (SC)
 Mischke, Walter E. Memphis (SE)
 *Momberg, Paul Ohio (NC)
 *Montgomery, Mrs. Nancy Day (4) (256) (1-7-1186) Memphis (SE)
 Mood, G. Henry North Texas (SC)
 Moon, Robert W. (3-4-1189) (7-2-1203) California-Nevada (W)
 Moore, John W. (2-2-1188) Mississippi (SE)
 Moore, Leon T. (9-13-1213) Philadelphia (NE)
 Moore, Mark M. Holston (SE)
 *Moore, Roy C. South Carolina (SE)
 Moore, Rufus G. North Mississippi (SE)
 *Moore, W. Bryan Western North Carolina (SE)
 *Moreland, Frederick J. Baltimore (NE)
 *Morgan, Lawrence W. Memphis (SE)
 Morris, Hughes B. (7-12-1205) Rock River (NC)
 *Morris, Raymond P. New York East (NE)
 *Morris, Mrs. Samuel C., Sr. (7) (256) (1-9-1186) Newark (NE)
 Morrison, Paul Michigan (NC)
 *Mouser, Vinson M. Louisiana (SC)
 Mousley, Harvey K. New England Southern (NE)
 *Mozumdar, Miss Kumudini Bengal (OS)
 Muelder, Walter G. New England (NE)
 Mullen, Stanley H. North-East Ohio (NC)
 *Murdock, Fred E. (10-2-1213) Erie (NE)
 Myers, John Wynn Virginia (SE)
 *Myers, Mrs. Salmon C. Detroit (NC)
 *Nalls, Mrs. T. Otto (8-21-1209) Rock River (NC)
 Nalls, Frank South Georgia (SE)
 Nason, Philip S. Central New York (NE)
 Neel, Harold D. North Indiana (NC)
 Neff, J. Luther Baltimore (NE)
 *Neff, L. N. Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
 *Neller, Alvin Michigan (NC)
 Nelson, Harvey A. North Iowa (NC)
 *Nelson, Lemuel K. (3) (256) (1-6-1186) Lucknow (OS)
 Nesbitt, Jr., M. Wilson Western North Carolina (SE)
 Nesmith, A. C. (8-21-1209) Rock River (NC)
 *Newton, Herbert E. Oklahoma (SC)
 Nichols, G. Samuel Iowa-Des Moines (NC)
 Nichols, Roy California-Nevada (W)
 *Nicholson, Jr., W. H. South Carolina (SE)
 Nieto, Simon A. Rio Grande (SC)
 Noah, Raymond E. Angola (OS)
 *Noble, Fred B. Florida (SE)

*Norwood, June	South Georgia	(SE)
*Notar, Gerald F.	Pittsburgh	(NE)
*Notgrass, L. Kemper	Tennessee	(SE)
*Nourse, Louis M.	Saint Louis	(SC)
*Nowlin, Lee	Northwest Texas	(SC)
*Nyein, U. Kyan	Burma	(OS)
Ogle, Edwin Hugh	Holston	(SE)
*Ohlemacher, Burton	North-East Ohio	(NC)
*Old, James E.	North Texas	(SC)
*Oldshoe, Mrs. James	Rock River	(NC)
*Olero de Pagan, Berto	Puerto Rico Provisional	(NE)
Olesen, Ole (5) (255) (1-2-1186)	Denmark	(OS)
*Oliver, Sr., Guy W.	Mississippi	(C)
O'Rear, Edward P. (1) (257) (1-18-1187)		
	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
Orton, Hubert E. (3-22-1192) (7-13-1205) (8-25-1210)		
(10-15-1213)	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
Overstreet, Walter S.	West Virginia	(NE)
Pagua, Fredrico J.	Argentina	(OS)
Palmer, Howard H.	North Iowa	(NC)
Panzer, Robert A.	California-Nevada	(W)
Parker, Edwin W. (5-13-1198) (6-10-1201) (9-10-1212)		
	New Mexico	(SC)
*Parker, J. Wilson	North Georgia	(SE)
Parrish, John W.	Detroit	(NC)
*Patterson, John R.	Louisiana	(C)
*Paul, Miss Frances	Lucknow	(OS)
Paulen, O. Wayne	North Indiana	(NC)
Payne, Sr., Charlemagne P.	Mississippi	(C)
*Payne, Mrs. J. W.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Peele, Shuler (4-4-1193)	Florida	(SE)
*Peeler, Charles B. (3-6-1190) (4-4-1193)	Florida	(SE)
Pegues, David K.	Missouri	(SC)
Perez, Carlos	Cuba	(SE)
*Perkins, Mrs. Ralph W.	Pacific Northwest	(W)
Perry, E. Wesley	Nebraska	(SC)
*Peters, Frank W.	Detroit	(NC)
Peterson, Dutton S.	Central New York	(NE)
Phelps, Grandison M.	North Carolina	(C)
*Phelps, William R.	Virginia	(SE)
Phillips, C. Gordon	Detroit	(NC)
Phillips, Clark H.	Michigan	(NC)
*Pierce, Larry J.	North Indiana	(NC)
*Pike, Charles M.	Philadelphia	(NE)
*Pilchard, Edwin I. (Died April 10, 1956)	Illinois	(NC)
*Pimm, Mrs. Ethel M.	New Jersey	(NE)
Pitcher, Philip N.	Wyoming	(NE)
Poley, Paul W. (9-13-1212) (10-11-1215)	Philadelphia	(NE)
Polhemus, Oscar M.	New Hampshire	(NE)
*Poling, E. F.	North-East Ohio	(NC)
Pomeroy, George W. (5-12-1197) (6-9-1201) (7-5-1204)		
(8-9-1207)	Louisiana	(SC)
Poor, George L.	Pacific Northwest	(W)
Porter, Lawrence D.	Maine	(NE)
*Porterfield, Arthur R.	Virginia	(SE)
*Poston, Charles B.	Missouri	(SC)
Potts, J. Manning	Virginia	(SE)
*Pounds, W. Abe	Texas	(SC)
Powell, Bradford V.	Missouri	(SC)

Powell, Howard P.	North Carolina (SE)
Powell, Paul S.	Louisville (SE)
Prentzel, Jr., Frank	Philadelphia (NE)
Preset, Walter F.	Pittsburgh (NE)
*Prestley, Isaac P.	Upper Mississippi (C)
*Price, Paul	Texas (SC)
*Proctor, Mrs. Leslie C.	Southwest Texas (SC)
*Pruner, Alstyne E.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Pryor, Roy J.	California-Nevada (W)
Pryor, Thomas M.	Michigan (NC)
Quick, Oliver B. (3-9-1190) (5-11-1197)	Lexington (C)
Ragan, Raye	Illinois (NC)
*Ragland, James	Detroit (NC)
Rahator, Raguel S.	Bombay (OS)
Randolph, Allen H. L.	Tennessee (C)
Rast, John Marvin	South Carolina (SE)
*Rathnappa, Shanthappa	Hyderabad (OS)
Raver, William N.	New Jersey (NE)
*Ray, Grover W. (6-1-1200) (8-1-1206)	Alabama (SE)
*Ready, W. Judson	South Carolina (SE)
Reamer, Carl W.	New Jersey (NE)
*Reavley, Tom (8) (257) (1-20-1187) (3-24-1192)	Texas (SC)
*Redding, Jr., Mrs. W. F.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Reddy, Ephraim C.	South India (OS)
Reeves, Edwin E.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Reynolds, Sr., C. Crosby	Central West (C)
*Reynolds, Mark	New Jersey (NE)
*Rich, Robert F.	Central Pennsylvania (NE)
Riggin, E. Cranston	Baltimore (NE)
*Riley, Glenard	Memphis (SE)
Ristow, Cecil F.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Robb, Don S.	Troy (NE)
Robertson, Frank L. (4-19-1195)	South Georgia (SE)
*Roddy, Donald W.	Pittsburgh (NE)
Rolland, Ross W. M.	New York (NE)
*Rollins, Gordon S.	South Dakota (NC)
Rogers, Carleton C.	Rock River (NC)
*Rogers, Chester A.	California-Nevada (W)
*Rogers, Mrs. Joe T.	Central Kansas (SC)
Roseberry, George G. (5-17-1198)	Oregon (W)
*Rosell, Paul (3) (257) (1-19-1187)	Sweden (OS)
Rowland, Perry A.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Ruark, Henry G.	North Carolina (SE)
Rudisill, Edmund D. (3-13-1190) (4-5-1193)	North Georgia (SE)
*Rudrappa, Jayasheela N.	South India (OS)
*Rudy, O. G. (6-10-1201) (7-10-1204)	New Mexico (SC)
*Rummells, Lawrence C.	North Iowa (NC)
Rupert, Hoover	Michigan (NC)
*Russell, Mrs. Harrell M. (2-1-1188) (4-5-1193)	Holston (NC)
Rutland, John	North Alabama (SE)
*Ruud-Hansen, Willy	Norway (OS)
*Rydmark, Mrs. Mildred V.	Detroit (NC)
*Rymph, Levi	Central Kansas (SC)
Saenz, Ruben R.	Latin American Provisional (W)
*Saermark, Johannes	Denmark (OS)
Sahai, George S.	Lucknow (OS)
*Samuel, Mrs. A. R.	Indus River (OS)

Sander, Harvey	South Dakota (NC)
Sanders, Carl J.	Virginia (SE)
*Sanders, John S.	West Virginia (NE)
Sapp, Lloyd G. (7-8-1204) (8-12-1208)	North Indiana (NC)
*Satterfield, Sr., John C.	Mississippi (SE)
*Sawyer, Charles H.	Central New York (NE)
*Sayer, Mrs. Edmund A.	New England Southern (NE)
*Schaefer, Ludwig	Southwest Germany (OS)
Scharer, Fletcher H.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
*Schoeller, C. Andrew	Philadelphia (NE)
*Schoellkopf, Herbert J.	New Jersey (NE)
Schooler, Don E.	Oklahoma (SC)
*Schoonmaker, Clarence S.	Troy (NE)
*Schuh, Harry W.	Baltimore (NE)
*Scott, Charles S.	Central West (C)
Scott, Sr., Julius S.	Texas (C)
Scranton, Walter L.	New York (NE)
Seabrook, John J.	South Carolina (C)
*Seaman, Walter A.	Pacific Northwest (W)
*Secrest, Jarrard (3-3-1189)	Central Texas (SC)
Secrest, Paul E.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Segars, James W. (3-13-1191)	North Georgia (SE)
Seidenspinner, Clarence A.	Wisconsin (NC)
Sewell, C. Hoke (3-13-1191)	North Georgia (SE)
Seymore, Everett K.	Detroit (NC)
Shamblin, J. Kenneth	Little Rock (SC)
*Shamel, Ira G.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Shannon, C. Rowland (3) (256) (1-4-1186)	Florida (SE)
*Shappell, Mrs. William E.	Philadelphia (NE)
Shaw, Alfred J.	Lucknow (OS)
*Shearer, Karl H.	Erie (NE)
*Sheldon, Miss Mabel	Lucknow (OS)
*Sherrod, Charles C.	Holston (SE)
*Shimizu, Esau	Pacific Japanese Provisional (W)
*Shine, Henry R.	Oklahoma (SC)
Shirkey, Albert P. (3-2-1189) (5-2-1196)	Baltimore (NE)
Shockley, Joseph M.	Southwest Missouri (SC)
Simon, Leslie E.	Wisconsin (NC)
*Simpson, Jean E.	Ohio (NC)
*Simpson, S. Edward	Peninsula (NE)
*Sims, Ernest M.	North Indiana (NC)
Singh, Chandra B.	Madhya Pradesh (OS)
Singh, Jonathan B.	Lucknow (OS)
*Singh, Kenneth E.	Delhi (OS)
Sircar, Binode B.	Bengal (OS)
Sisserson, Charles H.	Central Texas (SC)
Sisson, W. Rembert (4-13-1194)	North Georgia (SE)
Slack, Albert L.	Ohio (NC)
Sleamaker, Robert L.	Louisville (SE)
*Smalley, Ray L.	Southern Congo (OS)
Smiley, J. Carlisle	South Carolina (SE)
*Smith, Benjamin L.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Smith, Miss Catherine	North Dakota (NC)
Smith, Emerson W.	New England (NE)
*Smith, Frank S.	New Jersey (NE)
*Smith, George H.	Holston (SE)
Smith, Robert J.	Oklahoma (SC)
Smoot, Jewell M.	Detroit (NC)
*Snaveley, Guy E.	North Alabama (SE)
Snyder, Paul J.	Minnesota (NC)

*Sone, Law (3-3-1189) (4-3-1193)	Central Texas (SC)
Sorensen, Pauli	Norway (OS)
Southgate, Herbert S. (5-26-1200) (6-20-1203)	Virginia (SE)
Spence, Preston W.	Peninsula (NE)
*Spicer, Frank (Died November 11, 1955)	Colorado (W)
*Spradling, T. W.	Saint Louis (SC)
Sprinkle, Julian W.	Central Texas (SC)
Squire, Roger J.	New Jersey (NE)
*Staerkind, Harald E.	Denmark (OS)
*Stanley, Sam C. (4-14-1195) (8-14-1208)	North Mississippi (SE)
*Stanley, Thomas B.	Virginia (SE)
*Steele, Fred E.	West Wisconsin (NC)
Steele, William S. (2-1-1188) (3-7-1190)	Holston (SE)
*Stevens, Wade	Nebraska (SC)
*Stiles, John C.	North Georgia (SE)
Stinson, C. S. (5-7-1197) (6-7-1201)	Georgia (C)
*Stocker, Doyle	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Stocum, Donald	Wyoming (NE)
Stovall, Thomas L.	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Strait, Archiver J.	New England (NE)
*Streeter, Mrs. Wallace N.	Baltimore (NE)
*Strickland, A. Julian, Jr.	South Georgia (SE)
Stromberg, Asbury G. E.	New York East (NE)
*Stromberg, Sven E.	New York (NE)
*Sullivan, Roy A.	Troy (NE)
*Sylvester, Mrs. Earl	Peninsula (NE)
*Symays, Maurice	Belgian (OS)
Talbott, Norbert G.	Indiana (NC)
*Tamkin, Raymond	Virginia (SE)
*Taunton, Van Buren	North Alabama (SE)
*Taylor, Arthur M. (6-16-1202)	South Carolina (SE)
Taylor, Byron C.	Louisiana (SC)
Taylor, Ralph H.	Western North Carolina (SE)
*Taylor, Mrs. Rena Mary	Colorado (W)
Temple, Herbert D.	North Iowa (NC)
*Temple, J. Emory (7-19-1206) (9-17-1213)	Wisconsin (NC)
*Templeton, Allan H.	Erie (NE)
Templin, Lester R.	Central Kansas (SC)
Tennant, John W.	Michigan (NC)
Terry, Arthur	Little Rock (SC)
Terry, Edward (3-17-1191)	Oregon (W)
Terry, Raymond C.	Texas (SC)
Tewari, Horatius W.	Lucknow (OS)
Thangaraj, Thangadurai	Burma (OS)
*Thayer, Mrs. Paul E.	Central New York (NE)
Thomas, James S.	South Carolina (C)
Thomas, William	Belgian (OS)
Thompson, J. Harley (3-20-1192)	South Dakota (NC)
*Thompson, Welday	North-East Ohio (NC)
Tillman, Cleveland G.	Southwest (C)
*Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount (10-17-1215)	Tennessee (SE)
*Tippett, Harold	Wyoming (NE)
Tipps, H. T. (4-20-1196) (5-23-1199)	Tennessee (SE)
*Todd, Lindsey O.	Mississippi (SE)
Tolle, Joseph H. (4-4-1193) ((10-3-1214)	Florida (SE)
*Tomm, Miss Helen F.	Illinois (NC)
Toothaker, Frank M.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Townsend, Paul W.	Western North Carolina (SE)
Townsend, I. U.	Central Congo (OS)

*Treadwell, Leon H.	New England	(NE)
Triplett, Marquis J.	Tennessee	(SE)
*Tripp, Donald A.	Rock River	(NC)
Truscott, Samuel J.	Wyoming	(NE)
*Tucker, R. Carter	Southwest Missouri	(SC)
Tullis, Edward L. (7-4-1204) (8-8-1207) (9-6-1211)	Kentucky	(SE)
Turner, Orbin M. (5-13-1198) (6-10-1201)	New Mexico	(SC)
Tyson, L. D. (7-6-1204)	North Alabama	(SE)
Underwood, J. Edgar	Memphis	(SE)
*Van Krevelen, Mrs. Harold D.	Minnesota	(NC)
Vance, Marvin S.	Southwest Texas	(SC)
Varnell, Sam N., Jr.	Holston	(SE)
*Vaughan, W. C.	Virginia	(SE)
*Vaught, Edgar S.	Oklahoma	(SC)
*Veale, William H.	New York East	(NE)
Versteeg, John M.	Ohio	(NC)
*Vimont, Louis A.	Pacific Northwest	(W)
Vinals Blake, Jorge	Argentina	(OS)
Vogelsang, Bernhard F.	Northwest Germany	(OS)
*Waggoner, Howard	North Arkansas	(SC)
*Waggoner, Merle T. (7) (256) (1-11-1186)	North Texas	(SC)
*Wahlstrom, Carl E.	New England	(NE)
Waldrep, A. Jack	North Georgia	(SE)
Walker, Harvey A.	North Iowa	(NC)
Wallace, Aldred P.	West Virginia	(NE)
Waller, Harry H. (4-4-1193)	Florida	(SE)
Walters, S. Douglas	Southern California-Arizona	(W)
Walton, A. Jack	North Carolina	(SE)
*Ward, Mrs. Rebecca W.	Madhya Pradesh	(OS)
*Warne, A. Harry	Baltimore	(NE)
Warren, Charles L.	California-Nevada	(W)
Watchorn, J. Vincent	Philadelphia	(NE)
*Watson, Carl G.	South Dakota	(NC)
*Weaver, Guy C.	Western North Carolina	(SE)
Weaver, Harold R.	Ohio	(NC)
*Webb, Charles W.	New Hampshire	(NE)
*Webb, Paul	North Georgia	(SE)
*Webb, Paul C.	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
*Wedel, Richard	South Germany	(OS)
*Wedemeyer, Mrs. B. B.	Central Texas	(SC)
Weeks, John I. A.	Liberia	(OS)
*Wegner, Mrs. Charles E.	Minnesota	(NC)
Weimer, G. Cecil	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
*Weir, Benjamin	Illinois	(NC)
Weiss, Henry L. (8-3-1206)	Colorado	(W)
*Welch, Charles W.	Southwest Missouri	(SC)
Wentworth, Chauncey D.	Maine	(NE)
Wertz, D. Frederick (4-2-1193)	Central Pennsylvania	(NE)
*West, R. Irvin	Oklahoma	(SC)
Westerberg, Wesley M.	Rock River	(NC)
*Wheeler, Gordon B.	Michigan	(NC)
Whitaker, Howard W.	Kentucky	(SE)
*White, Albert L.	Virginia	(SE)
*White, C. Nevil	Kentucky	(SE)
*White, Charles N.	Louisiana	(SC)
*White, Mrs. Edwin B. (5-5-1197)	Florida	(SE)
*White, Sr., Peter J. (10-6-1214)	New York	(NE)

*White, Mrs. Roscoe M. (10-18-1215)	Virginia (SE)
*White, W. Erle	North Texas (SC)
Whiting, Tom A. (3-21-1192)	South Georgia (SE)
*Whitmore, Ben A.	Tennessee (SE)
Whitsett, Daniel C.	North Alabama (SE)
*Whitson, Sydney A.	Minnesota (NC)
Whyman, Henry C.	New York East (NE)
Wiant, Warren W.	Ohio (NC)
Widgard, Arne	Sweden (OS)
Wilbur, William A.	Northern New York (NE)
Wilburn, L. Oakey	Virginia (SE)
Wilkes, Jack S. (8-19-1209)	Oklahoma (SC)
Williams, Frank L. (8-28-1210) (10-19-1216)	Washington (C)
Williams, Ira E. (8-19-1209)	Oklahoma (SC)
Williams, John L.	North-East Ohio (NC)
*Williams, Julius	South Carolina (C)
*Williams, Ledru A.	Idaho (W)
Williams, Robert M.	Washington (C)
Williams, Roy D.	Memphis (SE)
Wills, Urvan E.	West Virginia (NE)
*Wilson, Jerry B.	Wyoming (NE)
*Wilson, T. R.	Georgia (C)
*Wilson, W. Earle	Georgia (C)
Wilson, William T.	Central West (C)
Wilson, Winslow	West Wisconsin (NC)
*Wiltse, Earle W.	Nebraska (SC)
*Windham, William Claude	Texas (SC)
Winn, Maurice L.	Southern Illinois (NC)
*Wiseman, James H.	North Arkansas (SC)
*Wiseman, William H.	Tennessee (SE)
*Wisler, Christopher A. (4-6-1194) (7-3-1204)	Kansas (SC)
*Witwer, Jr., Samuel W.	Rock River (NC)
Wolfe, Charles F.	Detroit (NC)
*Wood, Alpheus, B. P.	Southern California-Arizona (W)
Wood, Clark J. (6-14-1202)	Pacific Northwest (W)
Wood, George S.	Louisville (SE)
*Wood, Jesse L. (256) (1-16-1187)	Saint Louis (SC)
Worley, Elbert D.	Holston (SE)
*Wright, Mrs. Frank L.	Saint Louis (SC)
*Wunderlich, Erhard	Central Germany (OS)
*Yoder, Harvey O.	North-East Ohio (NC)
Young, Claude	Northwest Indiana (NC)
Young, Damon P. (3-9-1190) (5-11-1197)	Lexington (C)
Youngblood, Virgil D.	Mississippi (SE)
Zeiter, John Emerson	New York East (NE)
Zeuner, Walther	Northwest Germany (OS)
*Zeigler, George G.	Philadelphia (NE)
*Zinto, Nathan R.	Gujarat (OS)
Zottele, Pedro	Chile (OS)
Zunguze, Escrivao	Southeast Africa (OS)

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the preceding General Conference until they have been altered or modified by the action of the General Conference. Par. 508, 1956 *Discipline*.

(Note. All additions and changes from the 1952 Plan of Organization and Rules of Order are set forth in **BOLD FACE** type. Editor.)

For the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the 1960 General Conference see page 1228.

A. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

I. Opening Session and Organization

The General Conference shall assemble at 10 A.M., on the day fixed and at the place determined upon in accordance with action taken by the preceding General Conference. The Holy Communion shall be celebrated by The Conference, The Council of Bishops being in charge; after which The Conference shall be called to order by the Bishop designated, as provided in Paragraph 8, Item 11, of the 1952 *Discipline*.

The following order of business shall be observed.

A. *Roll Call*. The Roll shall be called by the Secretary of the preceding General Conference in the following manner:

1. There shall be called the names of the Bishops who have died since the adjournment of the preceding General Conference, and likewise the names of Delegates-elect who have died.

2. The record of attendance shall be made in writing to the Secretary of The General Conference by

- a. The Secretary of The Council of Bishops for the Bishops, and

- b. The Chairman of each Delegation for its membership. The Chairman shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members,

noting absentees and substitutions, which Reports shall be tabulated by the Secretary and published in *The Daily Advocate*. Any Reserve seated in the place of a Regular Delegate shall have been duly elected as a Reserve Delegate by his Annual Conference, and shall meet the requirements set forth in the *Discipline*, Par. 21-25. Delegates, including Reserves, when the latter are substituted for a Delegate or Delegates, shall be seated in the order of their election, except when a Reserve is seated temporarily, in which case he shall occupy the seat of the Delegate for whom he is substituted. All Delegates arriving after the opening Roll Call shall be reported by the Chairman of the Delegation to the Committee on Credentials, in order to be properly enrolled.

3. A majority of the whole number of Delegates to The General Conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (Paragraph 503, 1952 *Discipline*.)

B. *Action on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.*

C. *Election of Secretary.* If a quorum be present, The Conference shall elect from the ministry or lay membership of The Methodist Church, on nomination from the floor, a Secretary, which election shall be by ballot if there be two or more nominees. (See Section IV.)

Should the Secretary not be a Delegate, he shall have the privilege of the floor, but without vote.

D. *Committee Nominations and Elections.* The Council of Bishops shall present nominations for the Administrative Committees, and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to it, for election by The General Conference.

E. *Miscellaneous Business.*

F. *Adjournment.*

II. Episcopal Address

There shall be a session of The General Conference held at 8:00 P.M., on the opening day, for the purpose of hearing the Quadrennial Address of The Council of Bishops.

III. Presiding Officers

The Presiding Officers for the several sessions of The Conference, the opening session excepted (See Sec. I), shall be chosen from among the effective Bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by The Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one Minister and one Lay-

man from each Jurisdiction, and one Minister and one Layman from among the Delegates representing the Annual Conference outside the United States. The Committee thus constituted shall select the Presiding Officer for each session of The Conference, notifying the Bishop of his selection at least 24 hours in advance, and in each instance report its selection to The Conference prior to adjournment of the session immediately preceding.

IV. Secretarial Staff

1. The Secretary of The General Conference elected as hereinbefore provided shall serve until the next General Conference is organized and a successor elected.

2. The Conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the Secretary, such Assistant Secretaries from the Ministry or Lay membership of The Methodist Church, as it may deem wise.

3. If in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of The General Conference the office of Secretary shall for any reason be vacated, The Council of Bishops shall elect a successor to serve until the next session.

V. Entertainment and Program

There shall be a Commission on Entertainment and Program of The General Conference composed of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction who shall be nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference. The Secretary of The General Conference and the Treasurer of the General Administration Fund shall also be members *ex officio*, but without vote. This Commission shall determine the place and time (within such limits as may be set up by The General Conference) of the next General Conference and shall make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith including arrangements for the publication of a Book of Quadrennial Reports of the General Boards and other General Agencies of the Church, the same to be published by The Methodist Publishing House.

The Council of Bishops shall designate one of their number to convene and organize the Commission within eighteen months following the adjournment of The General Conference. The Commission shall arrange for the local entertainment of Fraternal Delegates for the reasonable period of time required for their presentation to The General Conference.

VI. Committees

The General Conference shall have the Standing Committees hereinafter indicated with such functions, responsibilities, and limitations respectively as are hereinafter prescribed, and such Special Committees as it may order.

1. Standing Administrative Committees

(1) *Entertainment and Program.* (See V, page 163)

(2) *Committee of Chairmen.* The Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, and the Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee reports to The Conference in such order as to expedite the business.

The Secretary of the General Conference shall convene the Committee of Chairmen.

(3) *Correlation and Editorial Revision.* There shall be a Committee of three known as the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. This Committee shall be composed of three persons not members of The General Conference, appointed by The Council of Bishops. They shall be entitled to travel expense and *per diem* allowance, the same as the Delegates. The functions of this Committee shall be:

(a) To review all legislation enacted by The General Conference and to report promptly to the Legislative Committees concerned, or to The General Conference as the situation may warrant, any and all contradictions, duplications and inconsistencies discovered therein.

(b) To report to the Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees all changes it has made in the language of the Reports adopted by The General Conference.

(4) *Courtesies and Privileges.* There shall be a Committee of fourteen, composed of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction and one Minister and one Layman from among the Delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

a. To consider, as presented to it by members of The Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege, to decide whether they are such or not, and if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to The Conference that they be heard.

(NOTE: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this Committee may be presented immediately to The Conference as provided in Rule 9.)

b. To prepare with due regard for brevity, and present to The Conference for its action, such complimentary Resolutions as occasion may demand.

c. To arrange for extending courtesies of The Conference to any to whom they may be due, Fraternal Delegates and official visitors excepted.

d. To arrange for a Memorial Service, at some time agreeable to The Conference for Deceased Delegates-elect, for Bishops and General Officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the last preceding General Conference.

e. To limit its Report, including the statement of the Chairman and the hearing of such persons as may be presented, to a maximum of twenty minutes in any one business session. No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a 2/3 vote of The Conference.

f. To prepare and publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate* contemporaneously with the list of the nominees for election to the Judicial Council, biographical sketches not to exceed 100 words in length for each nominee.

(5) *Credentials*. There shall be a Committee of seven on Credentials. To this Committee the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference Delegations shall report, on a form provided for that purpose, the names of absent Delegates and of available Reserve Delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This Committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to The Conference with recommendations as to the seating of Reserves if such are available. No Reserve Delegates shall be seated except by action of The Conference and after a Report has been made upon the case by this Committee, *provided*, the Reserve Delegates reported by the Chairman of the respective Annual Conference Delegations as substituted for absentees at the opening session shall be seated tentatively without the action of this Committee; *provided*, further, that such substitutions shall be reported to this Committee for review and Report to The General Conference for its action.

All changes in the personnel of the seated delegates of the Annual Conference delegations shall be reported to this Committee on blanks provided by the Secretary of The Conference. *Per diem* allowances shall be paid on the basis of the Report of this Committee.

(6) *Fraternal Delegates*. There shall be a Committee of seven whose function it shall be to extend the courtesies of

The Conference to the Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors and present them to The General Conference at its pleasure. The terms "Fraternal Delegates" and "Official Visitors" shall be interpreted to include only persons who have been duly elected by the Christian Communions of which they are respectively members to represent the same before The General Conference, and who present the appropriate Credentials of such elections.

(7) *Journal*. There shall be a Committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary comparing it with the stenographic record and report its findings to The Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to The Conference for correction.

(8) *Presiding Officer*. See Section III.

(9) *Reference*. There shall be a Committee of Reference composed of one Ministerial and one Lay representative from each Jurisdiction, at least two of whom shall be lawyers and one Minister and one Layman from Conferences outside the United States, to be appointed by The Council of Bishops from the regularly elected delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops, preceding the session of The General Conference. Said Committee shall meet with the Secretary of the previous General Conference at the seat of the Conference on the Monday preceding the opening of said Conference. This Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of The General Conference. After ascertaining that the Memorials, Resolutions and similar communications dealing with the regular business of The Conference meet the requirements herein specified, this Committee shall refer the same to the appropriate Administrative or Legislative Committees. This Committee shall be responsible for such assignment of all Memorials, which may be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening session, including the Episcopal Address, the Book of Printed Quadrennial Reports, and all other communications which shall come into his hands after the convening of The General Conference. The third day of The Conference shall be fixed as the deadline for the introduction of Memorials and Petitions.

The Committee of Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a Committee, either upon a request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author, or authors, thereof of its ac-

tion in order that an appeal may be made to The Conference if desired. The Committee shall publish as promptly as possible, in *The Daily Advocate*, lists of the communications it has referred to the several Standing Committees, identifying each by number, title, origin, and destination. No Memorial or Petition shall be assigned by the Committee of Reference to any General Conference Committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

All Memorials should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject. Not more than one Memorial should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

(10) *Rules.* There shall be a Committee of seven on Plan of Organization and Rules of Orders. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an *ex-officio* member and one of the seven. To this Committee shall be referred any proposed Amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. (See Rule 40.) To it may be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of The General Conference.

This Committee shall restudy the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and, after making such needed changes and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to The General Conference for consideration and final action, same to be published in the Journal of The General Conference.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as published in the Journal of the preceding General Conference, until they have been altered or modified by the action of the General Conference. (See Par. 505, 1952 Discipline, The Methodist Church.)

(11) *Sifting Committee.* There shall be a Committee of seven to whom shall be referred, without motion or debate, all Questions, Proposals, Resolutions, Communications, or other matters not included in the regular business of The General Conference, as set forth in this Plan of Organization. This Committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by The Conference. If matters of the nature above described shall be introduced in open Conference without having been approved by this Committee, the Presiding Officer shall, as soon as he shall have discovered the character of the same, refer all such matters to this Committee without reading, and the same shall not be publicized in *The Daily Advocate* unless and

until they have been approved and presented to The Conference by the Sifting Committee; *provided*, however, that should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before The Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by twenty, or more, members of The Conference shall be presented to The Conference requesting consideration, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of The Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration, the matter shall be referred by the Sifting Committee to a Standing Committee of its choice.

(12) *Tellers*. There shall be a Committee of sixty, to act as Tellers for the purpose of reporting on count votes and ballots ordered by The General Conference. The Tellers shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have Reserve Tellers in such number as The Council of Bishops may deem proper.

2. Standing Legislative Committees

The General Conference shall have the following Standing Legislative Committees which shall consider **all** proposals looking toward new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the Church and report recommendations relating thereto to The Conference *provided, however, that Reports and proposals from the regular Councils and Special Commissions of The General Conference may be presented directly to The Conference*. The term "legislative," however, as descriptive of the functions of those Committees, is not to be interpreted with absolute strictness, inasmuch as they may consider matters calculated to eventuate in the form of Advices, Resolutions, Appeals, etc., as well as in legislation.

(1) *Conferences*. To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to The General, Jurisdictional, Central, Provisional Central, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences, and Missions, and the organization of the Local Church.

(2) *Education*. To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

(3) *Lay Activities*. To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating distinctly to Lay Activities and the Board of Lay Activities.

(4) *Membership and Evangelism*. To this Committee

shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to church membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to Evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

(5) *Ministry.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

(6) *Missions.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(7) *Pensions.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the support of retired and supernumerary ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased ministers, not including Bishops, and all matters relating to pensions of lay employees of Church Organizations, Boards, Agencies or Institutions.

(8) *Publishing Interests.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(9) *State of the Church.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to social service, **labor relations**, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other Committee.

(10) *Temporal Economy.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Trustees, properties, church finance (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Committee.

(11) *Temperance and Prohibition.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to temperance and prohibition of the liquor traffic and all matters relating to the Board of Temperance and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(12) *Hospitals and Homes.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board, and to all the eleemosynary work and responsibility of the Church not comprehended in the responsibility of any other Legislative Committee.

(13) *Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Inter-Denominational Activities, relations, interest, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church, including the American Bible Society, the National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A., and the World Council of Churches.

(14) *Judicial Administration.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of members and ministers of The Methodist Church and relating to The Judicial Council and the Judicial procedure within the Church.

(15) *Ritual and Orders of Worship.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Ritual and Orders of Worship.

(16) *Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.* There shall be a Committee of seven charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting for adoption by The Conference such Enabling Acts and Legal Forms as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the Church.

3. Membership of Committees

(1) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan of Organization, or ordered by The General Conference, the membership of all Committees shall be constituted by election of The Conference, on nomination of The Council of Bishops. In making nominations The Council of Bishops shall maintain as nearly as practicable and advisable an equal ratio of representation between Ministerial and Lay Delegates on all Committees.

(2) Legislative Committees numbered 11 to 15, inclusive (Hospitals and Homes, Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, Judicial Administration, and Ritual and Orders of Worship **Temperance and Prohibition**, shall each consist of two Ministers and two Laymen from each Jurisdiction, and one Minister and one Layman from the Delegates

representing Annual Conferences outside the United States.

(3) Each Delegate shall serve as a member of one of the Legislative Committees numbered 1 to 10. Within the Delegation each member shall choose from the Legislative Committees 1 to 10 the Committee on which he shall serve, the choice being made in order of election. (See footnote*) The Layman first elected shall be entitled to the first choice the Minister first elected to the second choice, and thus the right of choice shall continue to alternate between Lay and Ministerial Delegates in the order of their election; *provided*, that two members of a Delegation may not serve on any one of the above designated Legislative Committees 1 to 10, unless the said Delegation is represented on each of them. All Delegations composed of **twelve** or more members shall assign all members in excess of **ten** according to this same principle of distribution. (For example, a Conference with sixteen Delegates shall have two members on each of any **six** of these **ten** Committees, and one on each of the remaining **four**. Each Delegate may in the order of his turn to choose, select any one of these **ten** Committees, *provided* that the foregoing division of Delegates among the Committees is maintained.)

If a matter is under consideration in any Legislative Committee which in the judgment of any Annual Conference Delegation vitally affects the interests of its constituency, and if the said Annual Conference is not represented in the membership of said Committee, then the said Delegation may choose one of its number to represent its Annual Conference in the Committee when the matter judged to be vital to the interests of its constituency is under consideration. Such a person shall be entitled to sit with the Committee while this particular matter is being considered. He shall be entitled to the floor, subject to such limitations as are imposed on the regular members of said Committee, but he shall not be entitled to vote.

4. Meetings of Committees

(1) *For Organization.* The Legislative Committees shall

(*) FOOTNOTE: The following action was taken by the 1940 General Conference: (See page 698, Journal 1940 General Conference.)

"Your Committee recommends that the first choice on Committees should alternate from quadrennium to quadrennium between the Ministerial and Lay Delegates." This would mean that the Laymen had first choice of Legislative Committees in 1944. In 1948 the minister first elected had the first choice of Legislative Committees. In 1952 the Laymen first elected had first choice of the Legislative Committees. In 1956 the Minister first elected will have first choice of the Legislative Committees.

meet for organization on the afternoon of the first day of The General Conference sessions. Those numbered 11 to 16, inclusive, at 2:30 o'clock, and those numbered 1 to 10 inclusive, at 3:30. A Bishop appointed by The Council of Bishops and an Assistant Secretary appointed by the Secretary of The General Conference shall serve, respectively, as Chairman and Secretary to effect an organization in each of the several Committees.

- a. The first named on each of the other Committees shall act as Convenor, calling a meeting for organization at the earliest practicable date. **The Secretary of The General Conference shall convene the Committee of Chairmen.**
- b. The election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of each Committee, both Administrative and Legislative shall be by ballot.
- c. The Assistant Secretary appointed for the organization of each Legislative Committee shall report in writing to the Secretary of The Conference at the earliest possible date the officers elected. In the case of all other Committees the Secretary elected shall make such report immediately to the Secretary of The Conference.

(2) *Regular Meetings.* The Legislative Committees 1 to 10, inclusive, shall meet each weekday at 2:30 P.M., unless otherwise ordered by The Conference, until their work is completed, **and at such other times as the Committees may themselves determine.**

Legislative Committees 11 to 16, inclusive, shall meet each weekday at 7:30 P.M., or such other times as they may themselves respectively determine until their work is completed.

(3) *Quorum for Committee Meetings.* A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in all Committees.

5. Function and Authority of Committees

(1) The Administrative Committees, without specific instruction or direction from The Conference, shall assume responsibility for considering and reporting to The Conference upon all matters which would logically fall within their respective purviews, if it seems wise to do so, as these are indicated hereinbefore.

(2) The Legislative Committees may not originate business, but shall consider and report only upon that which is

referred to them directly by The Conference or through the Committee of Reference, the Sifting Committee, or the Committee of Chairmen.

VII. Proposal to Establish New Board Commission or Committee

When any proposal is submitted to The General Conference to establish an interim or continuing Board, Commission, or Committee, before final action is taken by The General Conference establishing **such Board, Commission or Committee**, said proposal shall be referred to the Council on World Service and Finance, or its Executive Committee, with the request that it bring to The General Conference an estimated Budget of the expense of operation of the proposed Board, Commission or Committee for the next quadrennium and a statement of how the adoption of such proposal will effect the Budget or Budgets for the existing Boards, Commissions or Committees as already presented by the Council on World Service and Finance.

VIII. Delegates' Expense Account

1. The Report of the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for settlement with Principal and Reserve Delegates for their *per diem* allowance.

2. The total traveling expense shall be payable to the Principal Delegate if he be present and seated. If during the session of The Conference a Reserve Delegate is seated in his place, he shall adjust the travel expense with such Reserve on the basis of the time served by each.

3. Travel expense for Delegates to The Conference shall be on the basis of railroad fare by the most direct route (clergy fare for Ministers) lower berth or roomette (Pullman) and meals en route. Overseas Delegates will be allowed the equivalent of second class ship fare for that portion of their trip which is by water. When two or more Delegates come in one automobile the owner shall be allowed 6 cents per mile for his car plus the cost of room and meals en route. Guest passengers who are members of The General Conference shall submit only the cost of room and meals en route. In all cases Delegates shall report only the actual cost of travel.

B. RULES OF ORDER

I. DAILY SCHEDULE

Rule 1. The following shall be the daily order for The General Conference, Sundays excepted:

- (1) 8:30 A.M. to 9 A.M.—Devotional Service under the direction of The Council of Bishops
- (2) 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.—Conference business with recess for ten minutes at 10:30.
- (3) 2:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.—Committee Meetings.
- (4) 7:30 P.M.—Committee Meetings.

Rule 2. After devotional service the daily sessions of The Conference shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) Report of Committee on Journal of the previous meeting or meetings.
- (2) Report of Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.
- (3) Reports of other Administrative and Special Committees.
- (4) Calendar.
- (5) Miscellaneous business.

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Rule 3. The Bishop presiding shall be the legal Chairman of The General Conference. He shall decide Points of Order raised by the members, and shall rule on Points of Order not raised by the members, as he deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order; subject, in both cases, to an appeal to The Conference by any member without debate; except that the Chairman and the Appellant, in the order here named, shall each have five minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the Chair. When any Member raises a Point of Order he shall cite, by number, the Rule he adjudges to have been violated.

Rule 4. When the Chairman stands in his place and calls The Conference to order, no member shall speak, address the Chair, or stand, while the Chairman stands.

III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 5. Attendance and Seating Reserves

No Member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of The Conference without permission of The Conference, and all absentees shall be reported by the Chairman of the several Annual Conference Delegations to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose. No Re-

serve Delegate shall have the privilege of membership until the substitution has been approved by The Conference, except at the first session of The Conference, as provided in the Plan of Organization, Division I, Section A, Sub-section 2b.

Rule 6. Directions for Securing the Floor

When a Delegate desires to speak to The Conference, he shall arise at his designated seat, respectfully address the Presiding Officer, using the term, "Mr. Chairman," and after recognition, proceed to the speaker's platform, where, before speaking, he shall give the Chairman, in writing, his name and that of the Annual Conference which he represents; which, in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to The Conference.

If by reason of the intended brevity of his remarks he speaks from one of the microphones in the aisles of the assembly hall, he shall first announce his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents, which in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to The Conference.

Rule 7. Interrupting the Speaker

No Member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or a misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of The Conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a Special Order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

Rule 8. Speaking More Than Once; Length of Speech

No Member shall speak a second time on the same question if any Member who has not spoken desires the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than ten minutes unless his time shall be extended by The Conference, except as provided in Rule 37. This ten-minute limit may be reduced by a majority vote of the Conference at any time, and for any period of duration.

Rule 9. Question of High Privilege

A Member claiming the floor at any time for what he believes is a very urgent question of high privilege, shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, and if it be adjudged by the Chair to be such, he may proceed at his pleasure or until the Chairman judges that he has ex-

hausted his privilege. (See Plan of Organization, Division VI, Section 1, Subsection 3a.)

Rule 10. Voting Area of Conference

Only Delegates within the Area of The Conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All Delegates within the Area at the time a question is put, shall vote, except such as shall have been excused for special reasons by The Conference.

Rule 11. Voting Procedure

Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by The Conference. An "aye" and "no" vote if taken, shall be by signed ballot. A count vote may be ordered on call of any Member supported by one-third of the Members present and voting, in which case the Delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted.

No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the Previous Question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the Report of the Secretaries on a count vote, or an "aye" and "no" vote. The count shall be made by Members seated next to the aisles, who shall be designated by the Secretary of The General Conference, and whose names shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate*.

Rule 12. Division of Question

Before a vote is taken any Delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as he indicates. If no Delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is objection the Chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

Rule 13. Vote by Orders

The Ministerial and Lay Delegates shall deliberate as one body; but upon a call, by motion of any Delegate seconded by another Delegate of the same Order and supported by one-third of the Members of that Order voting, the Ministerial and Lay Delegates shall vote separately. But when The Conference votes by Orders no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of Delegates. In cases of such a vote the Order calling for it shall vote first; *provided*, however, that The Conference may not vote by Orders on a proposed Amendment to the Constitution. (1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 10, Item 2.)

IV. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Rule 14. Motion for Adoption of Reports and Resolution Unnecessary

Whenever a Report of a Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof, or a Resolution signed by two or more Members of The Conference, shall be presented to The Conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by The Conference without the formality of a motion to adopt, and a second thereto.

Rule 15. Required Forms for Reports, Resolutions, Motions

All Resolutions and Committee Reports shall be presented in triplicate; and, when requested by the Secretary, motions, including amendments shall be presented in writing.

Rule 16. Reading of Reports and Resolutions

All Resolutions, Committee Reports, and Communications to The Conference shall be read by the Secretary except as otherwise provided in Rule 34.

Rule 17. Alterations of Motions, etc.

When a motion is made and seconded or a Resolution is introduced and seconded, or a Committee Report is read, or is published in *The Daily Advocate*, it shall be deemed to be in possession of The Conference, and may not be altered except by action of The Conference. (See Rule 33.)

Rule 18. Undebatable Motions

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- (1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn The Conference finally.
- (2) To suspend the rules.
- (3) To lay on the table, except as provided in Rule 37.
- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To call for the Previous Question.
- (6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To call for the Orders of the Day.

Rule 19. Rights of "The Main Question"

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions:

- (1) To adopt
- (2) To commit

- (3) **To refer**
- (4) To substitute
- (5) To postpone
- (6) To reconsider

No new motion, Resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of except as provided in Rule 11. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 20. Precedence of Secondary Motions

If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below:

- (1) To fix the time to which The Conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take recess.
- (4) To order the Previous Question.
- (5) To lay on the table.
- (6) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (7) To postpone to a given time.
- (8) To **commit or refer**.
- (9) To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment.)
- (10) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 21. Tabling Related Motions

No motion which adheres to another motion, or has another motion adhering to it, can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere, or which adhere to them.

Rule 22. Referring Reports, etc.

It shall be in order for The Conference to refer to a Committee a section or part of a Report or Resolution which is before The Conference for consideration, or any amendment offered thereto.

Rule 23. Procedure for Consideration of Substitutes

When a Resolution or Committee Report is properly before The Conference for consideration and action (even if amendments thereto are pending), a substitute therefor

may be offered by any Member moving that the same may be substituted for the Resolution or Report under consideration. The motion to substitute may not be considered or put, however, until the original Report or Resolution is perfected, including consideration of and action on any amendments to it which may have been offered. The Conference may terminate this perfecting process by ordering the Previous Question on the motion to adopt the Report or Resolution. If this be done, the vote shall immediately be taken on any amendments, to the Report or Resolution then pending, but the vote shall not be taken on the adoption of the Report or Resolution, or on making the substitution until the substitute is also perfected. The main question, or Report, or Resolution, having been perfected, the substitute shall be considered, which consideration may be terminated at any time by ordering the Previous Question, in which case, after action on any amendments to the substitute then pending, the vote shall be taken on the motion to substitute. After this, without further notice, debate or amendment, the vote shall be taken on the motion to adopt, if the Previous Question thereon was ordered as above indicated as being allowable, or if it was ordered later. In the course of the foregoing perfecting process in the case of either the main question or the substitute, or both, the time to be consumed in presenting, considering and acting on amendments may be limited by action of The Conference. If this be done, the Previous Question may not be put on the adoption of the Report or Resolution, or on making the proposed substitution until two Members (including the Chairman of Committee presenting the Report and the member presenting the substitute, if the pending question is the adoption of a Report of a Committee) shall have spoken on each side of the proposal to substitute or adopt, as the case may be, after the motions to amend, if there be any, have been acted upon if there be those who desire so to speak.

Rule 24. Previous Question (See Rules 18-5, 23, 25, 37)

When any Member moves the Previous Question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending) he shall indicate to what he intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending.

If he does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question.

This motion shall be taken without debate, and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption, and if adopted the vote shall be taken on the

motion or motions to which it applies without further debate except as provided in Rule 37.

Rule 25. Unlawful Motion After Speech

It shall not be in order for a Member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 26. Exceptions to Majority Vote

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- (1) One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the Chair is doubted. See Rule 11. A tie vote sustains the Chair, Rule 3.
- (2) A call for a vote by Orders shall prevail if sustained by one-third of the members of the Order from which the call came, present and voting. (See Rule 13.)
- (3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (See Rule 39) or amend (See Rule 40) to rules; to sustain a motion for the Previous Question (See Rule 24); to set aside a Special Order; to consider a Special Order before the time set therefor, or any motion whose adoption would limit debate; to sustain the request of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges for the presentation of any person after the sixth day of The General Conference; to sustain a petition against a ruling of the Sifting Committee.
- (4) A two-thirds vote shall be required to approve a proposal for a Constitutional amendment. (See Paragraph 10, *Discipline*.)

Rule 27. Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider an action of The Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a Member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

Rule 28. Calendar Regular: Non-Concurrence

The Secretary shall keep a Chronological Record of Orders of the Day and of Reports of Committees (See Rule 32) and this Record shall be called the Calendar, and the matters of

business placed on it shall be considered in order, unless by a two-thirds vote of The Conference an item is taken up out of its order.

Legislative Committee Reports recommending Non-concurrence shall be kept upon a separate Calendar to be taken up when the regular Calendar is exhausted, or at the pleasure of The Conference, except when a Minority presents a Report recommending concurrence, in which case both shall be included in the regular Calendar.

Rule 29. Motion to Adjourn in Order Except—

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except

- (1) When a Delegate has the floor.
- (2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.
- (3) When the Previous Question has been ordered and action thereunder is pending.
- (4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.
- (5) When the motion to fix the time to which The Conference shall adjourn is pending.

The foregoing does not apply to a motion to final adjournment of The Conference.

V. COMMITTEES

Rule 30. Rules of Order of Legislative Committee

The Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be observed in meetings of Legislative Committees insofar as they apply.

Rule 31. Duties and Prerogatives of Committees

When a Memorial or Resolution or any similar item is referred to one of the several Legislative Committees, it shall be understood that the whole question with which the paper has to do is referred to that Committee for such action as it may deem wise. Committees shall report to The Conference upon all matters referred to them by The Conference directly or through the Committee of Reference. Committee Reports on Resolutions, Memorials, Petitions, etc., shall cite the same, identifying them by the numbers they bear respectively, in the published Reports of the Committee of Reference, or in some other suitable manner.

When a Committee ascertains that another Committee is or should, in its judgment, be considering a subject which the former is considering, it shall report the matter to the Committee of **Reference** for such adjustments as the situation may require.

Rule 32. Legislative Committees Report to Secretary

At the close of each day's meeting the Chairmen and Secretaries of the several Legislative Committees shall provide the Secretary of The Conference with copies in triplicate of all Reports adopted by their respective Committees for presentation to The Conference. The Secretary shall enter said Reports on the Calendar in the order in which they reach him, and shall furnish the editor of *The Daily Advocate* with one copy of each of the said Reports for publication in the next day's issue.

Reports from Committees (and Minority Reports) recommending proposed changes in the *Discipline* shall give Chapter Section, and Paragraph to be affected. They shall quote the language of the part it is proposed to change, *underscoring it*, and then state the language as it will appear if adopted, with the new part only in CAPITALS. *The Daily Advocate* shall follow the same rule in printing such reports substituting *italics* for Underscoring and Heavy Black-faced Type for CAPITALS.

Rule 33. Published Reports in Possession of Conference

A Report of any Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof and printed in *The Daily Advocate* shall be regarded as in the possession of The Conference, and on the day following its first appearance in *The Daily Advocate*, or any time thereafter, in order for its consideration at the pleasure of The Conference. The same rule shall apply to a Report of a Minority of any Committee signed by one-tenth of the members of the Committee or by ten members thereof. (See Rule 17.)

Rule. 34. Preparation and Printing of Reports

All Committee Reports shall be presented to the Secretary of The Conference in triplicate on paper provided therefor and bearing at the top the name of the Committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the Report was adopted, the number voting for and the number voting against the report respectively, and the number not voting. Reports of the Legislative Committees shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate* at least one day before being

presented for consideration by the Conference and they shall not be read unless by its order.

Reports of Minorities of Committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for Committee reports shall likewise conform to this rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what Committee the respective minorities belong and for what Reports by Serial Numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

Rule 35. Committee Chairman Not in Harmony with Report

When the Chairman of a Committee is not in harmony with a Report adopted by the Committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the Committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the Report in the Conference; but if, in such a case, the Committee shall fail to select a representative, the Chairman shall designate a member to represent the Committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the Chairman in relation to such Report.

Rule 36. Presentation of Report of Minority

A member selected by the signers of a Report of a Minority of a Committee to present the same, shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the Chairman in the presentation of the regular (Majority) Report of the Committee, except that he may not present said Minority Report until the Majority Report has been presented, and shall then offer it as a substitute therefor, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the question of making the substitution the member presenting the Minority Report shall speak first and the Chairman last. (See Rule 23.)

Rule 37. Speakers For And Against

When the Report of a Committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to ascertain, when he recognizes a Member of The Conference, on which side he proposes to speak, and he shall not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side thereof.

Except for undebatable motions, no Report shall be adopted or question relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least one speech for and one against the said proposal; *provided* that right is claimed before the Chairman or duly authorized member representing the Committee's Report or the Minority Re-

port if there be such, is presented to close the debate.

When all have spoken who desire to do so or when (and after) the Previous Question has been ordered, the Chairman or/and duly authorized member or members presenting the Committee's Report (and the Minority Report if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken.

This right of the Chairman and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner to a limit of five minutes when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, or to lay on the table or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the Report under consideration; *provided* that this five-minute limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a Minority Report for a regular (Majority) Report of a Committee.

Rule 38. Legal Enactment

All actions of The General Conference of The Methodist Church shall become effective upon the final adjournment of the session of The General Conference at which they are enacted, unless otherwise specified, **except as provided in Paragraph 591 of the 1952 Discipline.**

VI. SUSPENDING, AMENDING, AND SUPPLEMENTING

Rule 39. Suspension of Rules

The operation of any of the provisions of this Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of The Conference. Rule 26 (3).

Rule 40. Amending Rules

This Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of The Conference; *provided* the proposed change or amendment has been presented to the Conference in writing and referred to the Committee on Rules, which Committee shall report thereon not later than the following day. Rule 26 (3).

Rule 41. Robert's Rules of Order Revised, Supplemental Authority

In any parliamentary situation not clearly covered by this Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, The General Conference shall be governed in its action by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

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RULES OF ORDER

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The presentation of an Episcopal Address on the opening day of The General Conference has been the custom for nearly a century and a half. It is a review of the life and thought of the Church and its responsibility in contemporaneous life. The Address is written by a Bishop whom his colleagues choose by ballot. The contents are carefully and critically reviewed by the entire Council of Bishops. To it the names of all the Bishops are affixed.

It could hardly be expected that so large a company of men could agree in every detail of an Address covering so wide a range of subjects. Into the Address, however, are written the deep convictions of the Bishops and concerning its ideals and recommendations they are of one mind.

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THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

The Bishops of The Methodist Church present this quadrennial message to The General Conference in the spirit of humility and thanksgiving. The evidences of God's presence and transforming power in human life are many and unmistakable. Today, just as in the first century, despite opposition, "the gospel is bearing fruit and expanding throughout the civilized world." Although the forces of evil are arrayed in strength against us, we are, nevertheless, "winning an overwhelming victory through Him who has given us His love." In Him we have found our strength, our protection and our safety. Therefore, with renewed confidence we proclaim Him King of kings and Lord of lords whose reign will be forever and forever.

We are reassured that "our labor cannot fail when it is linked with that of Christ." In that confidence we face the future without fear because "God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

"Glory be to God on High and on earth peace and goodwill toward men."

We pause to recall the former days and our departed colleagues in the Episcopacy. Their fellowship and labors among us are a precious memory—Robert Nathaniel Brooks, Urban Valentine Williams Darlington, Hoyt McWhorter Dobbs, Lewis Oliver Hartman, Frederick Thomas Keeney, Paul Bentley Kern, Francis John McConnell, Johann Wilhelm Ernst Sommer. "They all died in the faith not having actually received the things promised, but who seeing them at a distance hailed the sight with joy." With eyes fixed upon their true home they left us to be with God and all the company of heaven, and though "they cease from their labors their works do follow them."

We meet in this General Conference with a deep sense of our world-wide fellowship. We are thankful for that

"Dear uniting love
That will not let us part,
Our bodies may be far removed
We still are one in heart."

To our brethren, who in a time of uncertainty and in the midst of difficulties, have with unswerving devotion borne their witness to Christ, we send a message of love and

assurance. "We thank God upon every remembrance of you" and we remind you that "for you our hopes are unshaken. You are not forgotten. Our anxiety is for all the churches and we never cease to thank God for you when we mention you in our prayers. You are teaching us how Christ Himself is our peace." We urge you for Christ's sake "to be careful about the way you live. Do not act thoughtlessly, but like sensible men and make the most of your opportunities." "Encourage one another with truth" and above all trust Him "who can keep you from falling and present you faultless before His presence with exceeding joy."

Our concern and responsibility are with the world-wide Church and God's Kingdom and with our relationship to both through Christ. The blessings of the gospel place upon us heavy obligations. The consideration of our responsibilities involves wide implications. The realization of our hopes requires right human action. We shall wait in vain for Christ's Kingdom to come on earth if we gaze idly and helplessly into a heaven of expectation. Vision must issue in action. We must, therefore, seek out our "Jerusalems" of service and empowerment, there to meet our Lord who goes before us, and to claim the fulfillment of His promises. While the outcome rests with God, the conditions of its realization are dependent upon men. It behooves us then to consider how we shall act, what we shall do, and with what we shall labor lest our labors be in vain and our work come to nought.

I. CONCERNING THE CHURCH

Its Mood

The mood in which we meet and deliberate needs first attention. Attitude will be a major influence upon the decisions reached and upon their acceptance and understanding by the Church. This General Conference will set an example by its own conduct. Let it be a demonstration of Christian understanding, of brotherly consideration and of unity and fellowship in the faith. Let it be an answer in Christian fellowship to the contention and division which are blighting the climate of human relations.

Our spiritual father and organizing genius, John Wesley, made the consideration of spirit the first concern of his 1744 Conference in the Foundry. There Methodism got its successful start in working together and avoiding schisms. Rules of order were secondary to rules of spiritual conduct. "Let all things be considered as in the immediate presence of God," was the first of Wesley's spiritual directives to

Methodism's deliberative body. This was followed by the admonition to "meet with a single eye; to examine every point which is proposed to its foundation; to allow every person to speak freely whatever is in his heart and that every question raised be thoroughly debated and settled."

Urgency to action in the face of recurring crises has often deflected the representative Assemblies of Christendom from the cultivation of the spirit. Disappointing results have followed the neglect of a right spirit. Let us not permit this to happen here as we face major and baffling issues in the Church's life. Sensitivity to what is happening in the world is prerequisite to the victories we seek. Let us not repeat the mistakes of the past when so often the Church missed its great chance by ignoring the uncomfortable realities of the world which was its parish.

Its Environment

Methodism has a reputation for candor. Referring to the 1955 session of the British Methodist Conference, *The London Times* said, "The Methodist Church has never been afraid to look not only at the world but also at itself with a candid eye." The editorial rightly referred to the Conference as "the occasion when there can be forthright speaking about Methodism's position and progress." May such be the judgment of competent observers when this General Conference comes to adjournment.

The Church must seek a strategy by taking a fresh and steady look at the changing world. We believe that such a precedent is inherent in Methodist history. John Durbin, in 1836, declared that "the Constitution was to be interpreted by the history and circumstances of the times." Flexibility in application must attend the efforts of individuals and institutions who would serve the present age. But flexibility becomes the weather vane of opportunism and expedience unless it reflects, not only the circumstances of the times, but also the unchanging elements in the human scene.

Let the Church know the world it is to serve, but let the Church go forth to serve in the consciousness of its own nature, its authority, its mission and its power.

The Church, committed to our keeping, is set down in the midst of a seeking world. Possessing unprecedented material resources and scientific knowledge this generation is, nevertheless, "hungry for something more." Herein lies an opportunity comparable to those first-century experiences which gave the exponents of Christianity their chance.

But the Church must first know the nature of the need before she can administer an effective cure. The presuppositions of the past must be examined in the environment of the present before the Church can speak with authority and move with assurance. The Church's spiritual insight and alertness require a knowledge of the world in order to become an active force in "shaping things to come."

"The circumstances of the times" speak both defiantly and pleadingly to the Church.

The present age is baffled and frustrated by the multiplication of liability-producing assets. It increases its religious interest while decreasing its moral sensitivity. It acquires power and becomes progressively insecure. It accumulates knowledge but wisdom continues in short production; it multiplies human communications and blunders in human relations. It builds houses and destroys homes. It sees more but understands less.

This age of the world's most widespread political slavery is also a time of pervasive revolution. In human relations, in moral practice, in economic philosophy, in political thought and action, in spiritual concepts and in the acquisition and uses of knowledge, great changes are taking place.

Amid "the circumstances of these times" the Church is not wholly welcome nor is it completely at home. They have presented the Church with many opportunities, but they have also produced an alien climate for the Church's life and work. The Church is confronted by forces which challenge her presence and growth. There is a withdrawal from the exacting disciplines of Christianity's way of life. There is reflection upon Christianity's claim of uniqueness. There is a clever and powerful commercialism striving to make Christianity appear dull. There are its well-wishing blunders who would either shackle it to the past or identify it with every fad in thought and action produced by the passing scene, only to discover too late the truth of Dean Inge's laconic remark that "the Church which marries the spirit of the age will be left a widow in the next generation."

"The circumstances of the times" make these days an era of reconstruction. The furies of destruction seem to have spent themselves and the desire to rebuild is evident in the emerging mood of the common man. The foundations on which the world rebuilds itself, and the life it seeks to create, are spiritual as well as economic and the Church must accept its responsibility for its part in the rebuilding.

Today forces are gathering which historians believe "will

determine the wave of the future." It is important that the Church prepare itself to create and direct these forces. They call "for a revival of religion which gives the individual effective spiritual help in leading his personal life." They challenge the Church to utmost spiritual exertion in propagating its faith. The Church "cannot afford to sit back and wait passively until mankind becomes disillusioned."

While seeing with an accurate eye what is taking place around us, let us in this General Conference "prepare (our) minds and fix (our) hopes calmly and unfalteringly upon the boon that is soon to be ours." The Church can meet these new situations with assurance when faith and work unite in the presentation of our gospel.

Its Nature

In times past the Church has missed many opportunities because it did not recognize its nature nor exercise the power and authority which sprang from its divine origin. Uncertain and fearful it buried its talent when it should have invested it, though the age was hazardous. Its thoughts then were too much upon what it had become rather than on what it was and ought to be.

Serving amid "the circumstances of the times" and directing "the wave of the future" require the Church to know its origin and destiny.

John Wesley set the example for this pattern in Conference procedure. Acquainting his followers with the true nature of the Church was a major educational task with him. Knowledge, he knew, was essential to understanding. And though his day was a time of spiritual and social urgency, crying out for immediate action, the minutes of his first Methodist Conference indicate his concern that the people called "Methodists" should think and believe before they would act.

In the commendable eagerness of Methodism to become contemporary and relevant the Wesley point of view is a counsel of effectiveness. Unless the Church for today relates its thinking and planning to history and seeks its authority and function in the knowledge of its origins, the fulfillment of its destiny will have to await a wiser generation of Churchmen.

Methodists ought to know how Wesley thought of the Church committed through him to their care. Wesley believed the Church to be divine in its origin and destiny; that it came from God and must move toward God. Our declara-

tion that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time is within the Wesleyan tradition.

Wesley found his doctrine of the Church in the Bible. Cutting through human traditions he saw the Church of the first century as "a congregation of faithful men in which the pure word is preached and the sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinances." Projecting itself through the ages it has been a fellowship of "men having the form and seeking the power of godliness, united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation and to watch over one another in love, that they might help each other to work out their salvation."

Wesley held the belief that the Church is universal, though segmented in his day through organization.

Wesley rescued the term "catholic" from its parochial prison and restored it to freedom of association with all true believers. "The Catholic Church," he said, "is all persons in the universe whom God has so called out of the world as to entitle them to the proceeding character: as to be one in body, united by one spirit, having one faith, one hope, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all, through all and in all."

To him the Church was no "human affair," created by men and therefore belonging to men. Its nature is divine, its organization pragmatic and its function contemporary. Flexibility, relevance and transcendence make it timeless and man's "attendance, prayer, gifts and service" mediate its means of grace.

Its Authority

To this age such a Church is expected to minister with a firm and steady hand and speak with a clear and commanding voice. The assumption that man has repudiated authority is a misreading of the facts. It is a more accurate interpretation of the facts to say that authority in human life has been assaulted. An artificial climate of authority has been created by the external pressures of coercion and persecution designed to shatter the inner compulsions of life on which all valid authority is based. But the common man seeks authority. He still wants to know what is truth and who has the right to say so. The Church misjudges its constituency when it assumes that standards of truth are no longer looked for nor responded to. The Church defeats itself when it exchanges its divine revelation for a materialistic relativism and seeks to be heard by its facility in spiritualizing current opinion. Where there has been recent

notable stirrings of religious interest they have been produced by proclamation of truth and not by a forum on its alternatives and relative merits.

Let it be said of Methodists, speaking to the world through this General Conference, that "there has been no equivocation about our message." Let us re-establish the landmarks of the Kingdom of God in plain sight for this questing and moving age. Let us re-set the signposts of Christian truth so that "he who runs may read."

Proclaiming the right of private judgment and the freedom of individual conscience, we must exercise them within our fellowship and fight for their re-establishment and preservation in the world. Claiming the right of decision we must justify it by making the right decisions. Holding to freedom with responsibility we must inculcate a new respect for experience through an interpretation of its lessons as a current guide to action. Utilizing the axiom in the application of scientific knowledge, we must not surrender its use in the validation of spiritual knowledge. Speaking to man's spiritual nature we must revive the language of revealed truth. Granting man the power to decide, the Church must open for him the Book which Protestantism holds as the rule and guide to man's faith and practice. Knowing the power of example, let the Church make sure that with candor and sincerity she can say, "Believe me for the very works' sake."

II. CONCERNING THE CHURCH'S MISSION

The Church needs a clear and compelling sense of its mission. Only an awareness of the significance of its mission and the dedication of its people to its realization will release its power to reach its goal. Strange times are not a formidable foe to the Church provided Christians keep their spiritual bearings while living and laboring amid adverse conditions. The Disciples of Jesus met successfully the resistance to their new religious experience because they knew where they were going and what they were commissioned to do. They heard the Master's voice above the babel of the competing voices of their day. They did not lose sight of their Major Commission to go, to preach, to teach, and to baptize and to make disciples. They were strengthened by the experience of His presence. They reached their decisions by the use of His methods. Therefore, they succeeded. The Church today has no less on which to proceed. If we seek it "God will give us perfect insight into His secret purpose and understanding of it in following the design He planned to carry out in Christ, that everything in heaven and earth

should be unified in Christ's reign until He hath put everything under His feet and made Him the indispensable Head of the Church."

Our commission likewise is "to go, to preach, to teach, to baptize and to make disciples." What this means in terms of everyday experience for the Church and the world is the business of this General Conference.

Issues

For the accomplishment of this mission the Church must have a knowledge of the current issues which challenge it. Too often in ecclesiastical warfare great effort is wasted in fighting yesterday's battles. Epochs come and go. Issues change. And just as the Church of the hour must listen to what the centuries say, so the Church of the centuries must be aware of the spirit of the age.

The issues which the Church confronts are many. We call attention to a few of them. Freedom is one of the issues which stands either to thwart or advance the mission of the Church, and religious freedom is fundamental to the preservation of all other freedoms. "For the freedom that man needs, religion seems now to be the last bulwark and the final battleground." Wise men warn the Church that "religion may be the only field left for freedom of any kind in the world into which we are now moving." The nature of the freedom the Church must defend, as well as who and what are that freedom's enemies, and how they can be met and overcome, are primary concerns for an effective strategy on behalf of the Church's mission. The exercise of freedom must not be destroyed because some have taken advantage of it to do wrong. The Christian Church must fight for the right to meet all ideologies in "the free market of ideas."

Brotherhood is also a universal issue which touches the mission of the Church at every point. The Christian principle of brotherhood based upon the sacredness of the individual and his high value in the sight of God is being challenged by religious and political forces. It is being questioned also because of its slow application and adjustment to the growing conception of the human family as one. Here the Church has a two-fold task in fulfilling its mission. While applying the principle of Christian brotherhood universally, a quality of life must also be developed to sustain that brotherhood against the pressures of self-interest which surround it. The fatal weakness of many noble attempts to further brotherhood without the Christian mind and spirit lies in an inability to withstand the pressures of expediency

and self-advancement. Qualifying for brotherhood is a prerequisite for those who demand the right of brotherhood.

The new birth, as well as the changed environment, is also an issue which involves the Church in the attainment of its goal. That the Kingdom of God comes from within is the root which nurtures the Christian society. But the principle of spiritual causation and of the logic of moral consequences are currently discounted in many popular versions of the drama for the better life. Man sins in such modern stories, but does not pay. He changes his world, but not himself. The Church cannot let a world destroy itself by a devotion to a principle of development whose falsity all experience confirms. A better world requires better men. What manner of person we ought to become is a consideration basic to the better world we seek to create.

Christianity's uniqueness is another issue where the Church meets serious opposition. Its enemies, seeing the source of Christianity's power in the maintenance of this claim, have sought to nullify it by specious argument and libelous caricature. Such attacks cannot go unchallenged. The acceptance of something less than the revelation of God in Christ may offer immediate advantages for some forms of Christian activity, but ultimately it corrupts the Church's life and deflects it from its mission. The superiority which Christianity claims lies in its power when wholly accepted. It is not the conferred superiority of special privilege reserved only for the culture which has espoused it. Its claim is to superior life like Christ's for all who accept, understand and apply its offer. The new patriotism of nationalism which attacks Christianity for its supreme loyalty to Christ calls the Church to a restatement of the reasons for its position.

A sympathetic understanding of the millions of people whose form of government is changing is essential if their religious needs are to be met. Neither economic nor political adjustments alone can produce the abundant life. The Gospel of Christ must be made relevant and available if the objectives of people striving for self-realization are to be reached.

There is a line behind which the Church cannot retreat if it is to insure itself an opportunity to make a Christian civilization. The Church must insist on the right to be heard on the merits of its mission fairly expressed and honestly judged. We ask no more but we can accept no less. The situation calls for a consideration of the price to be exacted not only for victory, but also for the temporary defeats that Wesley, Luther and the first Christians faced. In a weary age enamored with the easements of compromise.

the Church cannot yield either its rights or principles. Tacking with the winds of public sentiment and popular but passing attitudes gets the Church nowhere. Standing on the Christian ground of "finality with tolerance" Methodism interprets its mission in a world where both finality and tolerance are widely denied.

Achievements

The Church needs to review its achievements. Sensitive to its failures it forgets and allows the world to ignore its successes. The Church has not been idle nor ineffective. Methodism's current record of activity profits by comparison with the past. This has been a quadrennium of records exceeded. We have raised and expended more money for others and ourselves than in any previous quadrennium. As Methodism's part in financing the world mission, over 150 millions of dollars through World Service, the Advance for Christ, Conference Benevolences and the Woman's Society of Christian Service have been contributed during the quadrennium. Although disrupted and immobilized by World War II and its after effects, 1,500 Methodist missionaries are now helping 5,000 nationals carry on the Christian mission in upwards of fifty countries and in 125 languages and dialects. There are more Methodist educational institutions in other countries than in the United States. This ratio is also true of hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, social centers and orphanages. In social evangelism the Church outside the United States is conducting an experiment which may show the Church in the United States the way to succeed in a most difficult evangelistic field. The Church visible outside the United States has grown significantly in membership and in the number of baptized persons under instruction. With no figures available for the mainland of China the total Methodist membership, including preparatory members outside the United States, is now more than 1,200,000 and its Church School enrollment is more than 500,000. The Centennial of Methodism in India, Norway and Switzerland, to be celebrated in 1956, and in Japan to be observed in 1959, give the occasion for acquainting the entire Church with its power and work in these great lands. What has been accomplished in these countries is a source of deep satisfaction and encouragement to all Christians. Their present witness is a world-wide force for good.

The record of achievement for missions and church extension within the United States and its territories is equally encouraging. The Division of National Missions is now directing 2,700 home mission projects in the United States and its possessions. Outstanding is the leadership which has

been given to the establishment of new churches which a population growth of 15% in a decade requires. During the quadrennium 1,200 new Methodist churches have come into existence. To advance this work in the fiscal year of 1954-55, \$2,800,000 was loaned or given to 950 projects of church expansion by the Section of Church Extension.

The detailed accomplishments which will be reported to the General Conference by the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, are the result of statesmanlike guidance on the part of our Methodist leadership and of confident response on the part of our Methodist constituencies. New approaches form a large part of the story. Praise for their achievement and gratitude for their devoted service belong to them.

The world is coming alive. Shackles forged by eras now passing are being removed. Economic, social and intellectual emancipation are inevitable for all people. The world movements of liberation present problems which the Church cannot ignore. They require understanding by the Church and an identification with the struggle to establish Christian standards. They need the guidance of Christ's mind and the ethics of His conduct to achieve the good life.

The world is involved in a war of the spirit, a decisive war, the outcome of which will determine the shape of the things to come in every area of human activity. Our mission puts us in the midst of this struggle. Out of the deliberation and provision of this General Conference strength sufficient for victory must issue.

III. CONCERNING THE CHURCH'S CHALLENGE

While the achievements of the quadrennium are a cause for rejoicing, at no point can Methodism write "mission accomplished." On all fronts we have no alternative but to press forward "that those who have not been told about Him shall see and those who have not heard shall understand."

Life

The Church is faced with the necessity of increasing its vitality. Forces are at work in the world, open and devious, active and latent, which would limit and destroy its life. The assumption that the Church will endure to the end of time involves man's action as well as God's power. Thought and effort are required of us now to insure the universal witness of the Church for tomorrow. The Church will be

judged by the side of nationalism, communism, paganism and materialism for its ability to serve mankind. Can the Church maintain its universality in the face of a rising nationalism? Can the Church propagate its uniqueness in expanding communist areas? Can the gospel be transmitted without the clothes of the culture which takes it? Can we prevent secularism from extinguishing the Church's spirit? Can we maintain organic and vital oneness in world Methodism? These are the questions now being discussed in all branches of Methodism and they require an affirmative answer.

Expansion

The Church is likewise confronted by a challenge to its expansion. The forces seeking the containment of Christianity offer the Church the right of existence but deny it the opportunities for growth. Christianity cannot accept this offer. By its nature Christianity dies if it does not grow. The Church cannot endorse or acquiesce in this untenable definition of religious freedom.

A static Church, satisfied with a "normal" growth and an institutional witness, cannot save the world. The times require more strenuous efforts and the expectation of unusual success. A continuation of institutional expansion, a greatly multiplied personal witness and organizational growth, comparable to the gains recorded in the days of Methodism's greatest enthusiasm, are the Church's guarantees that even the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Attack, although it be in the nature of a siege, calls for vigorous counter-attack. The Church has no alternative but to take the field and risk all on the outcome.

How the Church thinks of its task and opportunity and what it does with its resources are the responsibility of all those who participate in its activities. With many of our membership contributing nothing and rendering no active service, the Church has a problem of ecclesiastical and spiritual logistics to deal with before it can assume the offensive in an all-out struggle for men's souls. When the Master, pointing to thousands of American communities without a church and relaying the Macedonian call for institutions and personnel in all of the countries where The Methodist Church is at work, bids us "give them to eat," it will be futile to discuss policy and method if we have not mobilized and consecrated our resources.

The spirit of the pioneer who responds to new frontiers will bring reinvigorating power to a Church tempted to be satisfied with its present pattern of achievement.

Fellowship

The task of re-establishing good public relations is also a major concern of the Church. Decades of incessant and world-wide propaganda against the Church have created barriers of ignorance and misunderstanding which require attention. Good will, however, is not always synonymous with popularity. Nor is it to be measured by toleration and security. The good will the Church requires for its work goes deeper into life than the fickle and superficial expressions of popularity. The modern methods of propaganda make popularity today a simulated reaction. The re-establishment of respect through a consistency which unites precept and example, and a demonstration of Christianity's power to produce and maintain a good life in the midst of the world's spiritual and social neuroticism, will inspire in the common man a confidence that no coercion can undermine.

Frontiers

The Church faces the challenge of a new and difficult frontier and will need to equip itself for survival amid these frontier conditions. Churchless communities are not simply a condition of the past. They are multiplying with the increasing mobility of present-day populations and they often remain churchless by the will of the communities themselves. City churches in too great numbers now stand as monuments to the life which once surrounded them and represent potential power now made impotent by a refusal to change their ministry to meet the city's spiritual need. Many of them are "waiting for the stirring of the waters" and for some organizational impetus to "push them in."

An area of ignorance is now invading the most literate sections of the world, especially ignorance of religion. The motion picture and the novel have taken great liberties in dealing with the religious themes they present. Historic accuracy and spiritual interpretation have been sacrificed on the altar of commercialization in response to popular demand. In a country which boasts the highest requirements for universal education the prevalence of religious illiteracy is disturbing.

The frontier of changing social and economic conditions presents the Church with its most fateful challenge. The Bandung Conference focused the world's attention on irresistible forces working to release Asia and Africa from many forms of bondage. This Conference spoke to the Church as well as to the State. The questions raised by this Conference must be answered by the Church in a way which will avoid the tragedies which occur when power is simply

transferred rather than consecrated. The answer must unite all mankind in obedience to the Highest Power.

The challenge of the Church's mission is a call to obedience to the Divine Directive, to partnership with all who share Christ's sufferings and seek to do His work, to faith in the achievement of our highest hopes, to work with each other and with Christ for God.

IV. CONCERNING THE CHURCH'S RESOURCES

What are the prospects for advancing significantly the mission of the Church during the coming quadrennium? The answer will be determined in part by the resources and what the Church does with these resources.

People

One of Methodism's indispensable assets is its people. From the beginning its concern has been primarily with people and its vindication has been the people's response. The Methodist Church in the United States now has a membership of 9,313,278 and a preparatory membership of 1,187,805. This represents a gain of 2.4% for the quadrennium and should be evaluated in the light of the fact that during the quadrennium upwards of 1,000,000 inactive members were removed from the membership roll. The percentage of growth is greater in countries outside the United States where The Methodist Church is at work. Of the non-church members now in the United States it may be assumed on the ratio of strength and support that more than ten million of them would have some tie to the Methodist tradition. Leaders on our world mission fields do not estimate possible constituencies because they are limited only by our provision for reaching them.

Thus the human resources for establishing the rule of Christ are abundant. From experience we know that people respond in proportion to the recognition of their need and the ability of the Church to minister to their spiritual requirements. The Church is under obligation to make a continual study of people as people and to bring to their need the Christian cure.

Significant facts emerge in a diagnosis of man's state in the world today. The first is his need for spiritual wholeness. Divided moral loyalties, conflicting ethical standards, waning concepts of truth leave him frustrated and confused. Many find it too much for them and they either sink or drift. The medical profession estimates that more than fifteen million Americans need clinical treatment for their

psychological ills and the number of so-called normal persons needing some practical help is many times that figure. To the Church they lift this question, "Canst thou minister to a mind diseased?" And the Church, when it fails to realize the possession of the power to cure, sets them adrift, often to seek treatment from the atheistic rather than the Christian psychiatrist.

The Church has a proven remedy. It is not the spiritual sedation of a success gospel, "some sweet oblivious antidote" by which the Church seeks to effect this cure. It is a process through which a man comes "to live his life in relation to God." "By it," John Wesley said, "we are saved from uneasiness of mind, from the anguish of a wounded spirit, from discontent, from fear and sorrow of heart, and from that inexpressible listlessness and weariness both of the world and of ourselves that we have so helplessly labored under. The love of God for all mankind we believe to be the medicine of life for all the evils of a disordered world, for the misery and vices of man. Wherever this is there are virtue and happiness going hand in hand."

It is time that the Protestant Church recognized these psychological and spiritual needs in so large a part of its constituency and sought to meet them through all of its manifold ministries.

The need for unity can best be ministered to by the Church when it is related to the current desire for fellowship. People are lonely and afraid in a world where modern science has eliminated distances and herded mankind together. The divisions are sharper and mankind is more conscious of them in a world where people are constantly rubbing elbows. The appeal of dialectic materialism for a "classless society" cannot be disassociated from the desire of people to be at one with each other. Tragedy has resulted when the Church has not demonstrated its possession of the true "classless society" which is the product of Christian brotherhood. The only true "classless society" is in Christ. Its genuineness displays the Christian label. The hope of unity through fellowship lies in a transcendent constraint and loyalty which binds all men to God through Christ and constrains them by that loyalty to live together as brothers.

The Church can also count on a sympathetic response from people to whom it offers its ministries. Their restlessness, they know, relates itself to their souls even though they may seek desperately for peace by means which deny this relationship. The response to visitation evangelism, where rebuffs are the exception and were commitments to

the Christian way of life have averaged one out of three appeals, should encourage the Church to maximum effort in its chief business of saving souls. The years which lie immediately ahead can witness a world-wide advance in Christian living as amazing as the advances which have already been made on the economic levels if the Church proves worthy of this opportunity.

The people whom the Church seeks to bring into the Christian fellowship welcome an authority which respects the rights of their personality while providing a firm basis on which to build. In their hearts they are done with the quicksands of moral and intellectual relativism and the tyranny of dogmatism, be it political, social or religious. The Church will miss its opportunity if it mistakes the questioning of its authority as a signal to argument rather than as an appeal for elucidation. Behind the demand to know is the desire to be told plainly.

The times call likewise for special consideration of certain groups within the Church's constituency. The non-church members in the United States, though greatly reduced in percentages, still constitute 40% of the population. Inactive church members add another 20% to the total number in the population with no vital relation to the Church. The possibilities for recruiting new members outside the United States are even more favorable. The tendency for the Church to become static and content to hold its own is a beguiling temptation. The growth of Church membership to be rightly evaluated should be studied in relation to the expansion of "rival faiths" such as communism and the "nationalistic" religions including western secularism. The question, "Is Methodism becoming a static Church?" needs realistic consideration.

Methodism has a special responsibility in the field of evangelism. Fortunately the Methodist Board of Evangelism is equipped and alert to lead the Church in meeting its responsibility. Our Methodist message has been characterized as "an evangelism which is permanently congenial to a large part of humanity to whom it speaks in an idiom of peculiar congruency." It speaks to the people and their needs. Let us seek, therefore, the ways to maintain this power to speak a spiritual language which the common man understands.

The importance of youth as a resource in extending the rule of God is gaining the recognition it deserves in the thought of the Church. The General Conference of 1952 wisely instructed the Church "to place special emphasis during the quadrennium 1952-56 upon developing, improv-

ing and extending its Youth Program and upon reaching increased numbers of youth for the Christian life and membership in the Church." No world movement in modern times has come to power without capturing and utilizing the young people. Often the forces of exploitation are wiser in this respect than the children of light. Juvenile delinquency has its origins in the neglect of the young. The Church has been retarded in its mission because it has surrendered too often the young to other character-molding agencies. The cure for juvenile delinquency is basically spiritual. The Church must realize that it is both the custodian and the mediator of the four experiences which young people seek: the experience of being loved, the sense of security, the feeling of belonging and the consciousness of importance.

The gains recorded by The Methodist Church in its work with young people are significant. The Methodist Youth Fellowship has stopped the losses in youth membership and reports a gain of more than 118,000 for the quadrennium. Through "The Christian Witness" mission over 100,000 commitments to Christ were secured by Methodist youth. Encouraging also is the report that in one Lenten reading project young people purchased more than 300,000 books on our faith and our Church. Most significant has been the Church-sponsored Conferences for Youth which recognized their varied interests. The challenge of the Church to youth has become more realistic also, sensing the response of youth to the authority of truth, their eager capacity for dynamic loyalty and their insistence upon candor. The young have amazed this age by their response to a crusading challenge, their uncringing facing of the rigors of the good life, their lack of response to a religion of few demands and to a life of pampered security. Their story is a bright page in contemporary Church history. Often the young lead their elders and always they need their elders' help.

Our chief hope for securing the leadership required to fulfill our Christian mission lies in effective recruitment of our Methodist youth. The General Conference of 1948 created the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations which is the recruitment arm of ten co-operating Boards and Agencies of the Church. It brings the call of full-time Christian service to the hearts of our young people at the local church level. Last year almost 29,000 young people in 73 Annual Conferences participated in Christian Vocations Institutes. The necessity for thus developing leadership in the Church in other countries and the present appeals for leadership in the Church within the United States call for

increased attention to the recruitment and preparation of our young people for Christian life service.

What has been done with the young people provides encouragement to undertake what needs to be done for the youth in the United States still unreached by the efforts of the Church.

Family life the world around calls for the special attention of the Church. The family is traditionally the bulwark of the Christian faith. While much remains to be done to lift the quality of living within the home, hopeful signs appear everywhere. In spite of the coarsening effect of many mass media upon child life and of the threat of secularism to the solidarity of the home, men and women are increasingly devoted to family living. The family is returning to the practice of doing things together. Parents are eager to improve their relations with their children. Families are growing in size. 4,065,000 babies were born in the United States in 1954, the largest number of any year in our history. The home is of growing significance in our day. The establishment of the Christian home releases influences for good in all phases of human life. Paradoxically in the year 1953, when America reached a new high of 1,106,000 in the number of houses built, the number of homes dissolved by divorce is still alarmingly high. The statistics for 1953 indicate that there were 2,280,000 divorced persons living in the United States. The seriousness of the situation is indicated by the fact that there are now some 4,500,000 women and children in the United States whose lives have been darkened by desertion. The broken home is rightly credited with a tragic brood of social and personal ills. While the ineffectiveness of religious agencies in dealing with marital disasters cannot be blamed entirely for the situation which confronts us, they must assume their share of condemnation at the points where they have failed to do their duty toward the preservation of Christian family life. The New Testament pattern of family life—what it is, how it is created and preserved, its authority and cohesion—has been overshadowed by a secular pattern whose appeal is to physical gratification and emotional and social irresponsibility. The Christian concept of marriage as a spiritual contract confronts a resurgence of the pagan conception which would reduce the marriage contract in effect to a matter of registration. The Christian position must be lifted up in clear definition and made relevant to the conditions of modern life. "If there is a Christian pattern of family life, if there is a Christian doctrine of marriage and a Christian teaching on divorce, tell us plainly," say the common people.

A step forward in strengthening the Christian conception of marriage and the home has been made in the identification of the forces in modern life which cause their deterioration. A changing urban culture has increased transiency. Employed mothers now constitute one third of the labor forces. Activities associated with modern living outside the home siphon off energies and interests needed to make family life attractive and Christian. Emphasis upon the physical aspects of marriage has tended to reduce consideration of its spiritual aspects.

Increased participation by the Church in dealing with situations which affect family life is bringing to the individual new power in developing Christian family relations. The Methodist Family Life Conference, supported by Methodism's fine Christian homes which look to it for guidance, has already demonstrated its value. It is expanding in influence and opportunity and has commended itself as a constructive antidote to the pagan influences which have infiltrated modern home life.

Methodism has discovered the tremendous resources of the Laity. The union of the three branches of Methodism provided a large place for Lay Leadership and activity in the new Church organization and the rapid growth of the churches lifts up certain important questions regarding this relationship. The philosophy of Lay participation in Methodism needs to be popularized in order that the returns of Lay Activity in the work of the Kingdom may be commensurate with the potential. The quest for a program of participation is the increasing concern of the General Board of Lay Activities. During the quadrennium notable progress has been made in clarifying the function of Lay Activity in the Local Church and in developing services for the Laity to render. The formation of more than 10,000 Methodist Men's Clubs constitutes one most promising result of these efforts.

Clerical leadership in encouraging and developing Lay Activity is likewise needed. An expanding church will require greater Lay participation under Clerical direction. With the current shortage of ministers, the preaching and teaching function of the Laity could be put to much wider use. Church life in most communities, restricted now by lack of workers, has the Lay resources for revitalization if they are quickened by a sense of mission and channeled to the work which is suited to their aptitude.

The Church needs also to be alerted to the necessity of calling its most gifted Lay people to leadership. Too often leadership is assigned to the available or the willing rather than to the able and talented. Not only in the Local Church is

this need to recruit the ablest Lay Leadership apparent, but it should also be a major concern in the selection of representation in the Annual Conference where Laymen participate equally with the Clergy on the level of decision.

Our Laity deserve more attention and help in developing their service to the Kingdom. They have contributed greatly to Methodism's success. Their largest contribution and deepest satisfaction come through participation in all of the work of the Church.

Education

The power of education to mold personality and to fix the pattern of society makes it a major resource for the Church's mission. No way of life in modern times has come to acceptance and control without the effective use of the educational resources.

Education is a function the Church cannot surrender nor neglect if its purpose is to give mankind a Christian mind.

In the beginnings of American Protestantism the importance of education guided by a Christian philosophy was wisely recognized. The first Protestant churches had two pastors, one to preach and one to teach. Religious education, now a major activity of the Church, had its origin in the convictions of our founding Fathers who believed that those who were to direct the material resources of a nation must be educated in the moral and spiritual values of life. Eight of the nine colonial colleges still surviving were founded by the Church. A valid explanation for the absence of any religious provision in early American law is the assumption that the recognition of the spiritual in education at that time was axiomatic. The historic influence of the Church in higher education in the United States may be appreciated through the fact that today 30% of the university students are in institutions sponsored by the Church.

Methodism has always recognized the primacy of education as a religious responsibility. The first two questions asked in the first Methodist Conference of 1744 were: "What shall we teach?" and "How shall we teach?" The time has come for the Church to restate its position.

The major educational concerns of Methodism have been threefold, centering in the public school, the Church School and the Christian college. Co-operation with educational leaders in achieving the highest functioning of the public school system in terms of the intellectual and moral development of the pupils and the enrichment of the national life has been characteristic of Methodists. Praise should be

given to the men and women of Christian character and high moral purpose who are devoting their lives to public education. The public school, as well as the private school, is a fundamental part of America's pattern of education. It is a public responsibility whose adequate support by tax funds is justified. We are unalterably opposed to the diversion of such funds to the furtherance of private and sectarian schools. We, therefore, reaffirm our pledge to support the traditional American position regarding the function, conduct and maintenance of the public schools.

Methodism from the beginning has sought to develop an effective system of Christian education in its churches. The Report of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church indicates the measure of its success. Losses have been turned into gains. Building and equipment estimated to cost \$225,000,000 has been supplied during the quadrennium. Every phase of Christian education has been studied for the purpose of improvement. One sixth of the total number of Protestant students receiving religious training are enrolled in the schools of the Methodist churches, and more than 500,000 men and women are giving their services voluntarily to provide this instruction. The conditions have been met which, with larger support, assure significant progress in the coming quadrennium.

Higher education has likewise been a major concern of Methodism. Its present service is not fully realized. In addition to the 113 schools and colleges related to The Methodist Church, which provide education for one out of ten of the Nation's college students, there are 164 Wesley Foundations on college and university campuses. In-service education for 15,000 ministers is conducted through its Pastors' Schools and Correspondence Courses. It administers a Loan and Scholarship Fund for students which distributed \$1,500,000 during the quadrennium. Today these services are threatened by the problems of mounting costs, expanding needs and the necessity for providing better campus facilities. While the annual giving of the churches for current maintenance of the colleges has increased during the last quadrennium, the goal of one dollar per member is a minimum requirement if Church-related Methodist colleges are to remain solvent and efficient. Furthermore, it is predicted that the number of young people going to college will double by 1970. To retain the Methodist student ratio of one in ten, facilities for at least 250,000 additional students must be provided.

Advantageously situated, Methodist higher education must have greatly increased financial support in order to

fulfill its obligation to the Church, the community and to its youth.

Christian education, however, is not compartmental. It is all of one piece. Unless the Church is prepared to strengthen and expand its entire educational structure, the refurbishing of only one phase of it, whether it be in the Local Church or on the college campus, will fail to accomplish the total educational achievement of the Church's mission.

The extent of this expansion and the provision of increased support are basic concerns for this General Conference. They compel a consideration of the ground work on which the structure of a Christian society is built. They must take into account the spiritual "I.Q." of every individual on all levels from childhood to maturity. They require a realization that every person is a teacher whose obligation cannot be delegated. They demand the knowledge of an adequate Christian philosophy of education to inform the mind, to direct the will, elevate the thought, cultivate the tastes and create the dominant desires of mankind. They can be implemented only through a major crusade for adequate financial support.

The work of strengthening Christian education demands a realistic consideration of the provisions necessary to accomplish this educational task. More time must be devoted to it by the rank and file of Christian men and women. Better programs must be devised. More thought must be given to the historic Christian position than to the current secular opinion. Better equipment and resources in the home, church, community and college will be needed if the challenge is to be met. Larger financial provision will be required.

The setting for advance has been well laid. We, the Bishops of the Church, heartily support the proposals which will be made to this General Conference, calling the Church to a crusade for Christian education comprehensive in its scope and sufficient for the needs it encounters. We ask that the need be fully defined and that all of our people be acquainted with it. We urge upon the Church the courageous vision to undertake all that is required to give people everywhere the Christian mind. We believe that our people await a plan set forth by The General Conference to achieve this educational objective and to its successful accomplishment we commit ourselves.

The Ministry

Constant attention should be given to the availability.

use and replenishment of the ministerial resources needed for the accomplishment of the Church's mission.

Many Methodists do not realize the unusual asset the Church has in its ministerial resources nor the Methodist philosophy of their use. Overlooking these facts may lead to attitudes and policies which deter if not destroy the realization of Methodist objectives. The Methodist system of ministerial supply and administration is unique in Protestant polity.

At the present time there are 26,649 Ministerial Members of the Annual Conferences in the United States and its possessions, 6,234 approved Supply Pastors and 6,092 Ministers and Missionaries in our Overseas Conferences. One out of eight Methodist Ministers in the effective relation is serving in some type of special Appointment. Our Parish Ministers give pastoral oversight to more than 12,000,000 members and preparatory members of The Methodist Church.

A survey of our ministerial resources reveals a tremendous reservoir of power and poses serious questions concerning their preparation, use and replenishment. These concerns are fundamental since what the Church does about them will determine what can be done in every other area of the Church's Program.

Methodism's ministry may be called indigenous since it comes almost entirely from its own membership and actually supplies a considerable number of Ministers for other denominations. It is unique in its employment of the Local Preacher for the pastoral ministry. While in some Denominations 25% of the churches are reported to be without permanent pastors, there are virtually no churches, large or small, in Methodism without settled pastoral service and oversight. This unusual record in the provision for pastoral services to the churches becomes more significant when associated with the fact that 12% of the Methodist Ministers in the effective relation are set aside for some special service, either within the Denomination or with some related Church activity.

This record of Ministerial Supply and its employment is responsible for the leadership which produces the tremendous volume of Christian work by our people in and through the churches. Any adjustment of our Ministry to meet modern conditions should be evaluated by its ability to maintain the flow and effectiveness of this leadership.

We who are charged with the oversight of these Ministers pay them a well-deserved tribute for their dedication and their devotion to the work "whereunto they have been

called." They are dedicated men and women who look on their ministry as "no human affair." We likewise recognize that their preparation and commitment are important factors in the service they render. We are concerned with the increasing tendency to multiply activities and to enlarge the machinery of organization which take the time and drain the energy of these men of God from the performance of their chief function. Activity is by no means synonymous with accomplishment and a reduction of activity of the "wheel spinning" variety, along with the development of trained lay employment in the temporal and organizational phases of church life, would result in much greater success in the preacher's "chief business" which is to save souls in the widest application of this commission.

The recruitment and preparation of the Ministry for the future is an immediate responsibility of the Church. While the figures on recruitment are encouraging, the statistics on preparation are disquieting. Every Bishop reports a response from his ablest young men to the challenge to listen for and respond to God's call to preach. The facilities and the means for their preparation, however, present a partially closed door through which this stream of called and dedicated youth would pass. Methodism's ten theological seminaries in the United States have more than 3,000 students now enrolled, a maximum number for their present facilities. Places are available in our Methodist seminaries for only five out of seven Methodist students now pursuing their theological studies. While there were 864 Methodist graduates from the seminaries in 1954, there were 1,129 Ministers removed from the itinerant ranks. This meant a replacement shortage of 20% with no additional Ministers provided for the current multiplying functional ministerial services and for new churches which should be established. To supply these services it is estimated that 6,800 additional Ministers will be needed during the coming quadrennium. The provision for financial aid to the theological seminaries from World Service amounting to \$800,000 a year has helped but not met the demands which the Church has put upon these schools. Methodism must move up to a place beside those Denominations which, having recruited a carefully selected and spiritually called group for the Ministry, feel it a moral obligation, as well as a wise investment, to see that college and seminary education are available for them.

Our need is primarily and urgently for a pastoral ministry, men equipped both in training and attitude to do the work of a parish. Let this be the main academic concern of

our seminaries and let the Church give supplemental support to the colleges and seminaries for this educational assignment.

The effectiveness of our Ministry is closely related to the polity through which it functions. From the beginning the Methodist system has been unique in the organizational life of Christendom. Evolved from the pragmatic basis of need, the structure of The Methodist Church has retained its fundamental principles while maintaining a flexibility which has applied the principles to new situations. Expediency, change for change's sake, novelty and popular demand have not dictated the course of Methodist organization and government.

A review of these distinctive features is a valuable preparation for decisions on adjustments in polity proposed to meet current needs.

Bishop Thomas Coke, defending the Methodist system in the early days, when a philosophy of Church Government was forming, attributed to the Methodist plan of supervision responsibility "for the vigor and activity to the resolves of the body, calmness and wisdom in deliberating and expedition and force in administration." The unity of Methodism, its growth and cohesion testify to the ecclesiastical statesmanship of its first Bishop.

The retention of a General Superintendency, as "an elective office and not as a divine appointment," itinerant in function and general in Church-wide responsibilities, has been decisive in avoiding the weakness of parochialism and in strengthening the world-wide Church. While changing times raise questions of adjustment, in the discussion of them, let the Church retain this perspective, lest an effort to improve may result in an action which destroys. The number of administrative duties placed upon the Bishop's office increases with each succeeding quadrennium. The Bishops do not seek relief from these multiplying tasks, they desire only to make their service more effective. For this they need adequate resources to maintain the functions of the General Superintendency in the life and work of our Church whose connectional system from the beginning has contributed so largely to the achievements of Methodism.

Twice the Methodist principle of organization has demonstrated its flexibility in its application to the Conferences which are the basic body in Methodist administration: once for the benefit of the World Church, when to the plan of Conferences was added the Central Conference, and again with the union of the three branches of Methodism when

the Jurisdictional Conference became a part of the Methodist system. In each case The General Conference sought to meet a new situation by a provision that would not infringe upon nor destroy the basic plan of Methodist Conference organization. While perfection has not been achieved by these procedures, benefits are evident which should be preserved in any effort for improvement. The principle of regional organization is an established one not only in Methodism but in the modern administration of all worldwide ecclesiastical bodies. Nevertheless, with rapidly changing conditions in the world situation, in facilities for communication, and in group attitudes which provide the setting for the administration of the Church, our entire Conference system, basic and essential as it is, needs constant and constructive attention and review lest here also the principle lose some of its effectiveness through a tendency to rigidity and inflexibility. In the examination of our procedures we are encouraged by the example of Mr. Wesley who, at the London Conference of 1744, raised the question, "Need we be afraid of examining every point and every old idea" and replied, "No, if they are false the sooner they are overturned the better. If they are true they will stand the strictest examination."

The itinerant ministry is likewise basic in the connectional system of our polity. It recognizes a difference between ordination with the privilege of preaching and ordination with the responsibilities of Conference membership. This distinction should be borne in mind in every consideration of the ministerial office. Its value is demonstrated in its ability to supply our churches with continuous ministerial service and in the prolonged effectiveness of our preachers in service.

At its best our connectional system gives the preacher both freedom and security. It provides supervision without destroying initiative. It exercises control with constitutional safeguards for independent decision and action. It produces unity of action without denying the expression of individuality.

Giving

There is no way to compute the total philanthropy of Methodists. The teaching of the Church encourages its members to support every good cause and to exercise leadership and practice generosity in all sound benevolent enterprises. We do know, however, that in 1954 Methodists within the United States gave \$384,500,000 for the support of their churches which was an increase of 269% over the

amount they gave in 1942 and was the largest amount given by any Protestant Denomination. This record reflects the accumulative effect of a continual Crusade of Stewardship which began with the Crusade for Christ in 1944. It is an impressive figure and does not include the gifts of individuals to Methodist work not reported in the authorized statistical tables. These contributions assume greater significance when considered as free-will offerings, prompted only by a desire to give. They represent both generosity and sacrifice and we express our gratitude to all who gave.

An analysis of the statistics, however, discloses both disquieting and encouraging facts about the giving habits of the Methodists. We regret to report that they are "below average" givers, the average being \$41.91 for all American Protestants as compared with \$37.45 per capita giving for Methodists. On the other hand the increase in per capita giving in 1954 as compared with 1953 is above average for the Methodists, the average being \$2.95 while the Methodists increased their per capita giving by \$3.35.

The conditions prompting an increase in voluntary giving should also be in the thinking and planning of the Church. The national income has reached a new high record of 305 billions for 1954. It is estimated that it will reach 413 billions by 1960. By that date the studies also predict that the average yearly income per household in the United States will be \$6,180. Present tax laws provide most favorable exemptions for religious and charitable giving. Industry and labor are making generous gifts to human welfare projects, an example being the 345 millions of dollars given by corporations to education in 1954. Never has there been a more propitious time to test the convictions of our people on the question of adequate voluntary support for our religious, educational and welfare activities.

By the side of this increased ability to give should be placed the need for giving. How are we going to take this world for Christ unless we provide the means for doing it. The enrollment in institutions of higher learning will double by 1970. Shall Methodists meet this obligation and opportunity with nothing more than its present educational facilities? The population of the United States will increase by 1960 to 180 millions requiring 50,000 new Protestant churches to maintain the present standard of services. Will Methodists provide their share of them? The world opportunity for Christianity is limited only by our ability to supply the personnel, equipment and maintenance. Let us not miss our opportunity because of mounting difficulties or by a diminishing sense of urgency.

The results in giving will be disappointing, however, unless the Church quickens the Christian incentive, educates its people in understanding and appreciation, and provides for a wider participation in giving on the part of its membership and constituency.

The motivation for Christian giving is scriptural and spiritual, not legalistic and prudential. When understood and appreciated as a means of grace it takes its place among the spiritual offices of our faith. The inculcation of this attitude toward giving is the beginning of an adequate response. It calls for sound education before great results can be realized through promotion.

Furthermore, the sacrificial giving of the people places upon the Church a moral obligation to deal constructively with the problem of dependency which tends to become habitual where supplemental help is available and not only delays the achievement of self-support, but also tends to create a static Church.

Let us not assume that the reason for insufficient giving to the work of the Church has been entirely the fault of the people. Often it has been the result of improper and ineffective planning and lackadaisical efforts to secure the widest participation. The financial goals proposed for the next quadrennium can be realized when method, motive and need are properly related.

Christian Co-operation

Saving the world is a task under God not for one Church but for all of the Churches working together. From the inception of the Inter-Denominational Co-Operative Movement, Methodism has been in the forefront of leadership and participation. Believing that the separate resources of the Denominations gain power through uniting, The Methodist Church has striven to become strong in itself and strong through its co-operation.

The principle of Church Union is established, but it is a reality not yet fully experienced. Encouraging progress, however, is evident both in the will of Protestants to unite and in the results of union gained through the present significant ecumenical organizations.

The position of the Methodists regarding ecumenicity is clear. It was, in fact, fixed by John Wesley who has been called "the most ecumenically-minded of all the great reformers." It is based on freedom and experience. Its symbol is the open hand and extended arm, not to absorb but to unite when hearts are one and minds meet.

Methodism has demonstrated the workability of the doctrine of Church Union within its own branches, not only in the results of its united activities, but in its ability to adjust its internal differences through democratic processes.

Methodism looks with sympathy upon the efforts now under consideration throughout the world to unite Protestant forces, but it looks also through the practical eye of the founder, John Wesley, lest the process by which union is sought may inadvertently destroy the creative genius of Protestantism's uniqueness.

Methodism has much to receive in the formation of the coming ecumenical Church. It also has much to offer. Its validation of authority through experience, its emphasis upon life and work, its adjustment to the Protestant spirit of individuality, its appreciation of difference, its repudiation of exclusiveness, its firmness with tolerance, its passion for evangelism and missions, its effectiveness through organization, bring to the ecumenical movement some elements of historic Protestantism practically applied without which its permanence cannot be realized.

With deep satisfaction we call attention to Methodist leadership in the current ecumenical movements. The Methodist Church has entered wholeheartedly into the work of the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches and the World Methodist Council. We believe that these bodies dramatically illustrate the coming oneness of the Christian forces. They have demonstrated their use as effective instruments in the advancement of the Christian enterprise.

We also note that the Ninth World Conference of Methodism will convene at Lake Junaluska in August 1956. Methodists from all parts of the world will be present and they will receive a most cordial welcome. We rejoice in the united Christian witness which Methodism bears through this instrumentality.

Communication

The Church is confronted with the opportunity of new and effective media of communication. Radio, television and the crusade to eliminate illiteracy bring the listening and reading world to the door of the Church. 95% of the householders in the United States have radios and 99% of the people are in reach of at least one television station. Two thirds of American homes now have television sets. Illiteracy is rapidly decreasing among the so-called underprivileged peoples of the world. Already more than 60 millions in 250 languages and dialects have been taught to read by

the Laubach method, which makes the doom of world illiteracy only a matter of time. The Methodist Church must proceed to take full advantage of these extended methods of communication even though they are costly and require some shifting from older and less effective means of reaching people. Their value may be judged by the political and commercial efforts to utilize and control them.

The big question of cost, which really challenges the Church to do something more than to protest the low order of much that is transmitted by these means of communication, must be considered. Also the overshadowing question of policy, which could easily nullify the efforts of the Church even when the cost of these services has been provided, must have serious attention. Control may be subtly as well as openly applied to the detriment of religion. Protestants must insist upon air-ways and press-ways free to express what Protestants believe, and we must be prepared to pay the price for this right under conditions that are just and equitable.

The Church needs also to give thought to the content of the messages these means of communication transmit and their inevitable effect upon the life of the world. What the eye constantly sees and the ear hears inevitably determines what the mind believes and the person becomes. Nothing that touches the mind of man can escape being didactic.

From 1769 when Robert Williams began the Methodist book business in Philadelphia to the present, literature has been a major concern of The Methodist Church. We have moved from the first venture of a small hymnal to a vast system of publications which provides literature for all phases of Methodist life and work. Proving to be a successful business venture it has also been a mighty force in the propagation of the faith which is its original and continuing purpose. New opportunities for our literature are opening with the lifting of the cloud of illiteracy which has darkened the minds of at least one third of the world's population. A new reading public is being created. Commercial interests have been quick to sense this and the Communists are already supplying their literature to these new readers on the level of their intellectual development and their environmental interests and within the price range of their ability to pay. In the battle for the minds of these people the Church must not make the fatal blunder of too little and too late.

In the United States the problem of religious illiteracy centers in ignorance through lack of interest. A task of promotion confronts us. John Wesley insisted that "every

preacher recommend to every society, and that frequently and earnestly, the reading of books we have published. Carry books with you," he said, "exert yourself in this and be not ashamed." "Why is it that people under our care are no better?" Take to heart Mr. Wesley's answer to this question: "Other reasons may concur but the chief reason is, we are not more knowing. We are not more knowing because we are idle. Read the most useful books regularly and constantly."

In 1952 the Bishops requested the Board of Publications to produce a Methodist magazine which would be "a bold venture" in religious journalism and which could attract at least 1,000,000 Methodist subscribers. Its Report, recommending a magazine for pastors and one for the families of the Church, has been received by The Council of Bishops. We look upon the proposal as a significant adventure in Church Publications and as one offering promise for the future.

V. CONCERNING THE CHURCH'S OBJECTIVES Program

Methodism is a Church continually on the march. It has always had a Program. True to its name it has sought to bring together its varied interests under one master plan that advances may be made on all fronts at the same time. The advantages of such a strategy are evident in the results. Fragmentary activities and haphazard planning are thus avoided. Organizations are united in a common plan while fulfilling a special responsibility for a part of the plan. The Methodist on the farthest outpost maintains his morale by the realization that he has a necessary part in the mission of a great Church.

The traditional policy by which a Church-wide Program is provided by The General Conference has kept Methodism mobile, contemporary and effective. It has enabled the Church to meet conditions as they arise and to utilize the mood of the times for Christ and His Kingdom.

The wisdom of this strategy has been repeatedly demonstrated in the response which has come to these Programs of Church-wide planning since Union. The Crusade for Christ, while exceeding our expectations financially, resulted in a score of gains in other Departments of the Church's life. The Advance for Christ and His Church has greatly increased the giving for benevolences and carried forward with it all the major causes of the Church through regular channels of Church promotion.

The Church now looks to this General Conference for another Quadrennial Program centering in an urgently needed effort which will increase the efficiency of the Local Church, strengthen our Church-wide projects, and make provision for the needs of our institutions of learning. A quadrennial objective so comprehensive and challenging will capture the Church's imagination and command the co-ordination of its full resources.

The Program of Methodism, through which the Church seeks to realize its spiritual objectives, is a co-operative task involving both man and God in an effort to redeem society. It seeks to understand "What is God's plan for the world?" and then by a definite program of full participation strives to carry out that plan. Its strength is measured by its conviction that a new world order in which Christ reigns is attainable. It holds that the good life can create the good society. It accepts responsibility for improving the conditions under which mankind now lives. Through it, Methodism seeks to answer the prophets of doom who say that the future is bleak, the Cassandras who see the world sinking, but with no power to halt its downward course, the good people who gaze into a heaven of expectation but are bound to inactivity by a theological deception which immobilizes them in the fight to take the Kingdom of this world for their Lord and Christ.

Methodists believe that tomorrow can be made better than today. We face the future with hope and we undertake the task of holy daring. Our confidence springs from the conviction that the way of God, though "oppressed for a time, in the end will ultimately triumph."

Christian Brotherhood

We live in a divided world whose well-being is threatened by group tensions, misunderstandings and incited hostilities. The only hope modern civilization has for the preservation of its gains lies in its ability to create a real brotherhood which will transform tension into participation, misunderstandings into appreciation, and hostility into co-operation.

The task is gigantic but the failures of the past provide guidance in the present and hope for the future. By now we should know that brotherhood is not a sectional concern. It is basic in all human relations and embraces all mankind. Our failures lift up the weakness of those systems which would peg the achievement of brotherhood solely by legislative and political controls. Around us lie the crumbling ruins of the materialistic efforts to produce a synthetic brother-

hood in the matrix of self-interest. We should have learned also that the desirability of brotherhood has not yet gained universal acceptance and that its establishment, besides finding the way, involves the conversion of the opposition.

The nature of enduring brotherhood is organic. Its cohesion is spiritual. Its sponsor and protector should be the Church. True brotherhood cannot exist apart from the family of God. It finds its oneness in the fatherhood of man's Creator and its spirit in Christ, His Son. It awaits a demonstration from God's people. It must begin in the household of faith.

The Methodist position has been stated repeatedly. In historic language The General Conference of 1952 declared: "Ours is a World Church. As such its responsibility is to unite in one fellowship men and women of all races and nations. As Christians we confess ourselves to be children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. This being true, there is no place in The Methodist Church for racial discrimination or racial segregation. 'To discriminate against a person solely upon the basis of his race is both unfair and unchristian. Every child of God is entitled to that place in society which he has won by his industry and his character. To deny him that position of honor because of the accident of his birth is neither honest democracy nor good religion.' (The Episcopal Address, 1952)

"In our world, our nation, and our Church, however, racial discrimination and segregation do exist. As sincere followers of our Lord it is our business to help free our world and our nation from these evils. But it is more immediately our imperative duty to confess our failure to achieve God's will in Methodism and then resolutely to set about achieving a Christian brotherhood in the Church that will be free from racial discrimination and segregation . . .

"As was stated in the Episcopal Address: 'We face the critical adjustment between the absolute Christian ideal and the human level upon which a retarded and hesitating Christian conscience moves; Christian truth and strategy must reach us where we are and lead us by divine grace to where God would have us be.'"

While looking down the long road toward the consummation of ideal human relations, let us also look back over the equally long road of improvement which the Church has already travelled. Let us give thanks for the wise and godly men and women, seeking to heal rather than to divide, who quietly and courageously have worked to improve our race relations and to lift the level of living for all. These sincere Christians are confined to no one geographical section, so-

cial status or racial group. Everywhere and from many angles they have been working to achieve brotherhood, and better race relations testify to the success of their efforts. Let us keep in mind also the instrumentalities through which we have come to our united strength, the advantages they have made possible as well as the changes by which their improvement is sought.

The struggle for self-realization in many parts of the world where Methodism is at work has at times threatened the very existence of a Church whose mission is to bring people to the full realization of their capacities through the power and example of Christ. To be true to our mission, and to support these God-implanted human longings against pressures which threaten the Church's life and work, courage, ingenuity and diplomacy on the part of the Church's leadership and people have been required in large measure and they have borne themselves well. The Church may be compelled to undergo many changes but its ministry of brotherhood will continue to bear a fruitful witness to the true fellowship which makes all mankind one in Christ.

The adjustment of race relations toward a more Christian brotherhood is an overshadowing concern of American Church life. The desire for better race relations is prevalent. The principle is no longer debatable. The sole question centers in a procedure which will preserve the good while eliminating the bad. No man at present is wise enough to chart the course the Church should take with completeness and precision. There are no perfect answers and no "either - or" alternatives; no iron-clad attitudes and no cure-all prescriptions to which we can turn for a quick solution of the problem. We are humbled before the command of our Lord in the consciousness that we have all sinned and come short of His expectation and that the devils of inequality and discrimination have resisted His children's efforts to exorcise them. Our hope for success is to unite in a common endeavor, bound together by a common purpose and conviction, motivated by a Christian spirit and to move in sure but calculated steps to the attainment of our vision of a Christian society. Let us make this our conscious endeavor and let us bring to its support a will to succeed.

In the spirit of our Methodist Fathers, who sought to establish principles by a practical consideration of what could be done, we can find the way to the realization of a true Christian brotherhood. Both those who lead and those who follow must understand the steps which, taken one by one, bring us nearer the goal. Furthermore, a good outcome requires a commitment on the part of Methodists as in-

dividuals to clear away the deterrents to brotherhood, and in their personal relations, to demonstrate the spirit of Christian brotherhood.

During the coming quadrennium the Church can make significant progress in the improvement of these relationships with benefit to all, provided it has a plan and seeks to live by its provisions.

The Union of the three branches of Methodism has strengthened our fellowship through understanding and united devotion to a common task. We believe that within the organizational framework of the united Church is to be found effective procedures for the development of Christian brotherhood.

Notable advances have been made under our present organizational structure. However, seventeen eventful years have passed since the long-to-be-remembered day when three separate bodies of Methodism dedicated themselves to be one Church. New issues have arisen and new duties confront the Church.

The Council of Bishops, therefore, recommends that a Commission large enough to be truly representative of all our people be constituted by this General Conference for the purpose of studying the Jurisdictional structure of the Church, its philosophy and its effectiveness and that it report its findings with recommendations to the 1960 session of The General Conference. Through this medium we believe that a way can be charted to advance the Church steadily toward the fulfillment of the Christian imperative for racial relations.

World Peace

The will of God for man cannot come to complete realization without peace in the world. The Church must promote peace. This ideal for Inter-National relations has suffered from rough handling by the conditions of world politics. Peace is not the natural offspring of the totalitarian state. The democracies have been divided as to a strategy for securing peace. National antagonisms continue to menace the peace of the world. While actual warfare has lessened, uneasiness describes the mood of those who see the delicate balance which is preventing a third world war. The world situation warns us that the permanence of peace has not yet been secured.

Recent efforts of national leaders resulting in "summit conferences" and the emerging "Geneva spirit" have represented, to use President Eisenhower's words, "the heartfelt

longings of countless millions." Could the common people of the world vote on Inter-National issues they would decisively outlaw war as an instrument in the settlement of Inter-National disputes. Efforts to nullify the "Geneva spirit" in the conduct of Inter-National affairs should not be permitted to weaken that spirit in the American attitude. The democracies have an obligation to make this voice of the people heard and heeded.

The attainment of enduring peace is primarily a matter of knowledge and spirit. Wars continue not because they are inevitable but because the people "do not know the ways of peace" and therefore "have not aimed at whatever makes for peace." We have educated society to live in a world of war and not in a world of peace which explains why, when wars are won, the peace is so quickly lost.

The despair which accompanies the popular fallacy that wars are inevitable lifts with the realization that when we know "on what our peace depends" war can be avoided. It is this change in the world's point of view which should be the Church's serious concern. The Church can create the mind to peace and the will to peace provided it sees the struggle as a contest for ideological ascendancy. While seeds of "hate, revulsion and scorn toward those who disagree" are a part of totalitarian ideological strategy the Church can counteract it by exerting maximum efforts for understanding, brotherhood and co-operation.

Before peace becomes a reality a new morality must become the standard by which the acts of nations are judged; a common language must be spoken which not only contains the same words such as "freedom," "democracy," and "liberation," but which gives these words the same meaning regardless of who uses them. The United Nations and its agencies must be understood and supported not as instruments of propaganda for one point of view, but as the media through which, by conference, differences may be settled without resort to arms. Ten years of achievement have established the importance of the United Nations as a world organization through which peace and well-being on the Inter-National level can be aided. The Church, seeing its value, has strengthened the public support of the United Nations through interpreting its objectives, co-operating in its projects and endorsing its moral and ethical positions.

Disarmament must be considered as a multilateral project of primary importance for the guarantee of peace. The supply of arms for their bargaining power and the competitive rush to provide military equipment in anticipation of

armed conflict present serious obstacles in the way of world peace. Efforts to secure a realistic method for the reduction of armaments by the major nations is a necessary safeguard against a third world war.

The horror of war in an age of nuclear power should increase the efforts to guarantee the use of atomic energy for non-military activities. To this end we commend our government for its Atoms-For-Peace-Program and the nations which have signed bilateral agreements with the United States to participate in this project. We approve the formulation of an Inter-National Statute which would create an Inter-National Agency under the United Nations to administer the Atoms-For-Peace Program. We call attention to the fact that atomic production for industrial purposes increases and with it the urgent needs of more effective safeguards against its military uses.

The economic burden of war must be seen as civilization's ultimate executioner. If in World War II the accumulated wealth of four centuries was shot away, what will be the economic consequences of a possible third world war? Leadership must be tested not by the power it commands but by the moral courage it expresses. Doors must be opened for understanding which can come only by fellowship. While working to avoid the dangers of imminent war, we must lay the foundations which insure the permanent structure of a world at peace.

A Christian Economy

We meet to consider the work of the Church at a time of unprecedented material prosperity in the United States. According to the Report of The Twentieth Century Fund, "Americans, now in middle life, have seen greater advance in our material living standards than in all the previous centuries of Western history." Avoiding a major catastrophe, the Report predicts greater economic advances in the immediate future marked by larger incomes, fewer working hours, less muscular expenditure in production, and greater output of goods. Interpreting their meaning, directing their uses, lifting up their origins and preserving these gains, are a part of the Church's Stewardship. The Board of Social and Economic Relations, established at the last General Conference, has sought to keep the Church conscious of its responsibility.

There are dangers in this rising tide of prosperity which can be avoided only through a Christian interpretation of economic life and to that end the Church speaks.

Its message is a reminder that the Founder of Christianity, Himself a worker by both word and deed, demonstrated a gospel of the abundant life. His principles, long ignored and often misinterpreted, emerge now to steady the world's hand which seems for the first time to have the achievement of economic well-being within the possibility of its reach.

His example must always be the standard by which our goals of economic well-being are set and our progress measured. The Christian economy is built on a Stewardship of all of life, including its resources and means of production. It is an economy of plenty and not of scarcity, since it is based upon the moral integrity of God as Creator and Sustainer. It believes that distribution, production and consumption, when properly co-ordinated, can meet the world's economic needs. It looks upon all men as workers in a society where all types of work are needed and all classes of workers are respected. It guards mankind from the exploiter who considers human beings as commodities to be manipulated for profit. It repudiates the erosive attitude in economic life which seeks to take without making an adequate return for benefits received. It recognizes an obligation to lift the level of life everywhere by the sharing of prosperity and encourages the efforts of governments and groups now aiding the economically distressed areas in their struggle for improvement. It is concerned with the questions recently raised by President Eisenhower: "How will these conditions affect the individual and his world, and what will they make out of him?" The Church accepts responsibility to guide society to a Christian answer.

The merger of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organization in the United States, the emergence and growth of automation in industry, the interest of government in economic well-being, and the demand by labor for supplementary unemployment benefits with State support, reveal the tempo of change in economic action.

The Church must be alert to these changes and their significance for the future. The magnitude and rapidity of these socio-economic changes need Christian guidance if they are to accomplish their potential for good. The increased acceptance of social responsibility by Industry and the significant role of Labor in lifting living standards point the way to the social and economic improvement of mankind. Participation in decision-making by the workers and their shortened work week, along with an improved economic status, present the Church with challenge and opportunity in the development of Christian personality.

It is a primary task of the Christian society to help create conditions in which equity and justice may prevail in labor-management relations.

We are concerned by the recurring industrial civil war which destroys so many of the precious personal and social values which the Church is seeking to create and husband.

The Church has long supported the principles of arbitration and conciliation in the settlement of industrial disputes. These instruments offer media for the asserting of Christian principles in the settlement of such disputes.

The times require a wider enlistment of the moral and spiritual resources of the Church of Christ in meeting the necessities of an age in which atomic power, automation and personal anonymity are relentless constituents.

Human Welfare

The public interest in human welfare owes its origin to the Church's concern. Before a social conscience developed regarding the handicapped in life there was a Christian conscience seeking to carry the healing ministries of Christ to these neglected groups of society. Even today when such a large part of human welfare is directed by secular agencies, the motivation for the public support of these agencies comes from Church sources. The increasing public concern for health and social services is a tribute to the Christian Church which first sponsored them and a testimony to the continued need of the Church's interest in their provision and direction.

In spite of a growing sense of public responsibility the intangible elements which the Church brought to the care of the sick and the handicapped have often been overlooked. For a time the pattern of social work and physical healing in its emphasis upon methodology with governmental support ignored the spiritual factors essential to human welfare. Happily this trend has been reversed.

The experience of these years of expanding secular social services and of the diminishing influence of the Church in the areas of institutional care reveal a missing element which neither the support of the State nor the methods of the professional alone can supply. This missing element was identified in a recent Report of Social Agencies which stated that "larger institutions are not the solution for our growing population of people needing care." "Such a solution," the Report said, "overlooks completely one factor of the greatest importance not only to the health of these people but to their happiness and contentment. The factor is

the universal need for affection, companionship and recognition."

This realization puts the Church once again at the heart of our world-wide program for the restoration of the mentally and physically sick and handicapped. All forms of social service now turn to the Church for guidance and participation in the provision for the physically old and in the nurture and rehabilitation of the uncared for children. These agencies acknowledge religion as a corrective power in conditions of social maladjustment.

While many services of the Church to these groups were reduced during this period of emphasis upon professional management and State control, efforts to create more Church-related hospitals and homes are gaining momentum.

Methodist statistics in this field of service are impressive. At present 204 hospitals, homes for the aged, children's homes and special agencies are related to The Methodist Church in the United States. They serve yearly at least 1,255,000 people and represent an investment of 325 million dollars.

In other lands the number of these institutions related to The Methodist Church are many more than those within the United States. The conduct of these institutions demonstrates an effective procedure which keeps such institutions Christian and Church-related in the service they render. The question of current maintenance, as well as a policy of expansion in the establishment of new institutions, calls for a pronouncement and a plan from this General Conference.

Not only is there need to multiply this institutional witness to Christ's concern for human welfare, but pilot projects operated by the Church are urgently needed to demonstrate the emerging power of religious-directed service to meet new situations in the care and cure of the helpless and the ill. If man's re-discovered soul is to be ministered to adequately, group practice uniting religion, medicine and social service, now coming into being, should be encouraged. In this task spiritual insight, professional proficiency, and personal dedication are needed to convey the Master's healing touch.

Moral Reform

The hoax of the legalized liquor traffic must be exposed if physical health, moral law and Christian character are to overcome their major enemy. For too long the purveyors of alcoholic beverages have been permitted "to weave a fancy dress around social drinking which conceals its real

nature." The public has the right to know for its own protection what the return of the legalized liquor traffic in the United States has done to the people. Here are some of the pertinent facts. It has recruited 65 million habitual drinkers and the number is increasing by 250,000 a year. Today there are 7 million alcoholics and problem drinkers. One out of nine who starts to drink can expect to end in this group. The tragic difficulties of America's alcoholics involve at least 20 million other people. The use of liquor causes one out of four highway traffic deaths and 24% of all the highway traffic accidents. There are 432,736 licensed dealers in alcoholic beverages and 100,000 of these licenses are located in food stores. There is one legalized distributing center of alcoholic beverages for each 350 people in the United States. The traffic levies a direct cost of 10 billion dollars a year on the American people, to say nothing of the indirect costs which come because of it. The illusion that the liquor traffic is a profitable tax producer is exploded by the statistics which indicate that for every dollar of tax from the liquor traffic received by the Federal Government and the States they are required to expend from four to eight dollars in alcohol-created expense. Industrialists refer to the liquor traffic as their billion dollar headache, reducing days of production, increasing accidents, causing slow-ups and menacing workman relationships.

The by-products of alcoholic addiction across the world are both tragic and startling. They are a predominant cause for the high divorce rate, for broken homes and neglected children. They create a wide-spread disregard for the moral law with its resultant character deterioration. The correlation between sex atrocities and taproom acquaintances exposes a prolific breeding ground for crime.

The liquor traffic is a vicious business, unethical in its procedures, anti-social in its attitudes, entrenching itself by broken promises, circumventions, powerful governmental lobbies, high-powered and expensive advertising and the exploitation of the young.

Against this personal enemy and public menace The Methodist Church has directed its teaching and its persistent efforts for moral reform. Praise belongs to those agencies of the Church which, with small means at their disposal, have waged the fight, stood the abuse and returned repeatedly to the battle. The Methodist program of education, commitment, rehabilitation and legislation present the strategy for ultimate victory. These crusaders have had the encouragement of fair treatment from many men and women of character in public office and from an increasing

number of publications dedicated to the impartial presenting of facts. They also deserve a larger support from our united Church.

In girding ourselves to battle for a sober world, let us keep clearly before us the areas of the main struggle and the courses of final success. The issue is primarily moral and the duty to carry on is a moral imperative. While treating the effects of this traffic which produces physical wrecks and moral derelicts, we shall fail unless we seek to eradicate the cause. The Christian recognition of social responsibility which admonishes us to desist if the "eating of meat maketh our brother to offend" puts the obligation of total abstinence upon both the strong and the weak.

Recognizing the territory we have lost, the temperance forces must unite in a strategy for incessant siege which advances step by step until the decisive issue can again be joined and won. Womanhood has suffered most from the evil effects of the liquor traffic. Appearing as a symbol of liberation and a badge of sophistication it has enslaved and not freed its patrons. Too often the vise-like grip of alcoholism has made its victims objects of pity rather than persons of charm. The re-enlistment of womanhood in the crusade for a sober nation is a prerequisite for the final overthrow of the liquor traffic.

We need to employ every available aid in arresting the mounting casualties which result from the uses of alcohol, but above all the Church must strengthen and expand its own ministries to the alcoholic and to the potential alcoholic. "Religious faith offers the surest guarantee of mental health, habit control and inner peace."

Gambling is another social and moral menace which calls for a clear pronouncement by the Church. Gambling has grown in the United States to a 35 billion dollar yearly business with 50 million customers. Its promoters have multiplied race tracks and succeeded in legalizing gambling in 25 States. The total effect of this big business has been bad. Under cover of the law permitting gambling the racketeers have moved in to exact a 20 billion dollar a year tribute from their gambling victims. The incidence of embezzlements bear a correlation to the establishment of new gambling centers. The passion to get something for nothing inflamed by widely publicized gambling schemes has resulted in the undermining of the basic moral and economic laws of life. Small gambling, often under the patronage of highly respected public institutions and community projects, becomes the training ground for the later customers of big-time gambling. "Pin-ball games, raffles, bingo and legalized

give-aways, honeycombing our communities, are the bush leagues from which the major league gamblers are recruited." The Methodist Church has declared gambling "a menace to business integrity, a breeder of crime, a destroyer of good government and a demoralizing influence in society." Its dubious gains are neither needed nor wanted in financing the work of the Church. Through education and the promotion of legislation The Methodist Church will continue her efforts to protect society from gambling's deceitful clutch.

The use of tobacco has taken on a more ominous significance through the researches of medical science into its physical effects upon the user. The era of the professional endorser turned the attention of the American public from tobacco's known physiological harm to its reputed desirability as a social attainment. Clever advertising disarmed a public conditioned to make its judgments of a product's value by the radio and television entertainment which publicizes it. The release from the social disciplines following World War I has greatly increased the number of women smokers. The situation not only confronts society with a serious health problem, but it is also becoming an increasing danger as a fire hazard. Social amenities and personal courtesies often suffer through the thoughtlessness resulting from the dominant demands for the satisfaction of this habit-forming practice regardless of the comfort and rights of others.

To maintain a good society in which wide latitude of decision is accorded the individual, access to the full truth is essential. Unbiased medical opinion, advertising without protective coloring and the knowledge of both moral and social consequences, are just demands upon the publicity given to every habit-forming commercial product.

VI. CONCERNING THE CHURCH'S POWER

Christian Discipline

In setting the pattern for the strengthening and development of Christian conduct, John Wesley saw clearly the need for disciplined living. His penetrating mind convinced him that the breakdown of discipline had brought the practice of religion to its then current low estate. As a student of history he concurred with John Milton's observation that "all the moments and turnings of human occasions are moved to and fro upon the axle of discipline." So in ways which fitted the needs of his people, he established a discipline for responsible Christian living whose power lay in the

fidelity with which it was practiced. As early as 1743 Wesley issued a plan designed to set and maintain the Christian standard of ethics and morality in personal and group living. It was specific rather than general. It dealt with procedures based on scriptural principles. It defined what a Christian must not do and what a Christian should do. It outlined the practices which would enable him to observe, with personal satisfaction, both the prohibitions and the injunctions. These General Rules proved to be both a blessing and a help to the layman seeking to build the habits of a Christian way of life. The Methodists, therefore, became a people with a clearly defined pattern of conduct. They were easy of identification. They developed a sturdiness in Christian living and demonstrated the value of a healthy Christian asceticism. They avoided the fanaticism of unbalanced emphasis by careful oversight and by group participation. They won the respect even of those who differed with them because of the consistency of their lives and their loyalty to their principles.

The proposals of Wesley to make strict lines of distinction in the ways of Christian living were alien to the mood of his times. At first they were the subject of abuse and ridicule. Many sincere people were shocked and many churchmen were scandalized by them. But the change which came to the life of England and the vitality which returned to the Christian movement validated Wesley's diagnosis of a cause and cure for religious decadence.

Today the Church faces a similar mood in the popular attitude toward Christian discipline and its influence upon the lives of Christian people. Self-imposed and Church-imposed restrictions are alien to the popular mentality. Spiritual oversight is resented and the admonition of one by another through testimony and correction is a vanishing practice in human relations. The cult of freedom, by which its adherents distort the word to mean the lack of all restraint, has become the real competitor to the disciplined life which is the badge of a redeemed society. It has proven also to be a Trojan horse by which pagan attitudes have infiltrated the Christian fellowship.

The time is upon us to take our bearings and to observe the effect which this libertarian mood is having upon the character of our people and the direction of their life. Studies reveal that the onset of personality and character disintegration under the pressure of modern living is greatest among those of indefinite faith and of laxness in the observance of Christian disciplines. The vitality and produc-

tivity of newer and smaller religious groups bear a striking relation to the restrictions imposed and the demands made upon their members. Educators agree that the breakdown of discipline is now their "number one problem." In the success of rival philosophies and secular activities the Church sees its own earlier strategy of the disciplined life taken over and used against it. The obligation to maintain a clear distinction between right and wrong and to judge current opinions and habits of living by that distinction is pressing. They safeguard the dignity and sacredness of truth and clear away an obstacle to holiness of heart and life. They open the door to Christ's presence and bring us under His ethical and moral influence.

The recovery of discipline will bring the Church again to the narrow gate and the straight way which the Master said would lead to life. What in Methodism has been thought of as archaic must in Methodist pragmatic fashion be put beside the needs of our daily living. What is expected of a Methodist, how should a Methodist act and what are the compulsions of his conduct, are questions which must again take definite form if a Church which has the organization and resources for establishing the Christian fellowship shall come to its full strength of influence. The return of discipline to the Christian life requires leadership on the part of our ministry. The observance of its commands, the practice of its habits and the demonstration of its principles must be seen in the daily conduct of the preacher.

Helps to avoid evil, to reject secular attitudes, to resist physical indulgence, to discern unethical conduct, to overcome looseness of speech, and to put down exhibitionism and carnality cannot be left solely to the individual, although his right to accept or reject them must be recognized. Nor can the development of the habits of kindness, charity, understanding, brotherliness, godliness, the Christlike manner and the art of seeking and accepting instruction be left to the sporadic efforts of promotional campaigns and to individual ingenuity alone. This discovery was a contribution of John Wesley to Christian nurture and the retention of his General Rules to this day in the Methodist Book of Discipline is not only a testimony to the value of his discovery, but also an injunction to make it relevant to the Christian life of our times.

The hope for the survival of Christianity as a distinctive way of life lies in its power to discipline at a time when the popular mood would erase the identifying marks of Christian conduct.

The Holy Spirit

The General Rules for Methodist conduct adopted in 1743 owe their continued significance to the Aldersgate experience which occurred in 1738. From the beginning the Wesley group had strict rules for their daily conduct. This current novelty in religion was responsible for the derisive name "Methodist" which the Church now so proudly bears. But those early attempts to produce inner peace and assurance through the meticulous observance of a definite mode of living all fell short of their expected result. They repelled rather than attracted. Intended to make men Christlike, they failed to show forth the charm of the Master. Their rigidity divided the Christian fellowship instead of building it up. After the most sincere attempts during his missionary assignment in Georgia to achieve conscious fellowship with God by rules alone, John Wesley admitted defeat. Legalism even in devotion to the most lofty ideal left him dissatisfied and uncertain. When he had completed his daily stint of good works he was still haunted by the question, "Have I done enough?" And there was no rule which by itself could give him the answer.

The complement of the rules of conduct was the possession of The Holy Spirit and that came at Aldersgate. It was the witness within which Wesley had lacked in making his Rules a creative force for Christian life and experience. This discovery made Methodism the giver of Christian life. It established the Law and the Spirit in their proper order. Behind and within the disciplined life it put the assured heart. It transformed the Rules from a straight-jacket of conduct imposed as a duty into a channel through which the Spirit of God found expression in the ordered ways of Christian living. It found in fellowship with God the impulse and guide to Christian action. This became the good news from God which Wesley brought to a despairing and groping people.

How much there is in the present religious scene which parallels the days of Methodism's beginnings! There are theological voices like the eighteenth century Diests who say that there is no news from God. There is the new school of theological futilitarians who say that the news from God is bad. There are the high-minded humanists who are undertaking a "bootstrap operation" to redeem society by their own self-created powers. There are the champions of a world-saving God who deny themselves the experience of His heart-warming fellowship. There are the victims of the revolt from religious authority who have listened to the blandishments of the exploiters and turned away from the

One who has the words of life. There are the masses, good at heart but restless and wayward, waiting to follow in the way of those who have a sure word from God.

Facing that world and seeking to serve it, Methodism must keep clear its vision and firm its hold of the sources of its power. They are the assured heart and the disciplined life. Through this combination of faith and works, practically applied to contemporary life, there is good hope that the Kingdom of this world can still be taken for our Lord and for His Christ.

Forward

Looking back over the Methodist achievements of the past we realize how great the debt of the present is to those who have gone before. Looking out upon the world in which we live we see doors of opportunity opening everywhere which none can shut although behind them lurks the adversary. "And looking within shall we see God's people willing in the day of God's power?"

An old epoch is closing. What may replace it no one with certainty can say. But we do know that "God has not deserted the world He created" and that "no cause is forlorn with Christ at its Head."

His Church is at an hour of decision. Shall we, like the Ephraimites "armed and carrying bows, turn back in the day of battle" or shall we join the company of those who "do not draw back" but march face forward.

We choose to go forward!

Let us therefore commit ourselves to Him who can do exceedingly abundant for us more than we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto whom be glory in the Church through Christ Jesus, world without end. Amen.

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Opening Session

The 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church (being the Fifth General Conference since the uniting of the three constituent Churches, and the Forty-fourth General Conference since the establishment of Methodism in America in 1874) convened in the Municipal Auditorium at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Wednesday, April 25, 1956, at 11 o'clock A.M., with Bishop Clare Purcell, of the Birmingham Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presiding.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Preceding the official opening of The General Conference, the Bishops, Delegates and visitors being assembled in Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of the Saint Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, assisted by Bishops Clare Purcell, W. Earl Ledden, G. Bromley Oxnam, John W. E. Bowen, Edgar A. Love, Hazen G. Werner, Edwin E. Voigt, Fred P. Corson, W. Angie Smith, Paul N. Garber, Roy H. Short, Glenn R. Phillips, A. Raymond Grant, Friedrich Wunderlich of Germany, Sante Uberto Barbieri of Argentina, Newell S. Booth of Africa, Ralph A. Ward of China, Raymond L. Archer of Malaya, Julio Manuel Sabanes of Chile, Odd Hagen of Sweden, Shot K. Mondol of India, Joao August do Amaral of North Brazil, Hyunghi J. Lew of Korea, and Dr. Chester A. Pennington, pastor of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church.

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**Official Opening—Bishop Clare Purcell—James R. Houghton
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Bishop Clare Purcell, President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, the Presiding Officer, called The

Conference to order at 11:15 A.M., for the first business session, and announced Hymn No. 162, "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing." The Conference stood, and under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England-NE) General Conference Director of Music, joined heartily in the singing of this great Hymn.

Gavel—Bishop Clare Purcell

Bishop Clare Purcell, the Presiding Officer, stated that the gavel he was using to open this General Conference was an historic one, being made from wood taken from under the chancel of the old St. George's church in Philadelphia, and that it had been used to open the First, Second, and now the Fifth General Conference of United Methodism.

Prayer—Bishop Marshall R. Reed

Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit Area, North Central Jurisdiction, led in prayer, The Conference joining in the Lord's Prayer at its conclusion.

Message from President Dwight D. Eisenhower (*)

The Conference stood, and Bishop Clare Purcell, the Presiding Officer, read the following message (DB-1) from the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower:—

The White House,
Washington, D. C.

To all who will participate in the forthcoming Methodist General Conference, I extend warm greetings. I am confident this meeting, which brings together Delegates from the United States and many other nations, will strengthen Inter-National good will and increase understanding among people of varying backgrounds.

I congratulate all of you on your continuing work for these causes and for the furtherance of human well-being in your home communities.

And I wish each of you well in such endeavors through the years to come.

Dwight D. Eisenhower (*)

By common consent the Secretary was instructed to make proper reply.

Welcome Addresses—Bishop D. Stanley Coors—Governor Orville L. Freeman (*)—Mayor Eric G. Hoyer (*)—Bishop Clare Purcell

Bishop D. Stanley Coors of the Minnesota Area, North Central Jurisdiction, Resident Bishop, was recognized, and

warmly welcomed The General Conference to Minneapolis, and then presented Orville L. Freeman (*), Governor of Minnesota, to bring official greetings from the State of Minnesota.

Governor Orville L. Freeman ()*

Governor Orville L. Freeman (*), in well chosen words, officially welcomed The General Conference to Minneapolis in behalf of the citizens of the State of Minnesota.

Response—Bishop Clare Purcell

Bishop Clare Purcell, the Presiding Officer, responded in a most gracious way to the addresses of welcome of both Bishop D. Stanley Coors and Governor Orville L. Freeman. (*)

Message—Mayor Eric G. Hoyer ()*

Bishop D. Stanley Coors was recognized by the Presiding Officer and read the following letter from the Mayor of Minneapolis:—

To the Officials, Delegates and Committees,
The General Conference of The Methodist Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friends:—

As Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, it is my privilege and honor to join with your 1956 Minnesota General Conference Committee in welcoming you to our city.

We are pleased to have the privilege of serving as host to your 1956 General Conference, and you will find that a hearty welcome awaits you on every hand. It is sincerely hoped that your stay in our "City of Lakes" will be so pleasant that you will return soon.

We in Minneapolis are grateful for the part our Churches have played in the progress of our community over the past one hundred years. This year our city is observing its Centennial Birthday, and in looking back over the years we recognize the great contribution The Methodist Church has made toward the wholesome atmosphere of our community.

The phenomenal growth of your Church during the recent years is certainly a tribute to its outstanding and consecrated leadership. May God richly bless your work.

The citizens of Minneapolis join me in welcoming you and in extending best wishes for your 1956 Conference. You may be assured of every co-operation from this office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric G. Hoyer (*) Mayor

Bishop Clare Purcell, the Presiding Officer, in behalf of The Conference, sent words of grateful thanks to Mayor Eric G. Hoyer (*), for his warm letter of welcome.

Roll Call—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of the last General Conference of The Methodist Church, called the Roll in the following manner:—

While The Conference stood in silent tribute the names of the deceased were called, as follows:—

Bishops:—

Frederick T. Keeney (September 24, 1952)
Johan Wilhelm Ernst Sommer (October 15, 1952)
Robert N. Brooks (August 2, 1952)
Francis J. McConnell (August 18, 1953)
Paul Bentley Kern (December 16, 1953)
Urban V. W. Darlington (October 1, 1954)
Hoyt M. Dobbs (December 9, 1954)
Lewis O. Hartman (June 30, 1955)

Delegates-elect:—

Fred B. Trotter (Minister, September 4, 1955)
(Southern California-Arizona—W)
Mrs. Jessie W. Bunch (Lay, November 1, 1955)
(Oregon—W)
Jamie G. Houston (Lay, January 4, 1956) (North
Mississippi—SE)

Reserve Delegates-elect:—

Harry F. King (Minister, June 14, 1955) (West Vir-
ginia—NE)
Frank Buck (Lay, July 20, 1955) (Iowa-Des Moines
—NC)
Charles H. Dubra (Minister, August 29, 1955) (Mis-
sissippi—C)
Frank Spicer (Lay, November 11, 1955) (Colorado
—W)
Vernon E. Lewis (Lay, October 24, 1955) (Montana
—W)
Edwin I. Pilchard (Lay, April 10, 1956) (Illinois—
NC)

Judicial Council Members:—

Charles B. Ketcham (Minister, April 2, 1953)
(North-East Ohio—NC)
Walter C. Buckner (Minister, September 12, 1953)
(Southern California-Arizona—W)
Walter A. Stanbury (Minister, March 20, 1954)
(Western North Carolina—SE)

Judicial Council, Reserve Member:—

Edward G. Mackay (Minister, February 23, 1956)
(North Georgia—SE)

Secretary, 1956 Commission on General Conference Entertainment:—

Aubrey S. Moore (Minister, December 12, 1955)
(Rock River—NC)

President Bennett College:—

David Dallas Jones (Lay, January 24, 1956) (North
Carolina—C)

Bishops Present—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Washington Area, Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, reported the following members of The Council of Bishops in attendance:—

Raymond L. Archer, James C. Baker, Sante Uberto Barbieri, Hiram A. Boaz, Newell S. Booth, John W. E. Bowen, John W. Branscomb, Charles W. Brashares, Matthew W. Clair, Jr., D. Stanley Coors, Fred Pierce Corson, Ralph S. Cushman, Dana Dawson, F. Gerald Enslev, Charles Wesley Flint, Marvin A. Franklin, Paul N. Garber, A. Raymond Grant, Wilbur E. Hammaker, Odd Hagen, Costen J. Harrell, Ivan Lee Holt, Robert E. Jones, Edward J. Kelly, Gerald H. Kennedy, Willis J. King, W. Earl Ledden, Frederick D. Leete, John Wesley Lord, Edgar A. Love, Titus Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, Paul E. Martin, William C. Martin, Shot K. Mondol, Arthur J. Moore, Frederick B. Newell, H. Clifford Northcott, G. Bromley Oxnam, Glenn R. Phillips, J. Waskom Pickett, Clare Purcell, Richard C. Raines, Marshall R. Reed, Clement D. Rockey, Julio Manuel Sabanes, Charles C. Seelman, Alexander P. Shaw, Roy H. Short, Ferdinand Sigg, A. Frank Smith, W. Angie Smith, John M. Springer, James H. Straughn, John A. Subhan, Donald H. Tinnett, Jose L. Valencia, Edwin E. Voigt, Raymond J. Wade, Ralph A. Ward, William T. Watkins, H. Bascom Watts, Herbert Welch, Hazen G. Werner, Lloyd C. Wicke, Friedrich Wunderlich.

Bishops From Affiliated Autonomous Churches:—

Brazil:—Isaias F. Sucasas, Joao Augusto do Amaral, Jose Pedro Pineheiro.

Mexico:—Rolando Zapata

Korea:—Hyunki J. Lew

Absent Bishops

The following Bishops were absent:—Theodor Arvidson, Enrique C. Balloch, W. Y. Chen, Roberto Elphick, Juan E. Gattinoni, John Gowdy, Z. T. Kaung, George A. Miller, W. Walter Peele.

Annual Conference Members

The Chairman of each Annual Conference Delegation, on a prepared blank, certified that the following Delegates were in attendance upon this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church:—

Alabama Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—H. Paul Mathison, H. Eugene Peacock, Thomas S. Harris, G. Stanley Frazer.

Lay:—Lee Roy Ussery, Hubert Searcy, L. S. Moore.

Angola Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Julio J. Miguel.

Lay:—Mrs. Dorothy J. Cooper.

Argentina Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Adam F. Sosa.

Lay:—Eduardo J. Gattinoni.

Baltimore Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Norman L. Trott, Philip C. Edwards, Asbury Smith, Orris G. Robinson, Howard M. Amoss, Albert E. Day.

Lay:—D. Stewart Patterson, W. Carroll Beatty, J. Harry Grace, Mrs. John H. Werner, Charles W. Woodward, F. Murray Benson.

Belgium Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—William G. Thonger.

Lay:—Miss Johnanna M. van Groningen.

Bengal Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Halsey E. Dewey.

Lay:—Ashoke B. Singh.

Bombay Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—James B. Satyavrata.

Lay:—Miss Edith V. Lingiah.

Burma Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—U On Kin.

Lay:—Kay Wan Lim.

California-Nevada Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—John R. Wilkins, R. Marvin Stuart, Elliott L. Fisher, Kenneth W. Adams, Carl L. Stocking, Dillon W. Throckmorton.

Lay:—Lloyd M. Bertholf, Mrs. James P. Howell, Frank Webber, Robert E. Burns, H. Clifford Pettygrove, George H. Atkinson.

Central Alabama Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Charles J. Booker.

Lay:—Lee W. Lynn.

Central Congo Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—John Wesley Shungo.

Lay:—Miss Lorena Kelly.

Central Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Johnnes Thomas.

Lay:—Walter Engert.

Central Kansas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Lyman S. Johnson, J. Russell Throckmorton, Clarence H. Hamm, George W. Richards, Ronald R. Meredith.

Lay:—Mrs. Merl Rosel, Murrel K. Snyder, Mrs. Kenneth L. McGill, Mrs. George W. Glenn, Ted Mason.

Central New York Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Lester Schaff, Warren G. Odom, Harold S. Swales.

Lay:—Mrs. William T. Anderson, George B. Ahn, Frank C. Love.

Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Charles F. Berkheimer, Frank LaMont Henninger, Herbert W. Glassco.

Lay:—Mrs. W. Lynn Crowding, Charles V. Adams, Richard W. Campbell.

Central Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—L. Stanley Williams, Wilford V. Bane, G. Alfred Brown, Cleo C. Sessions, Erwin F. Bohmfalk.

Lay:—Eugene F. Jud, Mrs. E. L. Reid, Ed Curry, Morris Walker, J. Doyle Stalcup.

Central West Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Woodie D. Lester.

Lay:—Bige Wyatt.

Chile Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Samuel R. Araya.

Lay:—Camilo Cortez.

Colorado Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Ben H. Christner, Harvey H. Potthoff, Lowell B. Swan.

Lay:—Robert B. Spencer, Chester M. Alter, Bernard Vessey.

Cuba Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Humberto Carrazana.

Lay:—Sergio Roco.

Delaware Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Noah W. Moore, Jr., Leon S. Moore.

Lay:—Mrs. Helen C. Waters, James R. Webb.

Delhi Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Mangal Singh, Sisa M. Sagar.

Lay:—Alick S. Seymour, Henry A. Lacy.

Denmark Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Ole Olesen.

Lay:—Thorvald B. Ramsing.

Detroit Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Chester A. McPheeters, John E. Marvin, Benjamin F. Holme, Frederick C. Vosburg, Verner S. Mumbulo, Verle J. Carson.

Lay:—Mrs. Edward H. Stahly, Ray W. Labbitt, Charles E. Tonkin, Mrs. Philip Gentile, Edward A. Smith, John Francis.

East Tennessee Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—C. Anderson Davis.

Lay:—Henry L. Dickason.

Erie Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Bruce L. Middaugh, James M. McIntosh.

Lay:—Mrs. J. R. Rupert, Mrs. J. F. Rentz, Harold E. Burns.

Florida Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Don A. Cooke, Robert C. Holmes, Albert D. Hagler, Henry W. Blackburn, Edward J. Pendergrass, Glenn C. James.

Lay:—R. Howard Berg, Mrs. A. R. Ivey, Nathan R. Graham, Glenn W. Gold.

Florida Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—A. Marion Weeks.

Lay:—Richard V. Moore.

Genesee Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Weldon Crossland, William H. Horner, Dean E. Richardson,

Lay:—Mrs. Arthur S. Wright, Thomas B. Clay, Charles W. Avery.

Georgia Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—L. Scott Allen, Adolphus S. Dickerson.

Lay:—James P. Brawley, A. M. Carter.

Gujarat Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Mithalal Hirabhai.

Lay:—Samuel L. Gamadia.

Holston Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—D. Trigg James, Sr., Robert H. Duncan, Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Clyde E. Lundy, Bachman G. Hodge, Mack B. Stokes.

Lay:—H. Leo Jackson, Earl Blazer, Henry C. Graybeal, Carroll H. Long, Lynn Sheeley, William G. Brown.

Hyderabad Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Gabriel Sundaram.

Lay:—Mallappa Vittal.

Idaho Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Herbert E. Richards.

Lay:—Karl R. Johnson.

Illinois Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Laren Spear, A. Ray Grummon, Thomas B. Lugg, J. Dewey Muir, Victor H. Roberts, Claude M. Temple.

Lay:—Mrs. LeRoy A. Pike, Charles B. Shuman, Mrs. Alan K. Laing, Elmer Jolly, Meade McWilliams, Reid R. Tombaugh.

Indiana Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Merrill B. McFall, William T. Jones, Frank M. Templin, Dallas L. Browning.

Lay:—John A. Hoadley, Ralph G. Hastings, Mrs. Charles A. Stilwell, Harold D. Hughes.

Indus River Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Elijah D. M. Shafi.

Lay:—Alla Raka Samuel.

Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Arthur V. Long, Walter M. Scheuermann, O. Edward Cooley, Paul M. Hann, William F. Overhulser.

Lay:—Paul G. Williams, Allen Whitfield, Mrs. John S. Wood, Paul V. Shearer, Claude E. Spry.

Kansas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Eugene M. Frank, Clare J. Hayes, Harry O. Ritter.

Lay:—T. Russell Reitz, Hubert L. Collins, Mrs. Oliver A. Klingner.

Kentucky Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Russell R. Patton, Homer L. Moore, Warner P. Davis, Zach T. Johnson.

Lay:—Carl W. Haggard, Henry M. Zimmerman, Mrs. Charles L. Cooper, Dennis V. Snapp.

Lexington Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—M. LaFayette Harris, Charles F. Golden.

Lay:—John T. Current, Joseph T. Johnson.

Liberia Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—James K. Nimene.

Lay:—(See Substitutions.)

Little Rock Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Aubrey G. Walton, E. Clifton Rule.

Lay:—Alton B. Raney, Roland M. Shelton.

Louisiana Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—George W. Carter, Jr.

Lay:—Mrs. Frances C. Badgett.

Louisiana Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Guy M. Hicks, William E. Trice, Robert C. Carter, Virgil D. Morris.

Lay:—Robert Lay, Robert O'Neal, Mrs. C. I. Jones, James N. Fomby.

Louisville Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—E. Wade Weldon, W. Leroy Baker, James W. Averitt.

Lay:—Hollis C. Franklin, Mrs. Sam W. Crump, Marvin D. Eblen.

Lucknow Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Ashworth Harold McGee.

Lay:—(See Substitutions.)

Madhya Pradesh Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Edwin B. Paul.

Lay:—Goodwin B. Powar.

Maine Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Lester L. Boobar, Elwin L. Wilson.

Lay:—Miss Margaret Currie, Melbourne E. Jenkins.

Malaya Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Paul Athimuthu.

Lay:—Diamond R. Daniel.

Malaysia Chinese Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Chua Iok Han

Lay:—Keat Teang Tan.

Memphis Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—William S. Evans, F. Alton Flatt, James A. Fisher, Wiley C. Newman.

Lay:—Clifford D. Pierce, Mrs. Marcus F. Phillips.

Michigan Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Lester A. Kilpatrick, Maurice D. McKean, Richard C. Miles, Glenn M. Frye.

Lay:—Elmer H. Ormiston, Mrs. William Somerton, Donald E. Holbrook, Donald T. Strong.

Minnesota Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Olin D. Jackson, Charles W. Spear, George A. Butters, Charles M. Sexton.

Lay:—Fran H. Faber, Mrs. Charles W. Spear, John W. Evans, Charles V. Michener, Stanley C. Hunter.

Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Brunner M. Hunt, William B. Selah, J. Willard Leggett, Jr., Thomas O. Prewitt.

Lay:—Ben M. Stevens, James P. Stafford, James M. Ewing, W. D. Myers.

Mississippi Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Amos L. Holland.

Lay:—Claude W. Williams.

Missouri Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Freeman C. Havighurst, Monk Bryan, Ralph Lee Woodward.

Lay:—George Seiberling, A. Loy Jones, Mrs. Clyde Kirk.

Montana Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Monroe J. Wilcox.

Lay:—Clyde A. Cromwell.

Nebraska Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—James S. Chubb, C. Edwin Murphy, Laurence R. Davis, Richard E. Carlyon.

Lay:—Niles H. Bernard, Harvey A. Tompkins, Henry Miot Cox, Mrs. W. Max Gentry.

New England Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—H. Hughes Wagner, Harold C. Case, Lemuel K. Lord.

Lay:—F. Nelson Bridgham, Mrs. Edwin S. Anderson, Edward C. Drake.

New England Southern Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Charles X. Hutchinson, Jr., J. Kenneth Pearson.

Lay:—M. Philip Susag, Mrs. Wesley C. Green.

New Hampshire Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—William T. Wallace.

Lay:—John H. Starie.

New Jersey Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Lynn H. Corson, William R. Guffick, Frank Bateman Stanger.

Lay:—Mrs. George K. Marple, Elmer E. Mathews, Howard S. Stainton.

New Mexico Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Joe B. Scrimshire, R. L. Willingham.

Lay:—Frank Greathouse, Lionel C. Cox.

New York Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Ralph W. Sockman, Merrill C. Johnson, Samuel H. Sweeney.

Lay:—Chester A. Smith, George M. Northrop, Paul R. Russell.

New York East Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Lester W. Auman, William H. Alderson, Harold R. Brennan, Loyd F. Worley.

Lay:—Arthur E. Raynor, William W. Reid, Miss Edith F. Welker, Henry F. Thomas.

Newark Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Harry M. Taylor, Olin Y. Shute, Harold N. Smith, Henry Lyle Lambdin.

Lay:—Charles C. Parlin, W. Carl Walton, Edmund L. Tink.

North Alabama Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—J. Henry Chitwood, R. Laurence Dill, Jr., R. Edwin Kimbrough, Calvin M. Pinkard, W. Nelson Guthrie, Percy D. Wilson.

Lay:—Claude R. Wood, Ben L. Ingram, William C. Brannon, Joseph L. Lewis, Oscar Horton, Leonard L. McCulloch.

North Arkansas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Ethan W. Dodgen, Robert E. L. Bearden, W. Henry Goodloe.

Lay:—Matt L. Ellis, Charles A. Stuck, Charles S. Shivley.

North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—W. Carleton Wilson, W. Lemuel Clegg, Vergil E. Queen, Offie L. Hathaway, Graham S. Eubank, Cecil W. Robbins.

Lay:—W. Jasper Smith, Mrs. Henry I. Glass, Benjamin G. Childs, Samuel B. Underwood, Jr., Terry Sanford, J. Nelson Gibson, Jr.

North Carolina Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Prince A. Taylor, Jr.

Lay:—Clarence M. Winchester.

North Dakota Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Harold S. Huff.

Lay:—A. D. Ottinger.

North Georgia Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Nat G. Long, William R. Cannon, Lester Rumble, Dow Kirkpatrick, Waights G. Henry, Jr., Harvey C. Holland, Jr.

Lay:—Mrs. Stewart Colley, Walter L. Richard, Charles R. Clegg, Nat G. Slaughter, Virgil Y. C. Eady, Mrs. H. B. Trimble.

North India Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Dan S. Chowdhury.

Lay:—Subarna B. Twearson.

North Indiana Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Thurman B. Morris, A. Wesley Pugh, Byron F. Stroh, George D. Greer.

Lay:—H. Owen DeWeese, Roy R. Roudebush, Mrs. Clare E. Knepple, Mrs. Royal R. Neff.

North Iowa Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Lawrence D. Havighurst, Charles S. Hempstead, Lloyd A. Gustafson, Fred W. Ortmeyer, James K. Delahooke, R. Roland Ritter,

Lay:—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Royal E. Bennett, Mrs. Ralph C. Lawrenson, John H. Peet, Robert D. Blue, Paul Linder.

North Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Nathaniel J. Golding, H. Ellis Finger, Jr., George R. Williams.

Lay:—Millard Franklin Pierce, Roy Black.

North Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Marshall T. Steel. W. Harrison Baker, Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., Wesley V. Hite.

Lay:—John V. Folsom, Jr., Willis M. Tate, Russell Smith.

Northeast Germany (OS)

Ministerial:—Ernst P. Scholz.

Lay:—Guenter P. Frochlich.

North-East Ohio (NC)

Ministerial:—Oscar Thomas Olson, Theodore C. Mayer, Harold B. Williams, Clarence H. LaRue, William B. Robinson, Alva I. Cox, Sr., Eugene W. Hibbard.

Lay:—Mrs. C. P. Dudley, Kenneth B. Cope, J. Fred Essig, John W. Chittum, Amos L. Heer, John H. Archer, Theodore F. Mercer.

Northern New York Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—John W. Warren, Allan T. Dodge.

Lay:—W. Clyde Sykes, DeWitt C. LaFevre.

Northern Philippines Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Mariano L. Gines.

Lay:—(See Substitutions.)

Northwest Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Wilhelm K. Schneck.

Lay:—Johann Bruns.

Northwest Indiana Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Samuel E. Carruth, Allen B. Rice, Otis L. Collier.

Lay:—Harold C. Phend, Mrs. Henry M. Braun, Mrs. Ralph K. Surface.

Northwest Philippines Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Gregorio R. Bailen.

Lay:—David T. Lara.

Northwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Marvin L. Boyd, Eugene Slater, Elmer D. Landreth, Cecil R. Matthews.

Lay:—James M. Willson, Ray H. Nichols, Joe T. Salem.

Norway Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Trygve Karlsen.

Lay:—Ragnar Horn.

Ohio Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—J. Otis Young, Lester L. Roush, Lynn J. Radcliffe, Claude Garrison, Waid C. Radford, William Lincoln Steffens, Paul D. Chiles, Lance Webb, Donald W. Cryer.

Lay:—Mrs. C. L. Spaid, Dwight A. Swisher, Dwight E. Walter, Miss Susan Kreutziger, William Judd, Harold A. Rosser, Leonard D. Slutz, John T. Rittenour, Vaughn Lewis.

Oklahoma Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr., Leland Clegg, Paul V. Galloway, G. Lemuel Fenn, W. McFerrin Stowe, Joe E. Bowers, LeRoy Massengale.

Lay:—William W. Wilcox, Benton Clyde Clarke, Mrs. W. D. Ford, Donald B. Darrah, William Broadhurst, Jim A. Egan, William C. Doenges.

Oregon Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Laurence Everett Nye, Carl B. Mason, Daniel D. Walker.

Lay:—Harold B. Somers, Ernest W. Peterson.

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—J. Henry Ernst, Cyrus E. Albertson, R. Franklin Thompson, Daniel E. Taylor.

Lay:—Mrs. Thomas A. Swayze, Lyle H. Truax, John P. Rodkey, Eugene C. Simmons.

Peninsula Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Oler A. Bartley, John N. Link, Charles I. Carpenter.

Lay:—Granville Hooper, John W. Downing, Wilmer Fell Davis.

Philadelphia Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Frederick E. Maser, Alexander K. Smith, V. Vernon Middleton, John W. McKelvey.

Lay:—Frank E. Baker, Mrs. D. Chester Warlow, Ralph G. Luff, Thomas J. Lewis.

Philippines Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Catalino T. Garcia.

Lay:—Gerardo Sampson.

Pittsburgh Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—W. Sproule Boyd, Ernest V. May, Kenneth P. Rutter, W. Ralph Ward.

Lay:—Mrs. J. Marvin Kinzer, Russell L. Headlee, Edmund K. Chaffey, William M. Beatty.

Rhodesia Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Samuel Chieza.

Lay:—Mrs. O. A. Stine.

Rio Grande Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Alfredo Nanez.

Lay:—Juan De la Vina, Jr.

Rock River Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Harold A. Bosley, Ray Bond, Charles Ray Goff, Lester R. Minion, R. Merrill Powers.

Lay:—Mrs. Alvin B. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Henry V. Loeppert, John R. Van Sickle, George B. McKibben, Milton H. Waterman.

Saint Louis Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Albea Godbold, Frank C. Tucker, John C. Montgomery, Jr.

Lay:—J. Clinton Hawkins, Mrs. Cecil G. Kane.

South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—John O. Smith, Adlai C. Holler, Melvin K. Medlock, R. Wright Spears, Ben B. Black, R. Bryce Herbert.

Lay:—J. Carlisle Holler, Mrs. Niles C. Clark, Pendleton Gaines, Marion R. Mobley, Dwight F. Patterson, William E. Bynum.

South Carolina Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—John W. Curry, I. DeQuincey Newman.

Lay:—Mrs. Robert K. Gordon, Hampton D. Smith.

South Dakota Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—John V. Madison, Henry H. Lewis.

Lay:—John Moshure, Mrs. Frank E. Lochridge.

South Georgia Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Leonard H. Cochran, Albert S. Trulock, Anthony Hearn, George E. Clary, Sr., Frederick Wilson.

Lay:—Benjamin I. Thornton, Zach S. Henderson, Mrs. Scott A. Edwards, William E. Bostick.

South Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—George Haug.

Lay:—Friedrich Gerstenecker.

South India Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Byrappa R. Isaiah.

Lay:—Jambayya David.

Southeast Africa Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—(Absent.)

Lay:—Mrs. Mary P. Rea.

Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Ray W. Ragsdale, Russell E. Clay, Charles S. Kendall, K. Morgan Edwards, Everett W. Palmer, Frank S. Williams, Gerald B. Harvey.

Lay:—J. Wesley Hole, Donald A. Odell, Mrs. Edward A. Ingham, George V. Steed, Joe M. Young, Mrs. Arthur L. Young, Alvin H. Tolle, Verne Orr, Sr.

Southern Congo Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Jean Mij.

Lay:—Miss Catherine Parham.

Southern Illinois Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Farrell D. Jenkins, Walter A. Smith, Stimson R. Smalley.

Lay:—Russell H. Grow, Mrs. William A. McCracken, Glendon C. Hodson.

Southwest Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Emanuel M. Johnson.

Lay:—John S. Cullins.

Southwest Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Gustav Hoffman.

Lay: Herman Wurker.

Southwest Missouri Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Willis L. Perryman, Clinton B. Galatas, James B. Kenna.

Lay:—Mrs. Dewey H. Jones, L. Everett McCluhan, Robert G. Mayfield.

Southwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—R. F. Curl, Donald E. Redmond, Kenneth W. Copeland, Edmund Heinsohn, L. U. Spellman.

Lay:—Alvin Harrell, Lester L. Keyser, C. I. Shult, Miss Wilmuth Morgan, E. D. (Ted) McDonald.

Sweden Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Ruben Haglund, Gosta Rosenquist.

Lay:—Harald Lindstrom.

Switzerland Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Wilhelm Thomas.

Lay:—Ernst Ryser.

Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—James W. Henley, Wilford C. Westenberg, Farris F. Moore.

Lay:—N. Craig Beasley, R. Kenneth Morgan, L. G. Puckett.

Tennessee Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Herman H. Jones.

Lay:—Mrs. Mary M. Drake.

Texas Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Cosum M. Luster, Luther B. Felder.

Lay:—Mrs. Fred D. Meyes, Frank L. Lane.

Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial:—Stewart Clendenin, Joe Z. Tower, Stanley

Carter, Monroe Vivion, Kenneth W. Pope, A. D. Lemons, Mouzon Bass.

Lay:—Pat Thompson, Tom E. Acker, Mrs. Walter William Fondren, Claude A. Edge, Mrs. Harmon Lowman.

Troy Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Harold W. Griffis, Frank W. Bevan, Dow S. Clute.

Lay:—David E. Greelis, Miss Georgia Harkness, Mrs. Philip H. Wertz, Donald McGregor.

Upper Mississippi Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Merrill W. Lindsey.

Lay:—Robert E. Hunt.

Virginia Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Walter C. Gum, Nolan B. Harmon, Roland P. Riddick, Archie E. Acey, W. Kenneth Haddock, John H. Pearson, Edgar A. Potts, Harold H. Hughes, C. Cooper Bell.

Lay:—Allie G. Jefferson, John C. Simpson, J. Earl Moreland, Mrs. James A. Berry, William G. Saunders, Luther W. Wells, John E. Easter, Louis Spilman.

Washington Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Kelly L. Jackson, Levi B. Miller, Jr.

Lay:—Thurman L. Dodson, Garrett D. Rawlings.

West Texas Annual Conference (C)

Ministerial:—Ira B. Loud, Robert S. Mosby.

Lay:—John T. King, Mrs. Obie C. Coe.

West Virginia Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Lacy H. Burns, Alfred E. Bennett, Leonard Riggleman, Henry R. High, Ross Linger, George M. Curry, James T. Browning.

Lay:—Clyde O. Law, Mrs. W. H. Carr, Mrs. Byron W. John, Jay T. Dyer.

West Wisconsin Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Raymond J. Fleming, Archie R. Henry.

Lay:—Norman Kahl, Mrs. Archie R. Henry.

Western North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial:—Embree H. Blackard, W. Kenneth Goodson, Lee F. Tuttle, Charles P. Bowles, Charles D. White, Frank B. Jordan, W. Jackson Huneycutt, Garland P. Stafford, Wilson O. Weldon.

Lay:—Edwin L. Jones, Sr., Paul R. Ervin, Paul F. Evans, W. Hugh Massie, Thomas M. Little, M. Thomas Lambeth, Clarence E. Morgan, Mrs. John W. Harbinson, Robert D. Coleman.

Wisconsin Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Ralph Taylor Alton, Alvin J. Lindgren, Francis E. Kearns.

Lay:—Mrs. Laurence M. Perkins, Ralph W. Conway, Albert H. Stahmer.

Wyoming Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Harold C. Buckingham, Norman W. Clemens, Roy T. Henwood.

Lay:—Walter L. Hunt, Mrs. C. Gerald Blake, G. Wesley Lewis.

Wyoming State Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Charles A. Nowlen.

Lay:—(See Substitutions.)

Latin American Provisional Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Mardy L. Olivas.

Lay:—Larry Dominguez.

Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Taro Goto.

Lay:—Mazuo Saito.

Puerto Rico Provisional Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Tomas Soltero Rico.

Lay:—Did not attend Conference.

SUBSTITUTIONS:—

The following Reserve Delegates were seated in place of Principal Delegates:—

Alabama Annual Conference (SE)

Lay:—R. Jay Lawrence for Charles Ralph Paul.

Denmark Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial:—Ole Olesen for Georg H. Sarmark.

Erie Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Arthur B. R. Colley for Adolph P. Weaver.

Florida Annual Conference (SE)

Lay:—DeWitt C. Dawkins for Mrs. Walter H. Beckham.
C. Rowland Shannon for John F. Sproull.

Liberia Annual Conference (OS)

Lay:—Miss Susan A. Berry for Momolu Dukuly.

Lucknow Annual Conference (OS)

Lay:—Lemuel K. Nelson for Samuel A. Nathan.

Memphis Annual Conference (SE)

Lay:—Mrs. Nancy D. Montgomery for James H. Seabrook.
Luther L. Gobbel for Joe A. Appleby.

Minnesota Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Edwin W. Foote for Truman W. Potter
(Transferred).

Newark Annual Conference (NE)

Lay:—Mrs. Samuel C. Morris, Sr., for Mrs. James K. Mawha.

North Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)

Lay:—Julius M. Forman for Jamie G. Houston, Sr. (Deceased).

North Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Lay:—Merle T. Waggoner for Joe J. Perkins.

Northern Philippines Annual Conference (OS)

Lay:—Pilar D. Galima for Epifano V. Galima.

Northwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Lay:—Mrs. C. C. Coffee for Paul Cates.

Ohio Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial:—Harold F. Kellogg for J. Carleton Babbs
(Transferred).

Lay:—Lester S. Ivins for Mrs. C. C. Long.

Oregon Annual Conference (W)

Lay:—Raymond L. Miller for Mrs. Jessie W. Bunch (Deceased).

Saint Louis Annual Conference (SC)

Lay:—Jesse L. Wood for R. J. Genins.

South Georgia Annual Conference (SE)

Lay:—A. M. "Phil" Anderson for Walter A. Blasingame.

Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial:—Edward P. O'Rear for Fred B. Trotter (Deceased).

Sweden Annual Conference (OS)

Lay:—Paul Rossell for Bengt J. Melin.

Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Lay:—Tom Reavley for Lamar Hargrove.

Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr. for John R. Peace.

Troy Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial:—Paul V. Hydon for S. Wilson Francis.

Virginia Annual Conference (SE)

Lay:—Charles M. Early for Edward E. Haddock.

West Virginia Annual Conference (NE)

Lay:—Jacob A. Greenlee for Chester J. Compton.

T. Sterling Evans for E. Ray Jones.

Dewey R. Helmick for Tom E. Campbell.

Wyoming State Annual Conference

Lay:—Mrs. Clark Gapen for John K. Strange

Annual Conferences—No Delegates

Because of conditions arising out of World War II the following Annual Conferences in Europe had no Delegates to the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church:—Baltic-Slavic Annual Conference and Czechoslovakia Annual Conference.

Because of conditions arising out of World War II the following Annual Conferences in China had no Delegates to the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church:—East China Annual Conference, Foochow Annual Conference, Hinghwa Annual Conference, Kiangsi Annual Conference, Mid-China Annual Conference, North China Annual Conference, Shantung Annual Conference, West China Annual Conference and Yenping Annual Conference.

Affiliated Autonomous Churches

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Paragraph 605 (2) and 3 (c), 1952 *Discipline*, The Methodist Church; Paragraph 1153 (a) and 5 (d), 1936 *Discipline*, The Methodist Episcopal Church; and, Paragraph 85, 1938 *Discipline*, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Affiliated Autonomous Churches sent Delegates, as follows:—

Methodist Church of Brazil

Missionary:—Duncan Alexander Riley.

National:—Sadi Machado da Silva (*).

Methodist Church of Korea

Missionary:—Charles A. Sauer.

National:—Harold Hong (*).

Methodist Church of Mexico

Missionary:—Miss Ruth Warner (*).

National:—Eleazar Guerra.

United Church of Christ in Japan

Missionary:—John B. Cobb.

National:—Takeshi Muto (*).

Provisional Annual Conferences Overseas

Under the provisions of Paragraph 613, 1952 *Discipline*, The Methodist Church, the following Overseas Provisional Annual Conferences sent a representative:—

Bolivia Provisional Annual Conference

Le Grand Smith II.

Peru Provisional Annual Conference

Ivan Nothdurft.

Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference

Ragnar Alm (Missionary on leave).

Executive Secretaries of General Boards

Under the provisions of Paragraph 501-2, 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, the following Executive Secretaries of the General Boards, were granted the privileges of the floor:—

American Bible Society

James V. Claypool (New England Southern—NE).

Education

Leon M. Adkins (Central New York—NE); Richard G. Belcher (New England Southern—NE); Henry M. Bullock (Mississippi—SE); John O. Gross (Kentucky—SE); Horace W. Williams (Central Texas—SC).

Evangelism

Harry Denman (*) (North Alabama—SE).

Hospitals and Homes

Karl P. Meister (North-East Ohio—NC).

Missions

Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE); Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC); James K. Matthews (Bombay—OS); Miss Thelma Stevens (*) (Newark—NE); Jesse A. Engle (Virginia—SE); Miss Mary Lou Barnwell (*) (New York—NE); Burnell P. Murphy (Texas—SC); Miss Margaret Billingsley (*) (New York—NE).

Overseas Relief

Gaither P. Warfield (Virginia—SE).

Pensions

A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi—SE); Charles L. Calkins (South Dakota—NC).

Promotion and Cultivation

E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio—NC).

Public Relations and Methodist Information

Ralph Stoody (New England Southern—NE).

Publishing House

Lovick Pierce (*) (Tennessee—SE); J. Edgar Washbaugh (Newark—NE).

Radio and Film

Harry C. Spencer (Rock River—NC).

Social and Economic Relations

A. Dudley Ward (New York East—NE).

Temperance

Caradine R. Hooton (Oklahoma—SC).

World Peace

Charles F. Boss, Jr. (Baltimore—NE).

Quorum Present—Lud H. Estes

The Secretary of the last General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis), properly certifying to the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Clare Purcell, that a quorum of the Delegates elected to the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church was present, Bishop Purcell, the Presid-

ing Officer, stated that "the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church is now ready for the transaction of business. The next item of business is the election of the Secretary."

Rules Suspended for Election of Secretary—William S. Evans—Chester A. Smith (*)

Bishop Clare Purcell, the Presiding Officer, recognized William S. Evans (Memphis—SE) who made the following statement:—

Bishop Purcell, Delegates and visitors to The General Conference: I speak as the Chairman of the Delegation of the home Conference of Brother Lud H. Estes. I want to make a statement to The Conference, because I feel that if The Conference is fully informed you would be happy to do what I would like to suggest.

Brother Estes has served long and faithfully as the Secretary of this General Conference. Prior to that he served as the Secretary of the Uniting Conference. Prior to that he served for three quadrenniums as Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

As I have talked with him, he has advised me that he does not desire to continue as Secretary of The General Conference for another quadrennium. He has retired since the last General Conference, and today is perhaps as strong and as vigorous as he was four years ago, but he does not care to carry on again.

However, as I have talked with others who are Members of this General Conference, from different sections of our Church, we are all agreed that this Conference is desperately in need of his ministry. He has agreed to serve in all the helpful ministry he can to expedite the business of this Conference and to give such benefit as is necessary in the editing and publication of the Journal.

Therefore, to accomplish this, it seems that it would be best if we were to suspend the Rules so that he can be elected as Secretary of this General Conference, to serve until the proper editing and publication of the Journal and such other matters are finished. Also that this Conference at this time would elect a Secretary-Designate who would assume the responsibilities for the quadrennium.

Therefore, to accomplish those purposes, I would like to move you, sir, that the Standing Rules pertaining to the election of the Secretary be suspended, and that the Secretary be elected only for this General Conference, for a period after it until—which has occurred to me and to others with whom I have conferred—January 1, 1957.

The motion to suspend the Rules, being duly seconded by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority.

Secretary Nominated—W. S. Evans—C. A. Smith (*)

William S. Evans (Memphis—SE) nominated Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) to serve as Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church until January 1, 1957, and to edit and have published the Journal of the 1956

General Conference. The nomination was duly seconded by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE).

Secretary Elected—Lud H. Estes

There being no other nominations Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) was unanimously elected as Secretary of the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church to serve until January 1, 1957 and to edit and have published the Journal of the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) in well chosen words, expressed his appreciation of the action of The Conference in electing him Secretary to serve until January 1, 1957.

Secretary-Designate Nominated—Leon T. Moore—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Noah W. Moore, Jr.—Paul V. Galloway

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC) was recognized and nominated Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) as Secretary-Designate, to assume office as Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church on January 1, 1957. The nomination was duly seconded by Noah W. Moore, Jr. (Delaware—C) and Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC).

Secretary-Designate Elected—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) was elected by acclamation as Secretary-Designate of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, to assume office January 1, 1957.

Secretarial Staff

Lud. H. Estes (Memphis—SE) Secretary, nominated the Secretarial Staff (DB-2), (*) indicates layman, and they were duly elected as follows:—

First Assistant Secretary:—Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska—SC)

Second Assistant Secretary:—Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE)

Journal Secretaries:—Kenneth P. Rutter (Pittsburgh—NE) ; W. Carleton Wilson (North Carolina—SE)

Calendar Secretaries:—Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE) ; Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California—Arizona—W)

Committee Reports:—J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC)

Committee Books:—W. Leroy Baker (Louisville—SE) ; Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS)

Non-Concurrent Reports:—George W. Carter, Jr. (Louisiana—C)

Discipline:—Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE); Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California—Arizona—W); Gordon B. Duncan (*) (Tennessee—SE)

Ballots and Tellers:—Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE)
 Section A:—Glenn M. Frye (Michigan—NC)
 Section B:—Richard W. Campbell (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE)

Section C:—M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington—C)

Section D:—Dillon W. Throckmorton (California—Nevada—W)

Standing Votes:—William H. Wilcox (*) (Oklahoma—SC)
 Section A:—Nathaniel J. Golding (North Mississippi—SE)

Section B:—Ira B. Loud (West Texas—C)

Section C:—Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia—NE)

Section D:—Frank Webber (*) (California—Nevada—W)

Telegrams and Greetings:—Mrs. C. L. Spaid (*) (Ohio—NC)

Documents:—Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W); Clarence H. Hamm (Central Kansas—SC)

Cross Reference:—Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington—C)

Roll Call:—Cecil R. Matthews (Northwest Texas—SC); Calvin M. Pinkard (North Alabama—SE)

Organization of Committees:—Verle J. Carson (Detroit—NC)

Collection of Printed Reports:—Prince A. Taylor, Jr. (North Carolina—C)

Reference of Memorials:—Stewart Clendenin (Texas—SC); Newell P. Knudsen (California—Nevada—W)

Distribution of Printed Materials:—Commission on Entertainment

Orders of the Day:—J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC)

On the Table:—Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula—NE)

Committee Rooms:—Bennett G. Brudevold (Minnesota—NC)

Reserved Seats:—William L. Robinson (North Mississippi—SE); Miss Blanche Rutledge (*) (Rock River—NC)

Secretarial Assistant:—Mrs. Virginia Estes Busby (*) (Memphis—SE)

Stenographic Assistant:—Mrs. Harold A. Hardy (*) (Maine—NE)

Constitutional Amendments—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of The Council of Bishops, in compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 10-2, 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church announced the results of the vote of the Annual Conferences on Constitutional Amendments 6, 7 and 8 sent down to the Annual Conferences by the 1952 General Conference, as follows:—

Amendment 6:—

Amendment No. 6. Granting the Bishops of Central Conferences the privilege of unlimited vote in The Council of Bishops:—Total votes cast 17,005; voting Aye 16,051; voting No, 954. The Amendment is carried.

Amendment 7:—

Amendment No. 7. Fixing the ratio of representation of a Provisional Annual Conference in The General Conference, from the United States:—Total votes cast 16,538; voting Aye 16,199; voting No, 339. The Amendment is carried.

Amendment 8:—

Amendment No. 8. Granting Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States the right to elect Delegates to The General Conference:—Total votes cast 16,504; voting Aye, 16,222; voting No. 282. The Amendment is carried.

For detailed tabulation of the vote see Appendix, pages 1048-1051. The vote from the Central Congo Annual Conference was received after the tabulation was announced by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, and will be found in the tabulation.

Nominations of The Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Elected—Don A. Cooke

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of The Council of Bishops for the Administrative Committees Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 (See *DCA*, No. 1, page 17, columns 1-2-3 and page 18, columns 1-2, and DB—3), and for the Standing Legislative Committees, Nos. 11 to 16 inclusive (see *DCA*, No. 1, page 18, columns 1-2-3 and DB—4), and on motion of Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE), duly seconded, they were elected as follows:—

Standing Administrative Committees (DB-3)

No. 8:—Presiding Officers (14)

Adams, Charles W. (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE)

Booker, Charles J. (Central Alabama—C)
 Bruns, Johannes (*) (Northwest Germany—OS)
 Burns, Robert E. (*) (California-Nevada—W)
 Cannon, William R. (North Georgia—SE)
 Hunt, Robert E. (*) (Upper Mississippi—C)
 Jackson, Olin D. (Minnesota—NC)
 Mobley, Marion R. (*) (South Carolina—SE)
 Nichols, Ray H. (*) (Northwest Texas—SC)
 Ragsdale, Ray W. (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Sundaram, Gabriel (Hyderabad—OS)
 Swisher, Dwight A. (*) (Ohio—NC)
 Wagner, H. Hughes (New England—NE)
 Walton, Aubrey G. (Little Rock—SC)

No. 4:—Courtesies and Privileges (14)

Harris, M. LaFayette (Lexington—C)
 Henley, James W. (Tennessee—SE)
 Johnson, Lyman S. (Central Kansas—SC)
 Karlsen, Trygve (Norway—OS)
 Lin, Kay Wan (*) (Burma—OS)
 McFall, Merrill B. (Indiana—NC)
 Mayfield, Robert G. (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC)
 Pierce, Clifford D. (*) (Memphis—SE)
 Potthoff, Harvey H. (Colorado—W)
 Rawlings, Garrett D. (*) (Washington—C)
 Smith, Alexander K. (Philadelphia—NE)
 Stahmer, Albert H. (*) (Wisconsin—NC)
 Swayze, Mrs. Thomas A. (*) (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Sykes, W. Clyde (*) (Northern New York—NE)

No. 5:—Credentials (7)

Clegg, W. Lemuel (North Carolina—SE)
 Davis, Laurence R. (Nebraska—SC)
 Loud, Ira B. (West Texas—C)
 Madison, John V. (South Dakota—NC)
 Matthews, Elmer E. (*) (New Jersey—NE)
 Nimene, James Kie (Liberia—OS)
 Somers, Howard B. (*) (Oregon—W)

No. 6:—Fraternal Delegates (7)

Carrazana, Humberto (Cuba—SE)
 Clegg, Leland (Oklahoma—SC)
 Golden, Charles F. (Lexington—C)
 Olson, Oscar Thomas (North-East Ohio—NC)
 Orr, Verne, Sr. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Parlin, Charles C. (*) (Newark—NE)
 Shungu, John Wesley (Central Congo—OS)

No. 1:—General Conference Entertainment and Program, 1960 (12-14)

Alderson, William H. (New York East—NE)
 Allen, L. Scott (Georgia—C)
 Baker, Frank E. (*) (Philadelphia—NE)
 Conard, Norman L. (California-Nevada—W)
 Dodson, Thurman L. (*) (Washington—C)
 Galloway, Paul V. (Oklahoma—SC)
 Holmes, Robert C. (Florida—SE)

Hole, J. Wesley (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 James, Floyd B. (*) (Louisiana—SC) (Floyd B. James later resigned, and the College of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction named Carl C. Hall (Little Rock—SC) to take his place.)
 Paul, Charles R. (*) (Alabama—SE)
 Van Sickel, John R. (*) (Rock River—NC)
 Young, J. Otis (Ohio—NC)

Ex Officio:—Secretary The General Conference, Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia); Treasurer General Administration Fund, Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois).

No. 7:—Journal (7)

Ahn, George B. (*) (Central New York—NE)
 Carter, George W., Jr. (Louisiana—C)
 Dodgen, Ethan W. (North Arkansas—SC)
 Graham, Nathan R. (*) (Florida—C)
 Paul, Edwin B. (Central Provinces—OS)
 Peterson, Ernest W. (*) (Oregon—W)
 Powers, R. Merrill (Rock River—NC)

No. 10:—Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (6-7)

Curry, John W. (South Carolina—C)
 Haddock, Edward E. (*) (Virginia—SE)
 Odell, Donald A. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Pugh, A. Wesley (North Indiana—NC)
 Swales, Harold S. (Central New York—NE)
 Tate, Willis M. (*) (North Texas—SC)

Ex Officio:—Secretary The General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE)

No. 11:—Sifting (7)

Bosley, Harold A. (Rock River—NC)
 James, Sr., D. Trigg (Holston—SE)
 Keyser, Lester L. (*) (Southwest Texas—SC)
 Lane, Frank L. (*) (Texas—C)
 Middaugh, Bruce L. (Erie—NE)
 Thonger, William G. (Belgian—OS)
 Young, Joe M. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

No. 12:—Tellers, Group A (30)

Albertson, Cyrus E. (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Baker, W. Leroy (Louisville—SE)
 Campbell, Thomas E. (*) (West Virginia—NE)
 Clay, Thomas B. (*) (Genesee—NE)
 Crutchfield, Jr., Finnis A. (Oklahoma—SC)
 Felder, Luther B. (Texas—C)
 Fleming, Raymond J. (West Wisconsin—NC)
 Howell, Mrs. James P. (*) (California-Nevada—W)
 Hunt, Walter L. (*) (Wyoming—NE)
 Hunter, Stanley G. (*) (Minnesota—NC)
 Jackins, Melbourne E. (*) (Maine—NE)
 Johnson, Emmanuel M. (Southwest—C)
 Johnson, Karl R. (*) (Idaho—W)
 Lay, Robert P. (*) (Louisiana—SC)
 Lewis, Henry W. (South Dakota—NC)
 Miles, Richard C. (Michigan—NC)
 Miller, Levi B., Jr. (Washington—C)

Ottinger, Albert D. (*) (North Dakota—NC)
 Pendergrass, Edward J. (Florida—SE)
 Shute, Olin Y. (Newark—NE)
 Snyder, Murrel K. (*) (Central Kansas—SC)
 Slaughter, Nat G. (*) (North Georgia—SE)
 Swan, Lowell B. (Colorado—W)
 Throckmorton, Dillon W. (California-Nevada—W)
 Tolle, Alvin H. (*) (South California-Arizona—W)
 Tower, Joe Z. (Texas—SC)
 Ussery, Lee Roy (*) (Alabama—SE)
 Vessey, Bernard (*) (Colorado—W)
 Werner, Mrs. John H. (*) (Baltimore—NE)
 Wilson, J. Frederick (South Georgia—SE)

Reserve Tellers, Group A (30)

Avery, Charles W. (*) (Genesee—NE)
 Bennett, Royal E. (*) (North Iowa—NC)
 Boobar, Lester L. (Maine—NE)
 Carter, A. M. (*) (Georgia—C)
 Cox, Sr., Alva I. (North-East Ohio—NC)
 Davis, C. Anderson (East Tennessee—C)
 Henwood, Roy T. (Wyoming—NE)
 High, Henry R. (West Virginia—NE)
 Hoadley, John A. (*) (Indiana—NC)
 Hooper, Granville (*) (Peninsula—NE)
 Johnson, Joseph T. (*) (Lexington—C)
 Jones, Herman H. (Tennessee—C)
 Labbitt, Ray W. (*) (Detroit—NC)
 Luster, Cosum Mason (Texas—C)
 Marple, Mrs. George K. (*) (New Jersey—NE)
 Moore, Jr., Noah W. (Delaware—C)
 Moore, Richard V. (*) (Florida—C)
 Mosby, Robert S. (West Texas—C)
 Pfeiffer, Mrs. A. B. (*) (Rock River—NC)
 Reid, William W. (*) (New York East—NE)
 Ritter, R. Rolland (North Iowa—NC)
 Roberts, Victor H. (Illinois—NC)
 Schaff, Lester (Central New York—NE)
 Sexton, Charles M. (Minnesota—NC)
 Susag, M. Philip (*) (New England Southern—NE)
 Vosburg, Frederick Carl (Detroit—NC)
 Walter, Dwight E. (*) (Ohio—NC)
 Williams, Claude W. (*) (Mississippi—C)
 Winchester, Clarence M. (*) (North Carolina—C)
 Worley, Loyd (New York East—NE)

No. 12:—Tellers, Group B (30)

Amoss, Howard M. (Baltimore—NE)
 Badgett, Mrs. Frances C. (*) (Louisiana—C)
 Black, Roy (*) (North Mississippi—SE)
 Coe, Mrs. Obie B. (*) (West Texas—C)
 Cooley, O. Edward (Iowa-Des Moines—NC)
 Cox, Henry Miot (*) (Nebraska—SC)
 Cullins, John S. (*) (Southwest—C)
 Dodge, Allan T. (Northern New York—NE)
 Gordon, Mrs. Robert K. (*) (South Carolina—C)
 Harvey, Gerald B. (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Holler, J. Carlisle (*) (South Carolina—SE)
 Jackson, Kelly L. (Washington—C)

Jenkins, Farrell D. (Southern Illinois—NC)
 Jud, Eugene F. (*) (Central Texas—SC)
 Kenna, James B. (Southwest Missouri—SC)
 Lindsey, Merrill W. (Upper Mississippi—C)
 Lynn, Lee W. (*) (Central Alabama—C)
 Matthews, Cecil R. (Northwest Texas—SC)
 May, Ernest V. (Pittsburgh—NE)
 Nanez, Alfredo (Rio Grande—SC)
 Perkins, Mrs. Laurence M. (*) (Wisconsin—NC)
 Phend, Harold C. (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC)
 Raney, Alton B. (*) (Little Rock—SC)
 Richards, Herbert E. (Idaho—W)
 Roudebush, Roy R. (*) (North Indiana—NC)
 Spilman, Louis (*) (Virginia—SE)
 Truax, Lyle H. (*) (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Wallace, William T. (New Hampshire—NE)
 Westenberger, Wilford C. (Tennessee—SE)
 White, Charles D. (Western North Carolina—SE)

Reserve Tellers, Group B (30)

Adams, Kenneth W. (California-Nevada—W)
 Bearden, Robert E. L. (North Arkansas—SC)
 Black, Ben B. (South Carolina—SE)
 Bowers, Joe E. (Oklahoma—SC)
 Brown, William G. (*) (Holston—SE)
 Cromwell, Clyde A. (*) (Montana—W)
 Davis, Warner P. (Kentucky—SE)
 Doenges, William C. (*) (Oklahoma—SC)
 Ernst, J. Henry (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Eubank, Graham S. (North Carolina—SE)
 Ewing, James M. (*) (Mississippi—SE)
 Franklin, Hollis C. (*) (Louisville—SE)
 Gold, Glenn W. (*) (Florida—SE)
 Guthrie, W. Nelson (North Alabama—SE)
 Hayes, Clare J. (Kansas—SC)
 Hite, Wesley V. (North Texas—SC)
 Mason, Carl B. (Oregon—W)
 McCluhan, J. Everett (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC)
 Miller, Raymond L. (*) (Oregon—W)
 Montgomery, John C. (Saint Louis—SC)
 Morgan, Miss Wilmuth (*) (Southwest Texas—SC)
 Nowlen, Charles A. (Wyoming State—W)
 Prewitt, Thomas O. (Mississippi—SE)
 Richard, Walter L. (*) (North Georgia—SE)
 Salem, Joe T. (*) (Northwest Texas—SC)
 Simmons, Eugene C. (*) (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Tompkins, Harvey A. (*) (Nebraska—SC)
 Young, Mrs. Arthur L. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Webber, Frank (*) (California-Nevada—W)
 Williams, Frank S. (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Reference (14) (Appointed by The Council of Bishops)

Beatty, W. Carroll (*) (Baltimore—NE)
 Burns, Lacy H. (West Virginia—NE)
 Clendenin, Stewart (Texas—SC)
 Davis, C. Anderson (East Tennessee—C)
 Galima, Pilar D. (*) (Northern Philippines—OS)
 Garrison, Claude (Ohio—NC)
 Henderson, Zach S. (*) (South Georgia—SE)

Hunt, Brunner M. (Mississippi—SE)
 Reitz, T. Russell (*) (Kansas—SC)
 Smith, Edward A. (*) (Detroit—NC)
 Sosa, Adam F. (Argentina—OS)
 Spencer, Robert B. (*) (Colorado—W)
 Wilkins, John R. (California-Nevada—W)
 Wyatt, Bige (L) (Central West—C)

Correlation and Editorial Revision (3) (Appointed by The Council of Bishops)

Cannon, James III (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Leiffer, Murray H. (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Moore, Leon T. (Philadelphia—NE)

Standing Legislative Committees (DB-4)

No. 11:—Temperance and Prohibition (26)

Barnard, Niles H. (*) (Nebraska—SC)
 Brawley, James P. (*) (Georgia—C)
 Burns, Harold E. (*) (Erie—NE)
 Corson, Lynn H. (New Jersey—NE)
 Drake, Mrs. Mary M. (*) (Tennessee—C)
 Goodrich, Jr., Robert E. (North Texas—SC)
 Hicks, Guy M. (Louisiana—SC)
 Hutchinson, Jr., Charles X. (New England Southern—NE)
 Jackson, H. Leo (*) (Holston—SE)
 Lindsey, Merrill W. (Upper Mississippi—C)
 Lochridge, Mrs. Frank E. (*) (South Dakota—NC)
 McCracken, Mrs. William A. (*) (Southern Illinois—NC)
 Mathison, H. Paul (Alabama—SE)
 Miguel, Julio J. (Angola—OS)
 Moore, Leon S. (Delaware—C)
 Mumblo, Verner E. (Detroit—NC)
 Myers, William D. (*) (Mississippi—SE)
 Patterson, D. Stewart (*) (Baltimore—NE)
 Radcliffe, Lynn J. (Ohio—NC)
 Rodkey, John P. (*) (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Rosel, Mrs. Merl (*) (Central Kansas—SC)
 Singh, Ashok B. (*) (Bengal—OS)
 Steed, George V. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Throckmorton, Dillon W. (California-Nevada—W)
 Weldon, E. Wade (Louisville—SE)
 Wilcox, Monroe J. (Montana—W)

No. 12:—Hospitals and Homes (26)

Brannon, William C. (*) (North Alabama—SE)
 Bridgham, F. Nelson (*) (New England—NE)
 Christner, Ben H. (Colorado—W)
 Crowding, Mrs. W. Lynn (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
 Dickerson, Adolphus S. (Georgia—C)
 Eblen, Marvin D. (*) (Louisville—SE)
 Fondren, Mrs. Walter William (*) (Texas—SC)
 Goodson, W. Kenneth (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Greathouse, Frank (*) (New Mexico—SC)
 Hann, Paul M. (Iowa-Des Moines—NC)
 Hastings, Ralph G. (*) (Indiana—NC)
 Haug, Georg (South Germany—OS)
 Havighurst, Freeman C. (Missouri—SC)

Jones, Herman H. (Tennessee—C)
 King, John T. (*) (West Texas—C)
 Lacy, Henry A. (*) (Delhi—OS)
 McIntosh, James M. (Erie—NE)
 Murphy, C. Edwin (Nebraska—SC)
 Morris, Thurman B. (North Indiana—NC)
 Palmer, Everett W. (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Peterson, Ernest W. (*) (Oregon—W)
 Pike, Mrs. LeRoy A. (*) (Illinois—NC)
 Richardson, Dean E. (Genesee—NE)
 Webb, James R. (*) (Delaware—C)
 Webber, Frank (*) (California-Nevada—W)
 Williams, George R. (North Mississippi—SE)

No. 13:—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities
 (26)

Alter, Chester M. (*) (Colorado—W)
 Berg, R. Howard (*) (Florida—SE)
 Brown, G. Alfred (Central Texas—SC)
 Butters, George A. (Minnesota—NC)
 Clemens, Norman W. (Wyoming—NE)
 Cochran, Leonard H. (South Georgia—SE)
 Fisher, Elliott L. (California-Nevada—W)
 Frye, Glenn M. (Michigan—NC)
 Harkness, Miss Georgia (*) (Troy—NE)
 Hawkins, J. Clinton (*) (Saint Louis—SC)
 Henry, Mrs. Archie R. (*) (West Wisconsin—NC)
 Holland, Amos L. (Mississippi—C)
 Ingham, Mrs. Edwin A. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Johnson, Joseph T. (*) (Lexington—C)
 Jolly, Elmer (*) (Illinois—SC)
 Jones, Sr., Edwin L. (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Lindstrom, Harold (*) (Sweden—OS)
 Nye, Lawrence E. (Oregon—W)
 Singh, Mangal (Delhi—OS)
 Smith, John Owen (South Carolina—SE)
 Starie, John H. (*) (New Hampshire—NE)
 Sweeney, Samuel H. (New York—NE)
 Thompson Pat (*) (Texas—SC)
 Trice, William E. (Louisiana—SC)
 Waters, Mrs. Helen C. (*) (Delaware—C)
 Weeks, S. Marion (Florida—C)

No. 14:—Judicial Administration (26)

Alton, Ralph Taylor (Wisconsin—NC)
 Bertholf, Lloyd M. (*) (California-Nevada—W)
 Blue, Robert D. (*) (North Iowa—NC)
 Chitwood, J. Henry (North Alabama—SE)
 Crossland, Weldon (Genesee—NE)
 Currie, Miss Margaret (*) (Maine—NE)
 Edwards, Philip C. (Baltimore—NE)
 Ellis, Matt L. (*) (North Arkansas—SC)
 Ernst, J. Henry (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Folsom, John V. (*) (North Texas—SC)
 Foote, Edward W. (Minnesota—NC)
 Frank, Eugene M. (Kansas—SC)
 Jones, E. Ray (*) (West Virginia—NE)
 Lester, Woodie D. (Central West—C)

Mosby, Robert S. (West Texas—C)
 Nowlen, Charles A. (Wyoming State—W)
 Patton, Russell R. (Kentucky—SE)
 Scholz, Ernst P. (Northeast Germany—OS)
 Scrimshire, Joe B. (New Mexico—SC)
 Slutz, Leonard D. (*) (Ohio—NC)
 Smith, Hampton D. (South Carolina—C)
 Tewarson, Subarna B. (*) (North India—OS)
 Pierce, Millard F. (North Mississippi—SE)
 Underwood, Samuel B. (North Carolina—SE)
 Winchester, Clarence M. (*) (North Carolina—C)
 Young, Joe M. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

No. 15:—Ritual and Orders of Worship (26)

Carruth, Samuel E. (Northwest Indiana—NC)
 Cooper, Mrs. Charles L. (*) (Kentucky—SE)
 Conway, Ralph W. (*) (Wisconsin—NC)
 Current, John L. (*) (Lexington—C)
 Dickason, Henry L. (*) (East Tennessee—C)
 Edwards, K. Morgan (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Felder, Luther B. (Texas—C)
 Gattinoni, Eduardo J. (*) (Argentina—OS)
 Green, Mrs. Wesley C. (*) (New England Southern—NE)
 Harmon, Nolan B. (Virginia—SE)
 Hempstead, Charles S. (North Indiana—NC)
 Kirk, Mrs. Clyde (*) (Missouri—SC)
 Lambdin, Henry L. (Newark—NE)
 Loeppert, Mrs. Henry V. (*) (Rock River—NC)
 Long, Nat G. (North Georgia—SE)
 Maser, Frederick E. (Philadelphia—NE)
 McGee, Ashworth Harold (Lucknow—OS)
 Newman, I. De Quincy (South Carolina—C)
 Redmond, Donald E. (Southwest Texas—SC)
 Rentz, Mrs. J. F. (Erie—NE)
 Snapp, Dennis V. (*) (Kentucky—SE)
 Stuart, R. Marvin (California-Nevada—W)
 Throckmorton, J. Russell (Central Kansas—SC)
 Vessey, Bernard (*) (Colorado—W)
 Wilcox, William H. (*) (Oklahoma—SC)
 Young, Mrs. Arthur L. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

No. 16:—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms (7)

Adams, Kenneth W. (California-Nevada—W)
 Benson, F. Murray (*) (Baltimore—NE)
 Chubb, James S. (Nebraska—SC)
 Evans, William S. (Memphis—SE)
 Garcia, Catalino T. (Philippines—OS)
 Holbrook, Donald (*) (Michigan—NC)
 Taylor, Prince A., Jr. (North Carolina—C)

**No. 1, Commission on Entertainment—J. Wesley Hole (*)—
Amended—Adopted**

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment for the 1956 General Conference was recognized, and, presented Report No. 1 of the Commission on Entertainment, *DCA*, No. 1, page 14, columns 1, 2, 3 and page 15, columns 1, 2 and 3, and

requested common consent to make the following amendments:—

1st *DCA*, page 14, column 1, Section 2, third paragraph of Section 2, at close of paragraph delete the words, "*provided seats for one Executive of each of the following*" and substitute the words "**We have provided seats for each General Secretary of the following:—**"

2nd. At the close of the list of Boards at the bottom of column 1, *DCA* page 14, add, "**Association of Methodist Historical Societies.**"

3rd. In Section 13 of the Report, change the time of the Orders of the Day requested from 10:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

Common consent being unanimously granted for the above suggested amendments, on motion of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), duly seconded, Report No. 1 of the Commission on Entertainment for the 1956 General Conference was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1219.

In the adoption of the above Report the following Orders of the Day were established:—

Orders of the Day:—

1st. Presentation of the Chaplains, 10:45 A.M., Thursday, April 26.

2nd. Presentation of Fraternal Delegates. 10:45 A.M., Friday, April 27.

3rd. India Centennial Presentation, 10:45 A.M., Tuesday, May 1.

Order of the Day—National Council of Churches—World Council of Churches—J. Wesley Hole (*)—Adopted

Motion of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), duly seconded, prevailed setting as the Order of the Day for Saturday, April 28, 1956, immediately following recess at the morning session, the hearing of Dr. Roy J. Ross, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches, the address of each to be limited to seven and one-half minutes.

Program—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC) Chairman of the Program Committee of the Commission on Entertainment for the 1956 General Conference announced the Special Pro-

gram Schedule of the 1956 General Conference, as follows:—

Wednesday evening, April 25th.—The Episcopal Address, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson.

Thursday evening, April 26th.—Human Relations Night, a pageant "The Prodigal World" put on by the General Boards of Temperance, World Peace and Social and Economic Relations, assisted by the Casa Materna Choir from Naples, Italy.

Friday evening, April 27th.—Stewardship and Lay Activities Night with a film on Christian Stewardship, and an address by Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction.

Saturday evening, April 28th.—Minnesota Night with a pageant "The North Star Calls."

Sunday evening, April 29th.—Hour of Evangelism with Dr. Alan Walker of Australia, speaker.

Monday evening, April 30th.—"The Song of Methodism" prepared by Dr. James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE).

Tuesday evening, May 1st.—India Night, with a pageant "Live For A Hundred Years."

Saturday evening, May 5th.—Youth Night under the supervision of the General Board of Education.

Sunday evening, May 6th.—Preaching by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman (New York) with the theme, "The Whole Gospel For The Whole World."

Time Extended—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), duly seconded, prevailed that the time of this session be extended sufficiently to complete the necessary business germane thereto.

Travel Expense Checks—Thomas B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC) Treasurer of the General Administration Fund was recognized, and made announcements regarding Travel Expense blanks and *per diem* matters.

Correction—Commission on Entertainment for 1960 General Conference—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Approved—Don A. Cooke

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of

Bishops, stated that the list of nominations for the 1960 Commission on Entertainment and Program of The General Conference of The Methodist Church found on page 17 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, column 1, were incorrect, and requested permission to withdraw the nominations of The Council of Bishops for this particular Commission, No. 5 and substitute the correct listing.

Common consent being given the list as found on page 17 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, column 1, No. 5 was withdrawn, and the following nominations substituted:—

Northeastern Jurisdiction:—William H. Alderson (New York East); Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia).

Southeastern Jurisdiction:—Robert C. Holmes (Florida); Charles R. Paul (*) (Alabama).

Central Jurisdiction:—L. Scott Allen (Georgia); Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington).

North Central Jurisdiction:—J. Otis Young (Ohio); John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River).

South Central Jurisdiction:—Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma); Floyd B. James (*) (Louisiana).

Western Jurisdiction:—Norman L. Conard (California-Nevada); J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona).

On motion of Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE), duly seconded, the nominations were approved.

Order of the Day—Commission on Church Union—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Adopted

On motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), duly seconded, an Order of the Day was established for hearing the Report of the Commission on Church Union, immediately following the presentation of the Fraternal Delegates at 10:45 A.M., Friday, April 27th, at which time Bishop Coadjutor, Robert Gibson of the Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Virginia would address the Conference.

Order of the Day—Proposed Quadrennial Program, Report No. 1. Co-ordinating Council—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

Motion of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Friday morning, April 27th, immediately following the Devotional Service, the hearing of Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council, subject, "The Proposed Quadrennial Program."

Hour of Evangelism—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Bishop W. Angie Smith, of the Oklahoma-New Mexico

Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and President of the General Board of Evangelism, announced the Hour of Evangelism at Wesley Methodist Church for four o'clock P.M., and invited all not engaged in Conference business to attend, and hear Bishop John W. Branscomb of the Jacksonville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, preach from the theme, "Christ Is the Life."

Leon T. Moore, Secretary-Designate Presented—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, as a matter of high, personal privilege, presented Leon T. Moore, (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, who is to assume the office January 1, 1957.

Leon T. Moore—Announces Committee Organizational Procedure

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) appropriately replied to the presentation, and announced the organizational procedure for the Standing Legislative Committees as follows:—

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES

Meeting at 2:30 P.M.

- No. 11. Temperance and Prohibition, Dana Dawson, Bishop; Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 12. Hospitals and Homes, H. Clifford Northcott, Bishop; J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 13. Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, Willis J. King, Bishop; Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula—NE) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 14. Judicial Administration, H. Bascom Watts, Bishop; Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington—C) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 15. Ritual and Orders of Worship, Edwin E. Voigt, Bishop; Clarence H. Hamm (Central Kansas—SC) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 16. Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, John Wesley Lord, Bishop; Prince A. Taylor, Jr. (North Carolina—C) Assistant Secretary.

Meeting at 3:30 P.M.

- No. 1. Conferences, Lloyd C. Wicke, Bishop, Nathaniel J. Golding (North Mississippi—SE) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 2. Education, Glenn R. Phillips, Bishop; M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington—C) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 3. Lay Activities, Edgar A. Love, Bishop; T. Russell Reitz (*) (Kansas—SC) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 4. Membership and Evangelism, John W. Branscomb, Bishop; Cecil R. Matthews (Northwest Texas—SC) Assistant Secretary.

- No. 5. Ministry, Richard C. Raines, Bishop; Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 6. Missions, William C. Martin, Bishop; Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 7. Pensions, Paul E. Martin, Bishop; Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 8. Publishing Interests, A. Raymond Grant, Bishop; Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia—NE) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 9. State of the Church, Gerald H. Kennedy, Bishop; Dillon W. Throckmorton (California-Nevada—W) Assistant Secretary.
- No. 10. Temporal Economy, John W. E. Bowen, Bishop; Calvin M. Pinkard (North Alabama—SE) Assistant Secretary.

No. 1 Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE) a member of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, as a matter of high privilege, because the Committee had not been organized as yet, called attention to the following "WELCOME, METHODISTS!" appearing in the Minneapolis STAR of this morning:—

Welcome, Methodists!

Today, thousands of Methodist Christians from all parts of the United States and overseas begin 15 days of important deliberations in the Minneapolis Auditorium, convening for their Quadrennial General Conference.

To this historic church of American Protestantism, we extend cordial greetings. May the Lord guide and bless your deliberations!

The Evangelical Lutheran Church

Headquarters: 422 So. Fifth St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, instructing the Secretary to make appropriate reply by telegraph.

Closing and Benediction—Bishop D. Stanley Coors

Various announcements were made by the Secretary, and the morning session of April 25, 1956 of The General Conference of The Methodist Church adjourned at 12:50 P.M. with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop D. Stanley Coors.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1956 EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Clare Purcell—Bishop W. Earl Ledden—James R. Houghton (*)

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the evening session of the First Day, Wednesday, April 25, 1956 at 8 P.M., with Bishop Clare Purcell of the Birmingham Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and retiring President of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, in the Chair.

Bishop Clare Purcell, the Presiding Officer, announced Hymn No. 381, "The Church's One Foundation." Under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), Conference Director of Music, the Conference, standing, joined heartily in the singing of the Hymn.

Presiding Officer—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Bishop Clare Purcell surrendered the Chair to Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and newly elected President of The Council of Bishops, who presided at the evening session.

Gavel—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, the Presiding Officer, stated that the gavel he was using this evening was made from wood, taken from the altar rail of his boyhood church at Glassboro, New Jersey, where he preached his first sermon as a Bishop in The Methodist Church, two days after his consecration as Bishop.

Committee on Presiding Officers Excused—Lud H. Estes

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) Secretary, duly seconded prevailed, that the Committee on Presiding Officers be excused for the transaction of business germane to that Committee.

Boston University Seminary Singers—James R. Houghton (*)

The Boston University Seminary Singers, were presented by James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) and under his direction rendered two selections:—1st "Behold, Now Praise The Lord," by Everett Titcomb, and 2nd "Still, Still With Thee," by Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Prayer—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, led in prayer.

Boston University Seminary Singers—James R. Houghton (*)

The Boston University Seminary Singers under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), then rendered the selection, "Alleluiah, Amen," by George Frederick Handel.

Appreciation—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

In behalf of The Conference, Bishop W. Earl Ledden, the Presiding Officer, thanked the Boston University Seminary Singers, and James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) for the inspiring music of the three selections so capably rendered.

Hymn 382—James R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) General Conference Director announced Hymn No. 382, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, Zion, City of Our God." The Conference, standing, joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Episcopal Address—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Bishop W. Earl Ledden stated that it is traditional and customary in The Methodist Church for The Council of Bishops to select one of their number to prepare and present the Episcopal Address. The Address is prepared, presented to The Council of Bishops, discussed and amended by them, and finally presented to the Delegates composing The General Conference; that Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, had been selected to prepare this great Church document for the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, and that he would now present it to The Conference. The Conference stood in applause.

Bishop Corson Reads The Episcopal Address

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson asked The Conference to join with him in a moment of silent prayer and then read The Episcopal Address prepared for the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church. At the conclusion of the reading the Conference stood in prolonged applause.

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, the Presiding Officer, in well

chosen words, expressed the thanks and appreciation of The General Conference to Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, for his masterful address.

For Episcopal Address, see Journal, page 188.

No. 1 Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, would preside at the session of Thursday Morning, April 26, 1956. For Report see page 1252.

Closing—Benediction—Bishop Ralph S. Cushman

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, the Presiding Officer, called attention to the devotional period beginning at 8:30 A.M. with the devotional message to be given by Bishop Herbert Welch.

After other announcements, The General Conference of The Methodist Church adjourned at 10:20 P.M. with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, Retired.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the morning session of the Second Day, Thursday, April 26, 1956, at 8:30 A.M., in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, presiding, who announced that the Devotions would be conducted by Bishop Herbert Welch, retired.

Devotions—Bishop Herbert Welch—James R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) announced Hymn No. 89, "Joy To The World! The Lord Is Come." The Conference, standing, joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Apostles' Creed—Bishop Herbert Welch

The Conference, still standing, joined in the recital of the Apostles' Creed, led by Bishop Herbert Welch.

Devotional Message—Bishop Herbert Welch

Bishop Herbert Welch, retired, brought the Devotional Message of the morning, using as the basis of his Message, the passage, "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you," found in John 16:13.

At the close of his Message, Bishop Herbert Welch led in a brief prayer, and pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, spoke words of commendation of the long service that Bishop Herbert Welch had so effectively rendered to the cause of Jesus Christ in the promotion of the interests of the same, represented by his activities in The Methodist Church.

Plan of Organization and Rules of Order—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, said some question has been raised as to the Rules under which we are operating, and made the following statement:—

"You will find on page 191 of the Handbook, at the top of the page, the declaration that the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of The General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the preceding General Conference until they have been

altered or modified by action of The General Conference, Paragraph 505 in the 1952 *Discipline*.

There has been no action by this body modifying or altering the Rules. Therefore we are proceeding under the Rules found in the Handbook before you."

No. 2 Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, called for the Report of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Committee stated there was no Report for this session.

Commission to Study the Jurisdictional Form of Government—Presented by Harold A. Bosley Who Moved to Refer to Committee on Conferences—Referred

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) was recognized, and presented the following Resolution (DB-5) :—

An Enabling Resolution for The General Conference

The Episcopal Address has recognized the need of an immediate and thorough review of the philosophy and the effectiveness of the Jurisdictional Structure of government begun seventeen (17) years ago with the unification of the three branches of American Methodism. We believe that such a review is called for both by our experience with a new instrument of government, and, especially, by the several problems within The Methodist Church today which relate to the Jurisdictional form of government.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

1. That this General Conference constitute a Commission for such study, the same to be elected by The General Conference on nomination by The Council of Bishops, as follows: two Bishops, two Ministers, and two Lay persons from each Jurisdiction; and in addition, one Minister and one Lay person for each five hundred thousand (500,000) church members or major fraction thereof in each Jurisdiction. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled in each instance by The College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction concerned.
2. That the Commission be asked:
 - a. To review the philosophy of the Jurisdictional System as an instrument of unity in the Church.
 - b. To ascertain the effects of the Jurisdictional System on the separate Jurisdictions and on the Church as a whole.
 - c. To evaluate the place of the Jurisdictional System in the future of The Methodist Church and make recommendations based on its findings.
3. That the Commission be authorized to determine its method of study, and that the expense of meeting and other expense which it shall deem necessary to the fulfillment of its duty shall be paid from the General Conference Expense Fund.
4. That the Commission be instructed to report its findings and recommendations to the 1960 Quadrennial Session of The Gen-

eral Conference. The Commission shall publish its Report not later than six months prior to the meeting of the 1960 General Conference. Copies shall be sent to members of the General Boards and Agencies, the Delegates to the 1960 General Conference, District Superintendents, Secretaries of Annual Conferences, and Conference Lay Leaders.

5. That the Committee on Conferences of the current session of The General Conference be authorized at its discretion to recommend referral of any Memorial before it relating to the Jurisdictional Structure to the Commission for Study.
6. This Commission shall be convened by the member designated by the Council of Bishops.

COMMISSION AS CONSTITUTED

	<i>Basic</i>	<i>Additional</i>	<i>Total</i>
Northeastern	6	8	14
North Central	6	8	14
Western	6	2	8
Central	6	2	8
Southeastern	6	10	16
South Central	6	8	14
TOTAL	36	38	74

(Signed)

HAROLD A. BOSLEY (Rock River—NC)
 FREDERICK E. MASER (Philadelphia—NE)
 LYNN H. CORSON (New Jersey—NE)
 NAT G. LONG (North Georgia—SE)
 J. OWEN SMITH (South Carolina—SE)
 WADE WELDON (Louisville—SE)
 J. HENRY CHITWOOD (North Alabama—SE)
 HOWARD S. STANTON (*) (New Jersey—NE)
 MRS. GEORGE K. (CHRISTINE T.) MARPLE (*) (New Jersey—NE)
 WILLIAM R. GUFFICK (New Jersey—NE)
 JAMES S. CHUBB (Nebraska—SC)
 STEWART CLENDENIN (Texas—SC)
 LANCE WEBB (Ohio—NC)
 EDWIN L. JONES, SR. (Western North Carolina—SE)
 LEONARD D. SLUTZ (*) (Ohio—NC)
 R. F. CURL (Southwest Texas—SC)
 LESTER L. KEYSER (*) (Southwest Texas—SC)
 W. KENNETH POPE (Texas—SC)
 GEORGE B. MCKIBBEN (*) (Rock River—NC)
 RALPH G. LUFF (*) (Philadelphia—NE)
 CHESTER A. MCPHEETERS (Detroit—NC)
 ROBERT B. SPENCER (*) (Colorado—W)
 PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR. (Louisiana—C)
 PAT THOMPSON (*) (Texas—SC)
 ALLIE G. JEFFERSON (*) (Virginia—SE)
 MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*) (North Iowa—NC)
 THOMAS B. LUGG (Illinois—NC)
 AMOS L. HOLLAND (Mississippi—C)
 JOHN V. MADISON (South Dakota—NC)
 ROBERT D. BLUE (*) (North Iowa—NC)
 FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD, JR. (Oklahoma)
 CLARENCE H. LARUE (North-East Ohio—NC)

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) moved that the Resolution be referred to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, and the motion was duly seconded.

Against Referring—Chester A. Smith (*)

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke against the motion to refer.

Postpone Reference—Loyd F. Worley—Not Adopted

Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE), speaking under Rule 20 which gives precedence to a motion to postpone, over a motion to refer, moved to postpone referring until Friday morning, April 27, after recess at the morning session. The motion was duly seconded.

Against Postponement—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) spoke against the motion to postpone, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, we seem to be opening up here for general discussion a matter which looks toward new legislation or changes in the *Discipline*, and under our Rule on page 197 of the Handbook, No. 2, it says, ‘The General Conference shall have the following Standing Legislative Committees which shall consider all proposals looking toward new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the Church and report recommendations relating thereto to The Conference.’

“It would seem to me therefore, there is no other alternative than to refer this immediately to the Committee instead of opening up for discussion here generally.”

Ruling—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

“The Chair would have to rule, if Mr. Worley confines his remarks purely to a discussion of whether or not it should be referred, that he is in order unless the Chair is over-ruled. He is opposing the referring of this. Clearly, he should not discuss new possible legislation. If you, Mr. Worley, can confine yourself within the limits of that, and still meet the requirements of the Church Rules, you have the floor.”

Loyd F. Worley Speaks Against Referring

Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) spoke as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman. I will endeavor to do so.

“Thank you,

“This is a very important Resolution that Dr. Bosley has presented. No one holds Dr. Bosley in higher esteem than I do, and I am sure of his very conscious effort to do something for the peace and unity of the Church. This, however, is such an important Resolution that

we all ought to have an opportunity of reading it in cold print. It sounded good. Nevertheless, is there any reason why we cannot wait twenty-four hours and have some opportunity of studying it in exact detail? Must we be hurried into action?"

"I sincerely hope that you will be calm enough, patient enough, willing enough to wait until tomorrow morning and study this in detail."

Against Postponement—Nolan B. Harmon

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) spoke against the motion to postpone, as follows:—

"Dr. Bosley put this before us very plainly. Nothing will be put before us for adoption until the Committee to which it is referred shall bring its Report before us. Then the main question can be opened for debate. I see no sense in waiting one day by postponing for twenty-four hours. I support Dr. Bosley's motion to refer."

Motion of Loyd F. Worley—Not Adopted

The motion of Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) to postpone, on being put to a vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Motion to Refer Adopted—Harold A. Bosley

The motion of Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) to refer the Resolution presented to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, on being put to a vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Order of the Day—Promotion and Cultivation—Bishop William C. Martin—Advance—Bishop Costen J. Harrell—C. C. Bell—Order Set

Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, Chairman of The General Conference Advance Committee, presented their Reports for the consideration of The General Conference, with a request that their consideration be made the Order of the Day for Saturday morning, April 28th, 1956, following the Devotional Message of that morning.

Motion of C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), duly seconded prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day, the consideration of the Joint Reports at the time suggested.

Order of the Day—Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education—Eugene M. Frank—Order Set—Bishop Donald H. Tippet

Motion of Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC), duly sec-

onded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Monday morning, April 30th, 1956, following the Devotional Message, the consideration of the Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education created by the 1952 General Conference; that the Report be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* prior to its presentation, and that Bishop Donald H. Tippet, of the San Francisco Area, Western Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Commission, be extended the privilege of the floor for the presentation of the Commission's Report.

Reports General Board of Pensions Referred—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Ira B. Loud

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of the St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and President of the General Board of Pensions, presented three Reports from the General Board of Pensions, with the request that they be referred to the Standing Committee on Pensions.

Motion of Ira B. Loud (Texas—C), duly seconded, prevailed, referring the following Reports of the General Board of Pensions to the Standing Committee on Pensions:—

1st. Special Report on the Merger of the Illinois and Missouri Corporations.

2nd. Joint Report of the Council on World Service and Finance and the Committee on Pension Legislation of the General Board of Pensions.

3rd. The Report of the Committee of the General Board of Pensions on Pension Legislation.

Resolution on Integration—Thurman L. Dodson (*)—Referred

Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington—C) presented a Resolution on Integration (DB-6), and moved its reference to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences. The motion to refer, being duly seconded, the Resolution was referred as follows:—

Whereas, we are living in an era of great travail and turmoil in the hearts and minds of men as it touches one of the most transcending questions of our times, involving the rights and dignities of human personalities, and

Whereas, the titanic struggle now going on in the world between two great forces for survival and supremacy in the lives of men and women everywhere, and with the world deadlocked, as it were, between the enlightened forces of Democracy, with its accent upon the dignity and equality of human personality on the one hand, with the forces of Atheistic Communism on the other, and

Whereas, in times like these, great religious bodies, like The Methodist Church, should translate its concept of the Christian ethic and ideal in these matters into unequivocal language, lest no one doubt that the Church is either too disinterested to proclaim its faith in the religion of Jesus Christ, or too timid to withstand the jeers or displeasure of a godless minority which insists upon its right to indulge in practices of segregation and discrimination while at the same time proclaiming their belief in the fundamental principles of Christianity, and

Whereas, it is essential that this 1956 Session of The General Conference reaffirm its faith in the efficacy of the Christian ethic and dynamic to solve all of our problems, however grave, and thereby contribute the weight of its influence upon the side of those who would eliminate every badge and indicia of a second class citizenship.

That none may misunderstand our position, **Therefore Be It Resolved:**

(1) That this Conference wholeheartedly and without reservation support the Supreme Court decision on Integration as just, sound and proper, and entirely consonant with the teachings of Christ.

(2) That this General Conference urge our people, both clergy and lay to prayerfully accept the decision of the Court and to join no movement or forces in their local communities which seek to undermine, thwart or subvert the decision.

(3) That we condemn mob violence and all attempts to inflame our people whether by violence, manifestos, Resolutions of Interposition, Citizens' Councils or any other devices which tend to perpetuate the sin of segregation.

(4) That we reaffirm our belief that segregation and discrimination are sinful and contrary to the teachings of Christ.

(5) That this Conference here and now abolish all forms of segregation so far as this General Conference may so do and in this connection refer this portion of this Resolution to The Judicial Council to determine the extent to which this Conference can be effective and to report its findings immediately to this Conference to the end that appropriate action may be had at this session of The General Conference.

(6) That we authorize the immediate appointment of a Commission on Integration to be composed as follows:

An equal number of Ministers and Laymen representing each Jurisdiction, and members of The Council of Bishops to be selected by The Council of Bishops. The aforesaid Commission on Integration shall explore the entire question of segregation as it affects The Methodist Church, and to make such recommendations and to initiate and institute such Constitutional changes as may be required so that The General Conference of 1960 can consummate the complete integration of The Methodist Church.

THURMAN L. DODSON
Lay Delegate
Washington Conference

Resolution Re Constitutional Amendment—Chester A. Smith (*)—Action Postponed

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) was recognized to present a Resolution concerning the introduction of a

Constitutional Amendment concerning the abolition of the Central Jurisdiction.

Statement—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement before Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) presented his Resolution:—

"The Conference will bear in mind that we are proceeding somewhat freely this morning because the Committees have not been able to begin their work, and Resolutions from the floor are properly referred. From deference to and respect for the Committees the Chair is of the opinion that general discussion should not be entered into until the Committees are set up for the purpose of consideration, and have had an opportunity to act. I am sure The Conference is grateful to these brethren for referring these matters to the proper Committees."

Resolution Presented—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) presented the following Resolution (DB-7):—

"Whereas, The Council of Bishops at their Chicago meeting challenged the Methodist people to support the principles involved in the decision of the Supreme Court on segregation; and,

Whereas, we believe the present segregation of the Negro members of The Methodist Church is a violation of the teachings of Jesus, and it is without justification either in law, Christianity or biology, and should therefore be ended as soon as possible;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we instruct the Committee on the State of the Church (later changed to Committee on Conferences. Editor) to prepare and present to The General Conference an Amendment to the Constitution of the Church, which, when ratified by a sufficient number of the Annual Conferences, would abolish the Central Jurisdiction, and place the Annual Conferences in that Jurisdiction in such remaining Jurisdictions under the Plan of Union as may be mutually agreeable to such Annual Conferences and to the said remaining Jurisdictions."

The motion being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) started to speak to the Resolution.

Statement—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Before Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) started speaking, Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"The motion is seconded, but you will suffer the Chair, Mr. Smith, to say you now are calling for the referring of a paper which carries with it explicit instruction which orders the Committee to do certain things. That certainly would call for general discussion here before

this Conference would wish to so order the Committee. I think this Conference ought to understand that this carries with it specific instructions.

Going through ordinary channels it would be referred to the Committee for recommendation, and then come back to The Conference. However, Mr. Smith's Resolution is instruction specifying what the Committee shall do. Therefore this Conference, before such reference would be made would naturally wish to discuss the subject at length. That is for you to determine."

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) then spoke to the Resolution.

Statement—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) was recognized and made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, I would like just respectfully to insist we begin to follow the Rules of Order, which require that any questions or proposals or Resolutions or communications which are not included in the regular business of The General Conference shall be through a Committee to adjudge whether or not they are privileged matters to be brought here and discussed like this.

I think it would refer to even the preceding Resolutions which have already been presented. They should go through the regular channels as other Memorials and other Resolutions do, and it would seem to me that we ought to require, even if we don't have any business this morning except to adjourn and have the Committees meet, which might be a good thing, that we follow these Rules and require that any matters that are presented here as privileged Resolutions shall be recommended by the proper Committee according to our Rules."

Ruling—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer replied as follows:—

"You are eminently right, Doctor, but you will understand that this morning in the absence of Reports from the Committees, and following the Resolution presented by Dr. Bosley, which opened a general field in which there will be discussion, there is evidence, of course, that perhaps we have been a little freer than would have been the case were we further along in our proceedings."

Point of Order—E. H. Blackard—Recommended Change Accepted—C. A. Smith (*)

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) raised the Point of Order, that the subject matter of the Resolution properly belonged to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, and not to the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church.

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) accepted the suggested change of direction of his Resolution, and by common consent, The General Conference approved.

Motion to Postpone Action—Harold C. Case—Adopted

Harold C. Case (New England—NE) speaking under Section 7 of Rule 20, which states that a motion to postpone shall have precedence over a motion to refer, moved to postpone action on the Resolution of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), until the Resolutions previously presented separately by Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) and Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington—C) and referred to the proper Committees, shall have been returned to The General Conference for full consideration.

The motion was duly seconded.

For Postponement—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE) spoke in favor of postponement.

The motion of Harold C. Case (New England—NE) to postpone action on the Resolution of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) until after the Committee on Conferences had reported on the Resolutions referred to it by Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) and Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington—C), on being put to a vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Resolution to Create a Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System of The Methodist Church—G. Stanley Frazer—Referred

G. Stanley Frazer (Alabama—SE) presented (DR-8) the following Resolution for the Creation of a Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System of The Methodist Church, and moved its reference to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences:—

Resolved:—That The General Conference create a Commission to make a thorough study of our Jurisdictional System embodied in the Constitution of The Methodist Church with special reference to its structure and effectiveness, particularly as it is related to our changing social and economic questions; and that such a Commission of a total of not more than 90 members be composed of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen, to be appointed by the Clerical and Lay Members of this General Conference on the following basis and in a manner hereinafter designated:

Each Jurisdiction shall be entitled to one member for a church membership of from 110,000 to 125,000; *provided*, however, that every Jurisdiction is entitled to a minimum of 4 Clerical and 4 Lay members of the Commission; *provided* further that the Delegates within an Episcopal Area meeting in one body will select

such members, Clerical and Lay, to which they may be entitled, to serve on this Commission; *provided* further that where there are Areas with insufficient numbers of church members to entitle them to even one member, such Areas may join with another Area or Areas whose combined membership total may entitle them to one or more members of the Commission; and that this General Conference direct the Committee on Conferences to submit to this body for final approval a formula of representation so that each Jurisdiction within the United States may be equitably represented with an equal division for both Clerical and Lay members;

And that the Commission be divided into Jurisdictional Sections, following the boundaries of the presently existing Jurisdictions, with a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of each Section; and that it shall be the duty of each Jurisdictional Section to conduct thorough studies and hearings in all Areas of the Jurisdiction dealing with social and economic questions that vitally concern the life and program of The Methodist Church and its constituents; that both the General Commission and the Sections operating within the Jurisdictions be convened at least once annually and that members of the Commission of any Jurisdiction be invited and encouraged to meet with other members at meetings of the Jurisdictional Sections whenever feasible and practicable; and that the Commission adopt such rules and procedure necessary for the conduct of its affairs.

And that the Council on World Service and Finance be instructed to provide all necessary funds for the expenses of the Commission in carrying out the intent and provisions of this Resolution, both in its General and Sectional activities.

And that all places on the Commission be filled as provided heretofore within sixty (60) days after the adjournment of this General Conference; and that the first meeting for organization be held in October or November, 1956, on the call and by being convened by the President of The Council of Bishops, or one of the Bishops appointed by him, and with the provision that the Bishops of The Methodist Church are recognized as official advisors in all matters relating to the work of the Commission.

That all Resolutions or Memorials pertaining to the place or structure of any Jurisdiction within The Methodist Church be referred to this Commission for future study; and that the Commission is hereby instructed to make a full Report of its findings and recommendations to the 1960 session of The General Conference.

That nothing in this Resolution be construed as being related to or affecting questions or proposals pertaining to the merger of any church, group of churches, or a District or Annual Conference, into other Conferences or Jurisdictions.

G. STANLEY FRAZER (Alabama—SE)
THOMAS S. HARRIS (Alabama—SE)
LEE ROY USSERY (*) (Alabama—SE)
H. PAUL MATHISON (Alabama—SE)

Statements—Bishop A. Frank Smith—G. Stanley Frazer

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“Now, if you will allow the Chair to clarify his own mind and the situation for The Conference; does not your Resolution direct, as did

Mr. Smith's Resolution, that the Committee on Conferences do certain things; or do you refer the Resolution to the Committee for such action as it may wish to take?"

G. Stanley Frazer (Alabama—SE) replied:—

"I think the intent is for its reference to the Committee on Conferences."

Further Statement—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and Presiding Officer, made a further statement, as follows:—

"I noted the word 'direct' and 'instruct.' It is understood that The Conference, if they vote to refer, is not directing that certain things be done. It is simply referring this Plan as it referred the Plan of Dr. Bosley."

Reply—G. Stanley Frazer

G. Stanley Frazer (Alabama—SE) replied:—

"That is correct, Mr. Chairman."

Further Statement—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, made a further statement, as follows:—

"The Chair may be allowed to say further with respect to the Council on World Service and Finance, I think we would not be permitted to instruct the Council on World Service and Finance in that particular, for the *Discipline* provides that no Agency may be set up by the Church until the Council on World Service and Finance has been apprized of the machinery involved therein, and of the probable expense, and has brought a Report to The General Conference.

Therefore, it would be out of order for us to instruct the Council on World Service and Finance in that particular, but to await their action at the proper time.

Now, Dr. Frazer, you are simply moving a proposal here without any instructions from this Conference, giving free liberty to the Committee, just as was the situation with respect to Dr. Bosley's Resolution."

The motion of G. Stanley Frazer (Alabama—SE) to refer to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, without instructions, his Resolution for the Creation of a Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System of The Methodist Church, having been duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Resolution re Board of Publication—C. Anderson Davis—Referred

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) presented a

Resolution, (DB-9) and moved its reference to the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, as follows:—

Whereas, The General Conference of The Methodist Church of 1952 declared that segregation has no place in The Methodist Church, and

Whereas, it is unchristian, immoral and inhuman with no Biblical basis, and without foundation according to the United States Supreme Court, and

Whereas, Negroes are a definite part of The Methodist Church, and therefore, have a definite interest in the Publishing House; large amounts of materials are purchased by Negro churches, ministers and laymen from The Methodist Publishing House, it would, therefore seem reasonable that The General Conference should take this under consideration and make it possible for Negroes to have a voice in policy-making and administration of the Publishing House,

Therefore Be It Resolved, That The General Conference instruct the Board of Publication to up-grade Negroes in all classes of labor, and hire them in skilled positions in The Methodist Publishing House, and

Be It Further Resolved, That The General Conference instruct the Board of Publication to employ Negroes in Executive and Administrative positions.

Respectfully submitted,
The East Tennessee Annual Conference
C. ANDERSON DAVIS, *Secretary*

(Unanimously adopted by the East Tennessee Conference, meeting in Morristown, Tennessee, July 13-17, 1955).

(Signed) C. ANDERSON DAVIS

Statement—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“Again we have instructions to the Committee on Publishing Interests. We have one more instruction which I am sure The Conference would not wish to adopt without general discussion upon all phases of the subject.

Can you not, sir, send that in as the other papers have been sent in, for reference to the Committee on Publishing Interests, stating your position without any instruction for the General Conference?”

Reply:—C. Anderson Davis

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) replied:—

“That is the aim.”

Statement—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Before putting the question to refer, Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston San-Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"I am sure that is your purpose, Mr. Davis. The understanding is that it is not an instruction; it is simply a Resolution relating to the matter contained therein."

Resolution Referred

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) moved the reference of his Resolution, without instructions, to the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, and the motion to refer, being duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Order of the Day for Report of Commission on Church Union Reconsidered—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Set for Today—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Adopted

Motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, that The General Conference reconsider its action of yesterday, setting as an Order of the Day for tomorrow the consideration of the Report of the Commission on Church Union, in order that the Report might be considered at the session this morning.

Motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE) duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day, the hearing of the Report of the Commission on Church Union, to immediately follow the presentation of the Chaplains after the recess period of this morning's session.

Order of the Day—Report of Board of Publication Concerning the Church Paper's Program—J. Otis Young—Order Set

Motion of J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Monday, April 30th, 1956, following the morning recess period, the hearing of and action on the Report of the Board of Publication regarding the Church Paper Program for The Methodist Church.

Nominations for The Judicial Council—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of The Council of Bishops (DB-10) for the election of members of The Judicial Council, according to the provisions of Paragraph 901, Article 1, of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, as follows:—

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)
F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE)

Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC)
 William G. Brown (*) (Holston—SE)
 Dallas L. Browning (Indiana—NC)
 Lester L. Cecil (*) (Ohio—NC)
 Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)
 R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC)
 Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)
 Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)
 Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC)
 Charles G. Howard (Oregon—W)
 Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE)
 Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)
 Edward F. McFaddin (*) (Little Rock—SC)
 Noah W. Moore, Jr. (Delaware—C)
 Donald A. Odell (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)
 John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)
 J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas)
 Abert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)
 H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)
 Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
 J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington—C)
 Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W)
 Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)
 Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC)

Motion to Defer Nominations from the Floor until Tomorrow—Chester A. Smith ()—Out of Order*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved that nominations from the floor be deferred until tomorrow. The motion was ruled out of order by the Chair, as the *Discipline* provides that nominations from the floor shall be made at the time the nominations are made by The Council of Bishops. See 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 901, Article 1.

Biographical Sketches—Alexander K. Smith—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, raised the question of the obtaining of the Biographical Sketches called for by the Plan of Organization, page 194, Handbook for Delegates, (3) Courtesies and Privileges, "f," in time for the publication in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, as required by Paragraph 901, Article 1, of the 1952 *Discipline*.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops, stated that the Biographical Sketches of the nominees of The Council of Bishops were in his possession and would be turned over to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges this morning.

Nominations from the Floor—A. Wesley Pugh—Allen B. Rice—Thurman L. Dodson—Kelly L. Jackson

Allen B. Rice (Northwest Indiana—NC) nominated A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) for election to The Judicial Council.

Kelly L. Jackson (Washington—C) nominated Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington—C) for election to The Judicial Council.

Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington—C) requested that his name be withdrawn from the list of nominees.

Nominations Closed—Luther W. Wells. (*)

Motion of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, that nominations for membership on The Judicial Council be closed.

Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information—Presented—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Elected—Ira B. Loud

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of The Council of Bishops (DB-10) for the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, Par. 1593, 1952 *Discipline*, and on motion of Ira B. Loud (West Texas—C), duly seconded, they were elected as follows:—

Bishop Richard C. Raines

Robert D. Hill (Louisiana—C)

Holt McPherson (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)

Miron A. Morrill (North Iowa—NC) (Transferred to the Hong Kong-Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference, December 1, 1956, and appointed Professor of English and Academic Consultant in Soochow University, Paipai, Formosa)

Theodore H. Palmquist (Southern California-Arizona—W)

J. Richard Sneed (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Walter W. Van Kirk (New England—NE) (Died July 6, 1956.

Burton W. Marvin (Kansas—SC) was appointed by the Commission, to fill his place.)

Grove Patterson (*) (Ohio—NC) (Died August 7, 1956. Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE) was appointed by the Commission to fill his place.)

Umphrey Lee (North Texas—SC)

Commission on Chaplains—Nominated—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Elected—Lud H. Estes

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops, presented the nominations of The Council of Bishops for the Commission on Chaplains, Par. 1582, 1952 *Dis-*

cipline and on motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, they were elected as follows:—

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
 Bishop Paul N. Garber
 Bishop Edgar A. Love
 Bishop H. Clifford Northcott
 Bishop A. Frank Smith
 Bishop Donald H. Tippet
 Major General Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE)
 Admiral William N. Thomas (Mississippi—SE)
 Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE)
 Harry Allan Price (Pittsburgh—NE)
 Albert P. Shirkey (Baltimore—NE)
 S. Charles Candler (*) (North Georgia—SE)
 James I. Dolliver (*) (North Iowa—NC)
 Carl S. McFall (Oklahoma—SC)
 Earl N. Contee (*) (Washington—C)
 Major General Willard W. Irvine (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Elections by Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced the following ten elections (DB-10) had been made by The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, as required by the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church:—

(1) *Board of Publication*—Par. 1130, 1952 *Discipline*

Bishop Roy H. Short
 Bishop Glenn R. Phillips

(2) *General Board of Evangelism*—Par. 1468, 1952 *Discipline*

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Chairman
 Bishop W. Earl Ledden
 Bishop Roy H. Short
 Bishop John W. E. Bowen
 Bishop H. Clifford Northcott
 Bishop William C. Martin
 Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

(3) *General Board of Lay Activities*—Par. 1491, 1952 *Discipline*

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips
 Bishop Dana Dawson
 Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

(4) *General Board of Temperance*—Par. 1532, 1952 *Discipline*

Bishop John Wesley Lord
 A newly elected Bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdiction
 (Bishop Nolan B. Harmon)

Bishop Edgar A. Love
 Bishop D. Stanley Coors
 Bishop Dana Dawson
 Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

(5) *General Board of World Peace—Par. 1545, 1952 Discipline*

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley
 Bishop W. Earl Ledden
 Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

At Large:—

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE)
 Mrs. James K. Mawha (*) (Newark—NE)
 Frank D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC)
 Elwin L. Wilson (Maine—NE)
 Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC)
 Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE)

(6) *General Board of Social and Economic Relations—Par. 1555, 1952 Discipline*

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
 A newly elected Bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdiction
 (Bishop Bachman G. Hodge)
 Bishop Willis J. King
 Bishop Hazen G. Werner
 Bishop H. Bascom Watts
 Bishop Donald H. Tippet

(7) *General Board of Hospitals and Homes—Par. 1563, 1952 Discipline*

Bishop William T. Watkins
 Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

(8) *General Television, Radio and Film Commission—Par. 1590-2, 1952 Discipline*

Bishop Donald H. Tippet
 Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

(9) *Commission on Promotion and Cultivation—Pars. 750-755, 1952 Discipline*

Bishop William C. Martin
 Bishop Marvin A. Franklin
 Bishop D. Stanley Coors

(10) *General Board of Pensions—Par. 1602-1, 1952 Discipline*

Bishop Marshall R. Reed

Resolution Re Ford Foundation Grants to Methodist Hospitals—Referred—Ernest W. Peterson (*)

Motion of Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), duly seconded, prevailed, referring, without reading, "A Resolu-

tion In Recognition of the Ford Foundation Grants to Methodist Hospitals," to the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes.

Order of the Day—Consideration of Report of the Commission on Family Life—Ralph W. Sockman—Order Set

Motion of Ralph W. Sockman (New York—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Tuesday, May 1st, 1956, the presentation and consideration of the Report of the Commission on National Family Life, with Bishop Hazen G. Werner to make a statement concerning the Report, said Order of the Day to follow immediately after the presentation of the "India Day" Order of the Day after recess at Tuesday morning's session, May 1st, 1956.

Recess

After various announcements were made, The General Conference of The Methodist Church adjourned for the morning recess of fifteen minutes.

Re-Convene—Bishop A. Frank Smith—James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, called The Conference to order at the close of the recess period, and announced Hymn No. 60, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

Under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) General Conference Director of Music, The Conference stood, and joined heartily in the singing of the Hymn.

Boston Seminary Singers—Harold C. Case—Bishop A. Frank Smith—James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, recognized, and presented Harold C. Case (New England—NE) for a privileged statement.

Harold C. Case (New England—NE), President of Boston University, stated that the Boston University Seminary Singers began singing the great music of the Church twenty-nine years ago under the leadership of Dr. James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), organizer and sole Director all these years; that over one thousand ministerial students have sung under his skilled direction during that time; that the largest number of them have entered the active ministry; that the group here today are in training

for full-time Christian service, with the active ministry as the objective of the majority of them; and that it was a privilege to present them to sing, under the direction of Dr. James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) their Director.

The Boston University Seminary Singers, under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) then favored The Conference with the selection "The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me," by Everett Titcomb.

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) requested all former Boston University Seminary Singers, Delegates or visitors, to come to the platform and join in the singing of the 130th Psalm.

The Boston University Seminary Singers, augmented by many from the audience, then sang the "De Profundis," the musical score having been written by James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) Director of the group of singers.

Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, in behalf of The Conference, expressed its thanks to the Boston University Seminary Singers, and James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) Director, for their rendition of the soul-stirring hymns and special selections with which they had favored The Conference.

Order of the Day—Presentation of Chaplains—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, stated that the Order of the Day, the presentation of the Chaplains present, had arrived, and recognized Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Commission on Chaplains of The Methodist Church.

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam stated that there were 454 Methodist ministers in active duty at this moment; 147 in the Army, 129 in the Navy, and 178 in the Air Force; in addition 52 are serving in The Veterans Administration; 57 in corrective institutions, hospitals and homes; 90 are serving as civilians in the Civil Air Patrol; 545 Reserve Chaplains not on active duty, making a total of 1,198 Methodist ministers directly related to the Chaplaincy Service.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam then presented the Chaplains present. The Conference stood in applause.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam next presented the members of

the Commission on Chaplains present, and then the Staff members of the Commission.

Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter Presented—Speaks—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Chairman of the Commission of Chaplains of The Methodist Church, then presented Major General Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter of the Peninsula Annual Conference, the Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force, and a member of this General Conference.

Major General Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force, on behalf of his two colleagues, Chief of Chaplains of the Army, Chaplain Patrick J. Ryan, and Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, Chaplain Ed Hart, and on behalf of himself, as Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force, expressed to The General Conference, and to The Methodist Church, the sincere appreciation of the Armed Forces for the co-operation of The Methodist Church in furnishing ministers for the Chaplaincy.

Chaplain Edward McDonald Presented—Speaks—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Chairman of the Commission of Chaplains of The Methodist Church, next presented Chaplain Edward McDonald, Chief of Chaplains of The Veterans Administration.

Chief of Chaplains of the Veterans Administration, Monsignor Edward McDonald addressed the Conference, stating that in the area of Institutional Ministry there are over one hundred Methodist Chaplains, fifty of whom are ministering to the sick and wounded in the hospitals under the jurisdiction of The Veterans Administration. Bringing greetings from the Chaplains engaged in Institutional Ministry, he voiced his deep gratitude to the Commission on Chaplains of The Methodist Church for their part in helping make the ministry of The Veterans Administration so helpful and efficient as it ministers to the sick and wounded committed to its care.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam Closes Order of the Day—Prayer

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Chairman of the Commission on Chaplains of The Methodist Church, separately thanked Major General Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force, and Chief of Chaplains of the Veterans Administration, Chaplain Monsignor Edward McDonald in behalf of The Conference, and closed the Order of the Day with a short prayer.

Resolution—Chester A. Smith ()—Out of Order—Bishop A. Frank Smith*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) was recognized for a matter of special privilege and presented the following Resolution (DB-11) :—

“Be It Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the distinguished service being rendered to the men in our Armed Forces, and to the country as a whole by those who are serving as Chaplains in the Armed Forces and The Veterans Administration.

That we express our conviction that it would be more in keeping with the spirit of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, if the Chaplains were supported by the Church rather than by the Federal Government, and if they wore a distinctive uniform of the Church rather than the uniform of the Army.

We request The Council of Bishops to take the necessary steps to bring this about.”

Signed

Chester A. Smith

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Ruling—Bishop A. Frank Smith—Out of Order

Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, ruled the motion out of order at this time, and made the following statement:—

“The Chair must rule, sir, that that paper should be referred to the proper Committee. That calls for long discussion in all probability. We have an Order of the Day, not because of the content, sir, of your motion, but because the Order of the Day has arrived, and the adoption or rejection of that motion would undoubtedly call for extended discussion, therefore, the Chair must rule the motion out of order at this time.”

Order of Day—Report of Commission on Church Union—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Bishop Robert Gibson—Report Adopted

The Order of the Day, presentation and consideration of the Report of the Commission on Church Union, having arrived, Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, recognized Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE) Secretary of the Commission for the presentation of the Report of the Commission.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark) Secretary of the Commission on Church Union presented the Report (Quadrennial Reports, pages 636-647 inclusive), stating that the Commission had been working in three fields during the past quadrennium, as follows:—

First:—Towards a United Church in the United States of America.

A Proposed Plan of Union is attached to the Report, for information.

Second:—Attempting to break the road block of the ecumenical movement, namely, the closed community.

Third:—Worked with our Methodist brethren throughout the world, and important decisions will be made at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, when the World Methodist Council meets there in August, 1956.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt Speaks—Bishop Robert Gibson Speaks

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE) requested the privilege of the floor for Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Chairman of the Commission on Church Union, in order that he might speak to the Report.

By common consent, the privilege of the floor was granted, and Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, recognized Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the Saint Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Commission on Church Union since its creation by The General Conference of 1948 at Boston, Massachusetts, who spoke to the Report briefly clearly outlining the work done during the past quadrennium, and then presented the Right Reverend Robert Gibson, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Virginia of the Protestant Episcopal Church, a Fraternal Delegate to this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church that he might also speak to the Report. The Conference arose and applauded.

Bishop Robert Gibson Speaks

Bishop Robert Gibson, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Virginia, and Chairman of the Commission on Approaches to Unity in the Protestant Episcopal Church, addressed The Conference, bringing greetings from the Protestant Episcopal Church and speaking to the Report, and of the progress made by the two Commissions on Church Union, in the consideration of the problems germane to their work as Commissions on Church Union.

Report Adopted—Charles C. Parlin ()*

On the motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE) Secretary of the Commission on Church Union, duly seconded, the Report of the Commission was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1767.

Announcements—J. Wesley Hole (*)

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, was recognized for some privileged announcements.

No. 3 Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith—Memorial Service

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges announced that the Memorial Service for the deceased Bishops, General Officers and Delegates-elect would be held tomorrow morning, Friday, April 27, 1956, and that Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of the Saint Louis Area, Central Jurisdiction, would bring the message of The Memorial Service.

Order of the Day—Presentation of Bishops' Wives—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, moved that an Order of the Day be established for the presentation of the wives of the Bishops on Saturday morning, April 28, 1956, immediately following the Order of the Day scheduled for consideration immediately after recess at the session of that morning, namely the hearing of Dr. Roy J. Ross, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

The motion, setting the above Order of the Day, duly seconded, was adopted unanimously.

Harold C. Case Excused—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) was recognized and stated that Harold C. Case (New England—NE), a member of this General Conference, had been appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower (*), as member of a Committee to study the problem of education above the High School level; that the Committee had been called to meet in Washington tomorrow, and that as Chairman of the New England Annual Conference Delegation, he requested that Harold C. Case (New England—NE) be excused from the session of tomorrow, Friday, April 27 in order to attend the meeting of the Committee, and that Walter G. Muelder, Reserve Delegate from the New England Annual Conference, (NE) be seated in his place for tomorrow. By common consent the request was granted unanimously.

No. 2 Presiding Officers—Bishop John W. E. Bowen—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding

Officers presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, announcing that Bishop John W. E. Bowen of the Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction, would be the Presiding Officer for the session of Friday morning, April 27, 1956. For Report see page 1253.

Methodist Hymnal—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, gave a brief historical statement concerning the preparation of The Hymnal being used at this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, and that of the original Commission members there are present at this General Conference of The Methodist Church, the following:—

The Methodist Episcopal Church:—Bishops Frederick D. Leete and Titus Lowe; Minister:—Oscar Thomas Olson; Layman:—James R. Houghton.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South:—Bishop A. Frank Smith; Ministers:—Nolan B. Harmon, Ivan Lee Holt (Now Bishop); Laymen:—None present.

The Methodist Protestant Church:—None present.

Rules Suspended—Adjournment—Lud H. Estes—Adopted

There being no further business for the consideration of the Conference at this morning's session and the time of adjournment not having yet arrived, motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) duly seconded, prevailed, that the Rules be suspended and that we do not adjourn, following announcements.

Announcements

Announcements of various kinds were made.

Thanks—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, in well chosen words, thanked The Conference for its fine co-operation throughout the session of this morning.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Following the announcements, Bishop A. Frank Smith, the Presiding Officer, pronounced the Benediction, and The Conference adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop John W. E. Bowen

Pursuant to adjournment the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the morning session of the Third Day, Friday, April 27, 1956 in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at 8:30 A.M., with Bishop John W. E. Bowen of the Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction, presiding, who announced that the Devotional and Memorial Service would be conducted by Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Devotions—Memorial Service—Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. —James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of the Saint Louis Area, Central Jurisdiction, requested James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) General Conference Director of Music, to lead the Conference in singing one of the great Hymns of the Church.

Under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), The General Conference joined in singing Hymn No. 240, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Still standing, and led by Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., the Conference joined in the recital of the Apostles' Creed.

Devotional Address—Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., read a Scripture lesson from Luke 2:37-47, and then gave a timely and thoughtful meditation on the theme, "The Challenges Presented to the Church by the World Problems of Today," concluding the morning's devotion with a word of prayer.

Memorial Service—Lud H. Estes—Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., requested that

"The Register of Remembrance,"
be called.

The Conference stood in silent tribute while Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) Secretary of The General Conference, read

The Register of Remembrance

Bishops

Bishop Frederick T. Keeney

Bishop Johann Wilhelm Ernst Sommer

Bishop Robert N. Brooks
Bishop Francis J. McConnell
Bishop Paul Bentley Kern
Bishop Urban V. W. Darlington
Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs
Bishop Lewis O. Hartman

Wives of Bishops

Mrs. Marvin A. Franklin
Mrs. Frederick D. Leete
Mrs. Alexander P. Camphor
Mrs. Edward W. Kelly
Mrs. H. Lester Smith
Mrs. Edwin E. Voigt
Mrs. Titus Lowe
Mrs. George A. Miller
Mrs. Charles L. Mead
Mrs. Ernest G. Richardson

Delegates-elect

Fred B. Trotter (Minister, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference—W)

Mrs. Jessie W. Bunch (Lay, Oregon Annual Conference—W)

Jamie G. Houston, Sr. (Lay, North Mississippi Annual Conference—SE)

Reserve Delegates-elect

Harry F. King (Minister, West Virginia Annual Conference—NE)

Frank Buck (Lay, Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference—NC)

Charles H. Dubra (Minister, Mississippi Annual Conference—C)

Vernon E. Lewis (Lay, Montana Annual Conference—W)

Frank Spicer (Lay, Colorado Annual Conference—W)

Edward I. Pilchard (Lay, Illinois Annual Conference—NC)

Judicial Council Members

Charles B. Ketcham (Minister, North-East Ohio Annual Conference—NC)

Walter C. Buckner (Minister, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference—W)

Walter A. Stanbury (Minister, Western North Carolina Annual Conference—SE)

Reserve Judicial Council Member

Edward G. Mackay (Minister, North Georgia Annual Conference—SE)

Secretary Commission on Entertainment

Aubrey S. Moore (Minister, Rock River Annual Conference—NC)

President of Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina

David D. Jones (Lay, North Carolina Annual Conference—C)

Silent Prayer—Memorial Remarks—Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., requested the Conference to be seated, and to join in a moment of silent prayer, which was done.

In well chosen words, Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., paid worthy tribute to those whose names are inscribed on

The Register of Remembrance

of the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

The Memorial Service closed with the singing of Hymn No. 527, "For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest."

No. 4 Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, was recognized, and presented the three following matters:—

First—Recognition of J. Q. Schisler—Bishop Paul E. Martin

Presented Bishop Paul E. Martin, of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, South Central Jurisdiction, for the presentation and recognition of John Quincy Schisler (Tennessee—SE).

Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, recognized Bishop Paul E. Martin, who in well-chosen words, presented John Quincy Schisler (Tennessee—SE), retired Executive Secretary of the Department of the Local Church, General Board of Education, in which office he had so faithfully served since the union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, retiring October 31, 1955.

John Q. Schisler, (Tennessee—SE) responded in an appropriate manner to the words of presentation of Bishop Paul E. Martin.

Second—Presented William R. Cannon for a Privileged Matter—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Requested recognition of William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE) for the presentation of a privileged Resolution.

Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, recognized William R. Cannon (North Carolina—SE) who presented the following Resolution (DB-12) honoring Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of the Saint Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, who is to retire at the approaching session of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference:—

Whereas, Ivan Lee Holt, a Brother beloved, and a Father in the Israel of our Methodism, has by reason of the age limitation which the law decrees come to retirement as an effective Bishop of The Methodist Church, though he is in full vigor, physically, intellectually, spiritually; and

Whereas, he has rendered extraordinary service, not alone to our Denomination and to the Protestantism of which we as a family are a large, strong and vital member, but also to Christendom at large, thereby strengthening the whole body of Christ on earth, and has contributed as much to ecumenical Christianity as any other single figure in our generation, and thereby has attained through this one accomplishment an abiding place in the history of the American Church; and

Whereas, in Methodism his gifts have been singular and universally potent in their effectiveness, having in liturgies given us our *Book of Worship*, in finance having directed wisely and well our Board of Pensions, securing for our aged the support and comfort their declining years require, and in Church Union having guided us at least, like Moses, to the border of the Promised Land; and

Whereas, in World Methodism and the Communion of our American family with our Denominational relatives beyond the seas, he has been an incomparable leader, standing like a Colossus astride the world; and

Whereas, in his walk with kings, he has never lost the common touch, but in all his gigantic enterprises for the Church, he has conducted himself as the humble disciple of Jesus Christ, never being too busy to help the needy, to comfort the sorrowing, and to love as God loves everyone he has ever met;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we, the members of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, assembled in conclave at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in A.D. 1956, extend to Bishop Ivan Lee Holt our heartfelt thanks for all he has done for us and for the world, and assure him and the members of his family always of our admiration, our prayers, and our love.

(Signed)

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE)
 Samuel B. Underwood, Jr. (*) (North Carolina—SE)
 Elmer T. Clark (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Ralph W. Sockman (New York—NE)
 Benjamin I. Thornton (*) (South Georgia—SE)
 William B. Selah (Mississippi—SE)
 Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming—NE)
 Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE)

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore—NE)
 C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE)
 Charles Ray Goff (Rock River—NC)
 Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Frederick E. Maser (Philadelphia—NE)
 Wm. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma—SC)
 Cecil W. Robbins (North Carolina—SE)
 W. Lemuel Clegg (North Carolina—SE)
 Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC)
 Walter C. Gum (Virginia—SE)
 Mary Fort Colley (*) (North Georgia—SE)

Third—Presented—James P. Brawley ()—Privileged Matter—David D. Jones (*)*

Requested recognition of James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C) for a privileged matter.

Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, recognized James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C) for the following Resolution (DB-13) :—

“Resolved, That the name of David Dallas Jones, who for thirty years served as President of Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, be enrolled among the list of the deceased leaders of The Methodist Church.”

On motion of James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C), duly seconded, the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

No. 1 Plan of Organization and Rules of Order—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order was recognized and made the following statement regarding the change in the policy of the formulation of the plan of Organization and Rules of Order for The General Conference of The Methodist Church :—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: The Rules Committee has asked me to call to your attention two or three matters. One matter has already been mentioned, that approximately fifty per cent of the membership of The Conference is here for the first time.

I should like to re-emphasize what the Presiding Officer of yesterday morning told you, that this year we begin a different procedure with reference to our Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

At the last General Conference, at the suggestion of the Rules Committee, The Conference adopted a change in the *Discipline* which provides that the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as adopted by the preceding General Conference and printed in its Journal, shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of General Conferences, so we did not need to have an adoption of those Rules.

However, that does not at all mean that these Rules are complete or perfect. It simply means that by doing this we obviate the necessity and the expense of *ad interim* meetings of the Rules Committee and we have a continuing plan of business and procedure.

Now, these Rules in this Plan of Organization may be amended. If there is something that any Delegate feels ought to be done to these Rules to provide for the business of this particular Conference, it may be offered and it will be referred to the Committee on Rules who will report the next day.

However, if there are no such suggestions, but you have suggestions for the changing of these Rules, constructive changes, during the Conference, we are charged with scrutinizing this whole Plan of these Rules in order to help perfect them, and before The Conference is over we shall present to you a revised and amended Plan of Organization of the Rules of Order which we shall ask you to adopt.

They will be published in the Journal and will be the plan for the next General Conference.

Now that, I think, will indicate to you what procedure you should take if you desire to suggest amendments or changes in these Rules. Any member of the Rules Committee will be glad to receive from any member of this body any suggestion of change that you have to offer.

The Committee would like to emphasize also what was mentioned yesterday by Mr. Hole that the microphones are placed here for your convenience and not for the purpose of obtaining recognition. The Rules state that any Delegate shall arise at his designated seat. Now, I realize that some of us are way back there, and it is pretty hard to see, and it is pretty hard to be heard, but probably this Rule ought to be followed in fairness to all, and it might be all right to offer a gentle suggestion to our Presiding Officers that they look back there and that they remember that sound travels slowly.

And as I have heard it said in The Conference before, if they hear two voices simultaneously and one is here and one is way back there they should conclude the one that travelled the farthest must have started first.

No. 2 Credentials—Elmer E. Matthews (*)—Adopted

Elmer E. Matthews (*) (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the same was adopted. For Report see page 1187.

Order of the Day—Quadrennial Program Presented— Chester A. McPheeters—Discussed—Amended—Adopted

The Order of the Day having arrived, the presentation and consideration of and action on the Quadrennial Program for 1956-1960, prepared by the Co-ordinating Council, in conjunction with The Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries, and the President and Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service (DCA No.1, pages 8, 9, 10, 11, columns 1-2-3 of each page and page 12, column 1) was presented by Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), who had been designated by the Co-ordinating Council to present Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council.

On the Platform—John R. Van Sickle (*)—Henry L. Weiss

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) requested that John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC), Secretary of the Co-ordinating Council, and Henry L. Weiss (Colorado—W) come to the platform to assist in the presentation of Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council.

Method of Procedure—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following statement regarding procedures:—

Now, Mr. Chairman, if we might have the consent of The Conference as to procedures. We would like to suggest that the presentation of this Quadrennial Program shall follow the same order as we have done in former General Conferences when Quadrennial Programs have been presented to The General Conference, and immediately after the presentation that we shall be permitted to bring to the platform several who will make brief statements concerning the Program, members of this General Conference of course, and also as we proceed to the discussion of the Program, we shall discuss it Section by Section as they appear in the Program.

If there should be others we would like to call on for statements, I am sure consent will be given.

May we have the consent of the body to follow this procedure, Mr. Chairman?

The General Conference, by formal vote, unanimously adopted the suggested plan of procedure.

Silent Prayer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) requested The General Conference to bow in a moment of silent prayer for God's guidance and blessings for the consideration of and action on the Report. An impressive moment of silence followed the request.

On the Platform to Speak—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Ray W. Ragsdale—Eugene L. Smith

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California—Arizona—W), and Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE), were separately presented, and spoke in favor of the Report.

Statement—Harold C. Case—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) read a signed statement (DB-14) from Harold C. Case (New England—NE) endorsing the Report. Harold C. Case (New England

—NE) on yesterday had been excused from attendance on today's session by The General Conference, as he had been called to Washington by President Dwight D. Eisenhower (*) for a vital Committee meeting pertaining to higher education.

Bishop Fred P. Corson Speaks

Bishop Fred P. Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, spoke enthusiastically in favor of the Report.

Time Extended—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

The time for recess approaching, Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) moved an extension of the time to complete the presentation of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Question Raised—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) raised the following question:—

“Mr. Chairman: Does that mean there will be no opportunity for debate from the floor if we extend this to complete the presentation, or does it mean the presentation will be completed, and then we will adjourn, and have an opportunity from the floor to discuss this without haste and without pressure?”

Ruling—Bishop John W. E. Bowen

Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

“It would mean of course, Doctor, just completing the presentation by Dr. McPheeters. Then the matter will be before The Conference for whatever The Conference wishes to do, to discuss and possibly amend.”

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following statement:—

“We will adjourn, and then have time without pressure to do that.”

The motion of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) to extend the time, on being out a vote of The Conference, was adopted.

Motion to Approve “The Introduction”—Chester A. McPheeters—Ruling—Bishop John W. E. Bowen

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) moved to adopt

the Section headed "Introduction," DCA No. 1, page 8, columns 1-2-3.

Ruling—Bishop John W. E. Bowen

Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows on the motion to adopt the Section headed "Introduction," :—

"Doctor, that will begin the debate, and we won't have time for that. Don't you want to hold your motion until after recess? That will then give plenty of time for discussion."

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters made the following statement:—

"All right. This does conclude the presentation of the Report itself. We will next present it Section by Section for your discussion and approval."

Recess

The time for recess having arrived, The General Conference adjourned for ten minutes, after various announcements.

Re-Convene

Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, of the Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction, called The Conference to order at the close of the Recess period.

Hymn 507—James R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 507, "In Christ There Is No East Or West," and the Conference, standing, joined in a hearty singing of the Hymn.

Casa Materna Choir, Portici, Italy—Bishop Ferdinand Sigg—Fabio Santi (*)

Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, recognized Bishop Ferdinand Sigg, of the Geneva Area, Central and Southern Europe Provisional Central Conference, who presented the Casa Materna Choir, and the Director, Fabio Santi (*), of the Methodist Orphanage of Portici, Italy.

The Casa Materna Choir, under the leadership of Fabio Santi (*), rendered the following selections:—

"Piu Di Ogni Umana Cosa," by Sankey

"La Roselina," by Schubert

"Finale, Act II, from the Opera, "Aida" by Verdi

"God Bless America," by Berlin

"Count Your Blessings," by Berlin

"Santa Lucia," Author unknown

"Neapolitan Folk Song," Author unknown

Thanks—Bishop Ferdinand Sigg—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, at the request of Bishop Ferdinand Sigg, expressed the appreciation and thanks of The General Conference to Director Fabio Santi (*) and the Casa Materna Choir for their inspiring musical selections.

Conference Photograph

A local photographer was granted permission to take a picture of The Conference at this time.

Report No. 1 Co-ordinating Council Resumed—Chester A. McPheeters—Section "Introduction" Adopted

Consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council, Subject, "The Quadrennial Program," was resumed.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) moved the adoption of the Section entitled "Introduction," DCA No. 1, page 8, columns 1-2-3. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Orris G. Robinson—Not Adopted

Orris G. Robinson (Baltimore—NE) moved to amend Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council by deleting the last three sentences of paragraph 4, DCA No. 1 page 8, column 1, which reads as follows:—

"Actually, Communism eventuates in the most degrading of exploitation. It exploits the mind, regiments the person, tyrannizes the soul. It lacks the cohesive power of love which is essential to social unity."

by substituting the following language (DB-15)

"Actually, Communism cannot attain these goals for it lacks the cohesive power of love which is essential to social unity."

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters—Cannot Accept

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) stated that the Co-ordinating Council was not prepared to accept the proposed change.

Motion to Amend—Orris G. Robinson—Not Adopted

The motion of Orris G. Robinson (Baltimore—NE) to amend, as above indicated, on being out to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Section "A Review," Presented—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

Motion of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), duly

seconded, prevailed adopting the Section entitled, "A Review," DCA No. 1, page 8 column 3 and DCA No. 1, page 9, column 1.

The Quadrennial Program—The Local Church Emphasis—Presented—Chester A. McPheeters—Debated—Amended—Further Consideration Order of the Day for Saturday, April 28, 1956

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) moved that the Section designated as "The Quadrennial Program—The Local Church Emphasis," DCA No. 1, page 9, columns 1-2-3, and DCA No. 1, page 10, column 1, up to "II, The Higher Education Emphasis," DCA No. 1, page 10, column 1, be approved and adopted. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment Proposed—J. Lynn Radcliffe—Not Adopted

J. Lynn Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), moved to amend Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council by deleting Item 4 "Recommendations," section "a" DCA No. 1, 10, column 1, which reads as follows:—

a. That the carrying out of this Program to enrich and strengthen the Local Church be delegated to The Council of Bishops with the suggestion that The Council call upon all of the General Agencies of the Church for such assistance as The Council of Bishops deems necessary;

by substituting the following words (DB-16):—

"a" That the carrying out of this program to enrich and strengthen the Local Church be delegated to The Council of Bishops with the co-operation of a Quadrennial Commission on the Local Church Emphasis, on which two Ministers, two District Superintendents and two Laymen and two Lay Women from each Jurisdiction, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by this General Conference; together with such representatives of the General Agencies of the Church as The Council of Bishops shall similarly nominate for election by this General Conference, together with The Council of Bishops who shall be *ex officio* members of this Commission"; and further, that the provisions of paragraph 2, column 3, page 10 be likewise applied to the Commission on Local Church Emphasis—in brief, as it now stands.

(Signed)

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC)
 Ralph W. Sockman (New York—NE)
 Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC)
 Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC)
 J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC)
 Lance Webb (Ohio—NC)
 Dwight E. Walter (Ohio—NC)
 Charles Ray Goff (Rock River—NC)
 James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC)

The motion being duly seconded, J. Lynn Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) spoke to the same.

Lester W. Auman Against Amendment

Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) spoke against the amendment.

Amendment—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) on being out to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment Proposed—Lloyd F. Worley—Not Adopted

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) moved to amend Section 3 "Emphases," Sub-section (4) "d." "Christ and Our Freedoms," DCA No. 1, page 9, bottom of column 3, which reads as follows:—

d. Christ and Our Freedoms—"Ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free." John 8:32

A continuing emphasis is to be maintained

(1) to work for the creation of a "responsible society";

(2) to interpret and apply the social implications of the Gospel, such as

Freedom from want, insecurity and economic injustice;

Freedom from the evils of liquor, gambling, and narcotics;

Freedom from inadequate care of dependent children, the aged and sick;

Freedom from racial and class injustice;

Freedom from international disorder and war.

by the addition of the following paragraph (DB-17):—

"Freedom from interference by governmental agencies for our ministers and laymen in making these emphases effective in preaching, and practicing, in harmony with the spirit of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, Lloyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) spoke to the same.

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters—Does Not Accept

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following statement:—

"Your Committee feels that on this matter The Conference should make the decision. We do not accept it."

Amendment—Lloyd F. Worley—Not Adopted

The motion to amend of Lloyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) on being put to a vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—W. Ralph Ward—Accepted

W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) moved to amend "4. Recommendations," DCA No. 1, page 10, column 1, by adding Recommendation "d" (DB-18) as follows:—

"d. In carrying out this Program the Bishops and District Superintendents shall look to the Pastors, and established Commissions and Committees of the Official Boards to achieve the goals of this Program."

The motion to amend, being duly seconded, W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) spoke to the same.

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit) spoke to the pending amendment, as follows:—

"We, of the Committee are seeking to understand just what might be involved in the amendment proposed. Does this mean a Special Commission within the Local Church, or the use of the Commissions already established? We feel there is already within the structure of the Church as now—"

Statement—W. Ralph Ward—Amendment Accepted

W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) answered the question propounded, as follows:—

"The very point I am trying to make is that it is not a Special Committee or Special Commission, but the actual emphasis be placed on the things that are already established, namely, the Pastor and the Committees and Commissions which we have now. I feel it should be spelled out in the Recommendations if we are to use the normal channels established by the Church to give this Program effectiveness."

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) for the Co-ordinating Council, The Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries, and the President and Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, no objection being raised by any member of the five Organizations involved, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Harold C. Phend ()—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters*

Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC) moved to amend (DB-19) Section "1. Study and Analysis," DCA No. 1, page 9, column 2, which reads as follows:—

1. Study and Analysis: That an analysis be made by the Bishop and Cabinet of each Annual Conference of the situation within the Conference with reference to the "production story" of all its churches. Stress is to be maintained throughout the quadrennium on a Local Church development job. The District Superintendent, in his role as counselor, will think through with each church in his District the question of where it is now, the point of larger fruitfulness at which

it might arrive, and how to get there. Techniques for doing this are to be provided.

by deleting the words "*the Bishop and Cabinet*," in line 2, and substituting therefor the words, "**The Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church**," and inserting a new sentence after the word "churches," in line 5 reading as follows:—

"The Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church shall consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, the Conference Lay Leader, and the District Lay Leaders."

so that the paragraph as amended will read:—

1. **Study and Analysis:** That an analysis be made by the **Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church** of each Annual Conference of the situation within the Conference with reference to the "production story" of all its churches. **The Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church shall consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, the Conference Lay Leader, and the District Lay Leaders.** Stress is to be maintained throughout the quadrennium on a Local Church development job. The District Superintendent, in his role as counselor, will think through with each church in his District the question of where it is now, the point of larger fruitfulness at which it might arrive, and how to get there. Techniques for doing this are to be provided.

and further to amend "Section 2. Goals," DCA No. 1, page 9, column 3, which reads as follows:—

2. **Goals.** Under the guidance of the Bishop and his Cabinet, goals are to be determined for the local churches of a Conference.

by deleting the words, "*Bishop and his Cabinet*," in line 2, and substituting therefor the words, "**The Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church**," so that "Section 2. Goals" as amended will read:—

"2. Goals. Under the guidance of the Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church, goals are to be determined for the local churches of a Conference."

Amendment Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC) for the five Organizations involved, there being no objection raised by any member of the aforesaid Organizations, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Donald E. Redmond—Accepted—Question—H. Hughes Wagner

Donald E. Redmond (Southwest Texas—SC) moved to amend (DB-20) the amendment of Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC) accepted by Chester A. McPheeters for the five Organizations involved, by the addition of the following:—

"and one representative elected from each Conference Board represented in the Quadrennial Emphasis on the Local Church."

so that the amended amendment will read as follows:—

"The Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church shall consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, the Conference Lay Leader, the District Lay Leaders, and one representative from each Conference Board represented in the Quadrennial Emphasis on the Local Church."

Amendment Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of Donald E. Redmond (Southwest Texas—SC) for the five Organizations involved, there being no objection raised by any member of the aforesaid Organizations, or by any member of The General Conference.

Question—H. Hughes Wagner—Answered—Chester A. McPheeters

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) raised the question as to whether this was another Commission in the Local Church.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) stated that it was not, that it was a Commission on the Annual Conference level.

Amendment—Mangal Singh—Adopted

Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS) moved to amend (DB-21) "d. Christ and Our Freedoms, paragraph (2)" DCA No. 1, page 9, column 3, by adding at the close of the second sentence in paragraph (2) the words:—

"With special emphasis to churches in the under-developed countries of the world,"

so that the paragraph as amended will read:—

"(2) to interpret and apply the social implications of the Gospel, such as,

Freedom from want, insecurity, and economic injustice, with special emphasis to Churches in the under-developed countries of the world:"

The amendment of Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Order of the Day—Chester A. McPheeters—Order Set

Motion of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day, the further consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council, Subject, "The Quadrennial Program," following the completion of the presentation of "The Advance Program," tomorrow morning, Saturday, April 28, 1956.

Time Extended—Oscar Thomas Olson

Motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), duly seconded, Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates, prevailed, extending the time of this session for ten or fifteen minutes to complete the presentation of the Fraternal Delegates.

**No. 1, Fraternal Delegates Presented—Oscar Thomas Olson
—Bishop Harold R. Heininger—Dr. W. Russell Shearer—
—H. Guy Chester (*)—Dr. S. J. Laws**

The Order of the Day, the presentation of the Fraternal Delegates, having arrived, Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, recognized Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

Bishop Harold R. Heininger Presented—Evangelical United Brethren Church—Addresses Conference

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates, presented Bishop Harold R. Heininger of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the accredited Fraternal Delegate from the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The General Conference stood in applause.

Bishop Harold R. Heininger addressed The General Conference. At the close of the address The Conference stood in applause.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, in behalf of The General Conference thanked Bishop Heininger for his presence and address.

Dr. W. Russell Shearer Presented—The British Methodist Church—Addresses Conference

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates, next presented Dr. W. Russell Shearer of Birmingham, England, Ex-President and Fraternal Delegate from the British Conference of Methodism. The General Conference stood in applause.

Dr. W. Russell Shearer addressed The General Conference. At the close of the address The Conference stood in applause.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates thanked Dr. W. Russell Shearer, in behalf of The General Conference, for his presence and address.

H. Guy Chester () Presented—The British Methodist Church—Addresses Conference*

H. Guy Chester (*) of Muswell Hill, London, England, Ex-President of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, and representing the Local Ministry of the British Methodist Church, was next presented by Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates. The General Conference stood in applause.

H. Guy Chester (*) addressed the Conference.

At the close of his remarks The General Conference stood in applause.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates, expressed the thanks of The General Conference to H. Guy Chester (*) for his presence and remarks.

Dr. S. J. Laws Presented—Christian Methodist Episcopal Church—Addressed Conference

Dr. S. J. Laws of Carter Temple, Chicago, Illinois, Fraternal Delegate from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, was next presented by Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates. The General Conference stood in applause.

Dr. S. J. Laws addressed the Conference. At the close of his remarks The General Conference stood in applause.

In behalf of The General Conference Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates, thanked Dr. S. J. Laws for his presence and address.

Secretary to Acknowledge Presence

By common consent, the Secretary of The General Conference was instructed to acknowledge the presence of the Fraternal Delegates to their respective Communions, in a written communication.

Correction—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops, was recognized, and stated that the list of Nominees of The Council of Bishops for membership on The Judicial Council, found on page 11 of today's *Daily Christian Advocate*, No. 3, contained two errors, namely, Harry A. Hanson and Walter G. Williams are Ministers, not Laymen.

Nominations of Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops, presented the nominations (DB-22) of The Council of Bishops for various elective Commissions and Councils as follows:—

Trustees, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Class 1964—
Elected—Par. 711-712, 1952 Discipline—Don A. Cooke
—Lud H. Estes

Trustees, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Class of 1964

Charles F. Lovell (*) (Tennessee—SE)
 Bonneau P. Murphy (Central Texas—CS)
 Wilford C. Westenberger (Tennessee—SE)
 Ben A. Whitmore (*) (Tennessee—SE)
 William H. Wiseman (*) (Tennessee—SE)

On motion of Don A. Cooke, duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of The Conference for the above named nominees.

In accordance with this action of The General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary, cast the vote of The General Conference for Charles F. Lovell (*) (Tennessee—SE), Bonneau P. Murphy (Central Texas—SC), Wilford C. Westenberger (Tennessee—SE), Ben A. Whitmore (*) (Tennessee—SE), and William H. Wiseman (*) (Tennessee—SE) as Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, terms expiring 1964, and Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, declared that they had been duly elected Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, terms of office to expire 1964.

Commission on Worship—Elected—Par. 1568-1, 1956 Discipline—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

On motion of Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon-W), duly seconded, the following nominees of The Council of Bishops were elected as members of the General Commission on Worship:—

Bishops:—W. Earl Ledden, Edwin E. Voigt

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Warren A. Bugbee (Erie)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England)

Southeastern Jurisdiction

William R. Cannon (North Georgia)

Marion R. Mobley (*) (South Carolina)

Central Jurisdiction

Daniel L. Rideout (Delaware)

Mrs. Anna W. Robinson (Georgia)

North Central Jurisdiction

Charles S. Hempstead (North Iowa)
 Leslie W. Johnson (*) (West Wisconsin)

South Central Jurisdiction

Stewart Clendenin (Texas)
 Oscar P. Bennett (*) (Nebraska)

Western Jurisdiction

William M. Hildebrand (Southern California-Arizona)
 Bernard Vessey (*) (Colorado)

At Large

Earl E. Harper (New England—NE)
 Paul Burt (Illinois—NC)
 Amos A. Thornburg (Southern California-Arizona—W)

*Commission On Church Union—Elected—Par. 2005, 1952
 Discipline—Stewart Clendenin*

On motion of Stewart Clendenin (Texas—SC), duly seconded, the following nominees of The Council of Bishops were elected as members of the General Commission on Church Union:—

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Bishop Frederick B. Newell
 Daniel L. Marsh (New England)
 Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark)

Southeastern Jurisdiction

Bishop William T. Watkins
 H. Eugene Peacock (Alabama-West Florida)
 Mrs. John W. Harbinson (*) (Western North Carolina)

Central Jurisdiction

Bishop Willis J. King
 Oliver B. Quick (Lexington)
 W. Earle Wilson (*) (Georgia)

North Central Jurisdiction

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley
 Theodore C. Mayer (North-East Ohio)
 Rockwell Clancy (*) (Rock River)

South Central Jurisdiction

Bishop Paul E. Martin
 Umphrey Lee (North Texas)
 Joe J. Mickle (*) (Louisiana)

Western Jurisdiction

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips
 Rufus C. Baker (Colorado)
 Donald A. Odell (*) (Southern California-Arizona)

*The Advance Committee—Elected—Par. 758-763, 1952
 Discipline—Kenneth P. Rutter*

On motion of Kenneth P. Rutter (Pittsburgh—NE), duly seconded, the following nominees of The Council of Bishops were elected members of The Advance Committee:—

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Philip C. Edwards (Baltimore)
Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia)

Southeastern Jurisdiction

Bishop John W. Branscomb
Leonard H. Cochran (South Georgia)
Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*) (Virginia)

Central Jurisdiction

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
I. DeQuincey Newman (South Carolina)
Bige Wyatt (*) (Central West)

North Central Jurisdiction

Bishop Hazen G. Werner
A. V. Long (Iowa-Des Moines)
Glendon C. Hodson (*) (Southern Illinois)

South Central Jurisdiction

Bishop H. Bascom Watts
Joe B. Scrimshire (New Mexico)
Pat Thompson (*) (Texas)

Western Jurisdiction

Bishop A. Raymond Grant
Charles A. Nowlen (Wyoming State)
Alstyne E. Pruner (*) (Southern California-Arizona)

*Trustees The Methodist Church—Elected—Par. 711, 1952
Discipline—W. Carleton Wilson*

On motion of W. Carleton Wilson (North Carolina—SE), duly seconded, the Secretary of The General Conference was instructed to cast the vote of The General Conference for the following nominees of The Council of Bishops as members of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, terms expiring 1964, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC) and Arnold A. Johnson (*) (Kentucky—SE).

In accordance with the instructions of the foregoing adopted motion, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the Conference for

Bishop Hazen G. Werner
Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC)
Arnold A. Johnson (*) (Kentucky—SE)

as members of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, Class of 1964, and Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, declared the same to have been duly elected.

*Council on World Service and Finance—Elected—Par. 1116,
1952 Discipline—Lud H. Estes*

On motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, the following nominees of The Council of Bishops

were elected as members of the Council on World Service and Finance for the quadrennium 1956-1960:—

Bishops:—G. Bromley Oxnam, Paul E. Martin

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming)
Frank W. Bevan (Troy)
Carl Gilchrist (*) (West Virginia—NE)
W. Clyde Sykes (*) (Northern New York)

Southeastern Jurisdiction

Henry W. Blackburn (Florida)
Nat G. Long (North Georgia)
Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia)
Lee Davis (*) (Tennessee)

Central Jurisdiction

Ira B. Loud (West Texas)
Grandison M. Phelps (North Carolina)
A. M. Carter (*) (Georgia)
Joseph T. Johnson (*) (Lexington)

North Central Jurisdiction

Benjamin F. Holm (Detroit—NC)
Thurman B. Morris (North Indiana)
Kenneth B. Cope (*) (North-East Ohio)
George B. McKibben (*) (Rock River)

South Central Jurisdiction

Joseph S. Ploughe (Central Kansas)
R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas) (A)
Walter B. Rider (*) (Central Texas)
Joe T. Thompson (*) (Little Rock)

(A) R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) was later elected a member of the Judicial Council, and G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma), nominated by The Council of Bishops, was elected to take his place on the Commission on World Service and Finance.

Western Jurisdiction

R. Franklin Thompson (Pacific Northwest)
Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona)
G. Clifford Pettygrove (*) (California-Nevada)
Clyde A. Cromwell (*) (Montana)

At Large

J. Bruce McCullough (New England Southern—NE)
Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
Arthur S. Flemming (*) (Ohio—NC) (B)
Mrs. A. O. Aldrich (*) (Rock River—NC)
Mrs. J. D. Bragg (*) (St. Louis—SC)
Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)
Mrs. Edgar L. Hillman (*) (North Carolina—SE)

(B) At the morning session of Tuesday, May 1, 1956, the action of The Conference in electing Arthur S. Flemming a member of the Commission on World Service and Finance was reconsidered, in order that he might be elected to the Board of Education by his Jurisdictional Conference, as Paragraph 1102 of the 1952 *Discipline* reads, "No person other than a Bishop shall serve at the same time on more than one Agency."

Co-ordinating Council—Elected—Par. 1111, 1952 Discipline
—Lud H. Estes

On motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, the following nominees of The Council of Bishops were elected as members of the Co-ordinating Council for the quadrennium 1956-1960:—

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
Lester W. Auman (New York East)
J. Leas Green (Peninsula)
Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh)
Mrs. Wallace N. Streeter (*) (Baltimore)
G. Wesley Lewis (*) (Wyoming)

Southeastern Jurisdiction

Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Walter C. Gum (Virginia)
Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina)
D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston)
C. B. Gilmore (*) (Alabama—West Florida)
James P. Stafford (*) (Mississippi)
Mrs. Edwin B. White (*) (Florida)
Clifford D. Pierce (*) (Memphis)

Central Jurisdiction

Bishop Willis J. King
John W. Curry (South Carolina)
Richard C. Erwin (*) (North Carolina)
Mrs. Mary M. Drake (*) (Tennessee)

North Central Jurisdiction

Bishop Charles W. Brashares
Edwin R. Garrison (North Indiana)
James V. Madison (South Dakota)
Paul G. James (*) (Iowa—Des Moines)
Mrs. Arthur T. Henrici (*) (Minnesota)
Ralph G. Hastings (*) (Indiana)

South Central Jurisdiction

Bishop H. Bascom Watts
Ethan W. Dodgen (North Arkansas)
W. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma)
Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (St. Louis) (A)
Mrs. W. Max Gentry (*) (Nebraska)
Jarred Secrest (*) (Central Texas)

(A) Later during the session Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) was elected a member of The Judicial Council, and T. Russell Reitz (*) (Kansas) nominated by The Council of Bishops, was elected to take his place.

Western Jurisdiction

Bishop A. Raymond Grant
Henry L. Weiss (Colorado)
Hubert E. Orton (*) (Southern California-Arizona)
Mrs. Faye W. Batten (*) (California-Nevada)

Bishops from Overseas

Friederich Wunderlich;
Jose L. Valencia

Elections—Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area,

Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops, announced the following elections, as having been made by The Council of Bishops as ordered by the 1952 *Discipline*:—

*Committee on Records, Forms and Statistical Blanks—
Elected—Par. 1120-6, 1952 Discipline*

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
Bishop Roy H. Short
Bishop John Wesley Lord

*Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations—Par. 1415-
2, 1952 Discipline*

Bishop John W. E. Bowen
Bishop John W. Branscomb
Bishop Edwin E. Voigt

*Commission on Deaconess Work—Par. 1252, 1 (a) ; (c) 3,
1952 Discipline*

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

University Senate—Par. 1383 1952 Discipline

Hurst R. Anderson (*) (President, American University—Baltimore—NE)
A. Hollis Edens (*) (President, Duke University—North Carolina—SE)
Lowell S. Ensor (President, Wesleyan Maryland College—Baltimore—NE)
Nelson P. Horn (President, Baker University—Kansas—SC)
Umpfrey Lee (Southern Methodist University—North Texas—SC)
Edward W. Seay (*) (President, Centenary College for Women—New Jersey—NE)
Goodrich C. White (*) (President, Emory University—North Georgia—SE)
William J. Scarborough (President, Baker University—Kansas—SC)
Russell D. Cole (President, Cornell College—North Iowa—NC)
Ralph L. Woodward (President, Central College—Missouri—SC)

No. 1. Committee of Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, stated that the Committee of Chairmen requested all Committees, and Sub-Committees, to work hard and long in order to expedite the work of The Conference, as the log-jam of Reports would begin to appear at the beginning of the second week of the session.

Hour of Evangelism—Bishop John W. Branscomb

Bishop John W. Branscomb, of the Jacksonville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, invited all who could, to attend the Hour of Evangelism, at Wesley Memorial Church, this afternoon.

Commission on Entertainment—J. Wesley Hole (*)

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, requested the Executive Committee of the Commission to meet immediately on adjournment of this session.

Order of the Day—Elections of Judicial Council Members—Lud H. Estes

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary, duly seconded, prevailed setting as the order of the Day for Tuesday morning, May 1, 1956, immediately following the Reports of the Administrative Committees, the taking of a ballot for members of The Judicial Council.

No. 3 Presiding Officer—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, presented the Report No. 3 of the Committee, as follows:—

"The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Boston Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, will be the Presiding Officer for the session of Saturday morning, April 28, 1956.

(Signed) H. Hughes Wagner, Chairman
William R. Cannon, Secretary

Order of the Day—Report of Committee Study of the Ministry—James S. Chubb

Motion of James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the Day for Saturday morning April 28, 1956, at 11:30 A.M., the consideration of and action on the Report of the Committee on the Study of the Ministry. (Later withdrawn. See Bishop Lord's statement, page 336.)

Thanks—Bishop John W. E. Bowen

Bishop John W. E. Bowen, the Presiding Officer, expressed his sincere thanks to The Conference for the splendid cooperation it had given him in his responsibilities as the Presiding Officer of the morning.

Closing—Announcements—Benediction—Bishop Roy H. Short

After various announcements, the morning session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, of Friday, April 27, 1956 adjourned at 1 P.M., with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Pursuant to adjournment the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the session of the Fourth Day, Saturday, April 28, 1956, in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Boston Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, in the Chair, who announced that the Devotions of the morning will be conducted by Bishop Dana Dawson, of the Kansas Area, South Central Jurisdiction.

Devotions—Bishop Dana Dawson—James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop Dana Dawson, of the Kansas Area, South Central Jurisdiction, announced Hymn No. "180, "Breathe On Me Breath Of God." The Conference, standing, joined in the singing of the Hymn under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music.

Collect—Bishop Dana Dawson

Bishop Dana Dawson then led The Conference in the Collect found on page 513 of The Methodist Hymnal, entitled, "For Love of God And Man," after which he led in prayer.

Devotional Message—Bishop Dana Dawson

Bishop Dana Dawson, of the Kansas Area, South Central Jurisdiction, brought the message of the morning, entitled, "The Perfecting Imprint of the Heart," using as the basis for his remarks three passages:—

The first from one of the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi, "Where there is hatred let me so love."

The second from the writings of a 14th century layman, Raymond Love, "He that loves not, lives not; and he that lives that life cannot die."

The third from the Apostle Paul found in the Third Chapter of Colossians, in the fourteenth verse, "Above all things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness."

The closing Hymn was No. 179, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart." The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Dana Dawson.

Photo of Conference

Bishop John Wesley Lord requested the Delegates to turn in their seats to face the right, as the photographer was in the gallery to take a picture of The General Conference from that angle.

No. 1, Journal—George B. Ahn (*)

George B. Ahn (*) (Central New York—NE) Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Journal, presented Report No. 1, of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:—

“The Committee has examined the Journal for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and finds it correct.”

(Signed) George B. Ahn (*), Chairman

No. 5, Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented three matters as follows:—

First—Bishop Paul N. Garber—P.O.A.U.—C. Stanley Lowell

Presented Bishop Paul N. Garber, of the Richmond Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, who in turn presented C. Stanley Lowell (Virginia—SE), Director of the Organization known as “Protestant and Other Americans United For Separation of Church and State.”

C. Stanley Lowell (Virginia—SE) brought greetings from and addressed The Conference on the mission of and progress being made by the Organization set up for the preservation of one of the basic tenets of Protestantism, namely, the separation of Church and State.

Second—Alaska Methodist College—P. Gordon Gould—F. P. McGinnis—Bishop W. Earl Ledden—Walter C. Gum—J. Otis Young

Presented P. Gordon Gould (Genesee—NE), Superintendent and Director of Work in Alaska, for the Division of National Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, who made a brief statement of the conception of the Anchorage Alaska Methodist College, and the progress that has been made in its realization, to date, and in behalf of the people of Alaska, presented to Bishop W. Earl Ledden, President of the Council of Bishops, and to the Bishops of The Methodist Church in the United States

gavels, made by the Eskimos of Nome, Alaska, from whale teeth.

F. P. McGinnis (Alaska Mission—W) District Superintendent of the Alaska Mission, assisted P. Gordon Gould (Genesee—NE) in the distribution of the gavels to the Bishops.

Bishop Ledden Thanks P. Gordon Gould for Gavels

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, fittingly expressed his own personal appreciation, and that of his colleagues, for the gavels, and that he would use his in presiding this morning.

Resolution Re Alaska Methodist College—Walter C. Gum—J. Otis Young

Walter C. Gum (Virginia—SE) was recognized and presented the following Resolution (DB-23) :—

1. The Methodist Church has a long history of vital concern for providing leadership in frontier areas. It has gone into eleven frontiers of the developing United States to establish schools, colleges, and universities even before these frontier areas became States.

2. Once again, this time under the Division of National Missions, we are so engaged as we move steadily forward to establish the Alaska Methodist college, as a fully accredited Church-related four-year Liberal Arts College at Anchorage, Alaska.

3. Alaska will be granted Statehood in the future. It will become a great economic empire. It is, therefore, an urgent necessity to provide for training indigenous leadership for her future. This is the concern of The Methodist Church, and to meet this need we are establishing The Alaska Methodist College.

4. When this project was first discussed eight years ago, so eager were the people of Alaska for higher educational advantages for their youth that eleven communities offered sites for such a college. They do not look upon this project as a Denominational enterprise but rather as one that will creatively meet one of Alaska's greatest needs.

5. Therefore, Be It Resolved, That The General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Minneapolis in 1956, commend the people of Anchorage who have pledged over \$720,000 for the founding of The Alaska Methodist College, and have purchased a site of 242.5 acres and deeded it to the Division of National Missions for the campus for the college. In so doing they have given a wonderful demonstration of their faith in the future of Alaska and of their confidence in The Methodist Church.

6. Be It Further Resolved, That we commend the Division of National Missions for leading our Church in this service to the great Frontier of Alaska.

And that we commend the more than 3,000 churches and individuals who have supported the Alaska Methodist College during the past year, and will continue to support it through the next quadrennium.

7. Be It Further Resolved, That we commend the Alaska Methodist

College to all of our people for consideration in their programs during this coming quadrennium.

(Signed)
Walter C. Gum

Walter C. Gum (Virginia—SE) moved the adoption of the Resolutions. The motion was duly seconded by J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC) and the Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Third—Report No. 1 Hospitals and Homes—Ernest W. Peterson (*)—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

Presented Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes, for the presentation of a Report.

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes presented Report No. 1, of the Committee, Subject, "Resolution in Recognition of the Ford Foundation Grants to Methodist Hospitals," *DCA* No. 3, page 119, columns 1, 2 and 3, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if it wouldn't be better if this Committee would be willing—we did not know the plan to present this Report—to hold this in abeyance until the Educational Committee might make its Report. It is not right to say so many millions have been given to The Methodist Church, \$25 million was given to the colleges of The Methodist Church. We have not had time to prepare ours yet. I really believe it might be better, if it is satisfactory to this Committee on Hospitals and Homes, to hold this in abeyance and let the two go together as an expression of the appreciation of this Conference. If that will be satisfactory we will draw ours up today and submit it also.

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes, replied as follows:—

In harmony with the request of The General Conference the citation has been prepared. It is dated as of this date. That is the reason why the General Committee asked for this privilege this morning, so that everything would be in harmony and in order. I see no conflict between this presentation and the other one that has just been indicated.

Citation Presented—Bishop William T. Watkins

Bishop William T. Watkins of the Louisville Area, South-eastern Jurisdiction, and President of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, was recognized, made a short statement, and read the Citation, as follows:—

Bishop Lord and Members of The General Conference: It will be a very distinct pleasure for me to follow this directive you have just given, and present to the President of the Ford foundation this Citation from the Hall of Fame in Philanthropy. I think you know that this plan maintains a very high level in its selection of those who are to receive this award. May I therefore read to you the Citation which will be handed personally to the President of the Ford foundation:

"For unprecedented, exceptional and exemplary services to mankind, through outstanding grants which will serve as a stimulus to continued private support of Methodist hospitals in the United States, that they may render maximum Christian scientific service to their communities, the Ford foundation has been awarded membership in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, the Honor Society of the Healing and Helping Hand, by the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church."

The Report was adopted. See Appendix, page 1499.

Rules Suspended for Committee Meetings—J. Wesley Hole (*)—Adopted

Motion of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote suspending the Rules of Order, in order to make an adjustment in the time of Committee meetings for this afternoon, Saturday, April 28, 1956.

Time of Meetings Changed—J. Wesley Hole ()—Adopted*

Motion of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, duly seconded, prevailed, that Standing Legislative Committee, Numbers 1 to 10 inclusive, meet at 2:00 P.M. this afternoon, instead of their regularly scheduled time of 2:30 P.M.

Sunday Night Session Official—Ray W. Ragsdale—Amendment—Paul V. Galloway—Adopted

Motion of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), duly seconded, prevailed, making the Sunday night services at which Dr. Allan Walker of Australia is to speak, an official session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, with an accepted amendment of Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC) that the entire proceedings, including the sermon, are not to be printed in the Journal.

Plan of Organization—Proposed Amendment—Referred—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) presented a proposed amendment (DB-24) to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order by the addition of the following sentence:—

"provided, however, that Reports and proposals from the regular Councils and Special Commissions of The General Conference may be presented directly to the Conference,"

at the end of the first sentence under the heading "2. Legislative Committees," page 197, 1956 Handbook For Delegates, so that the amended Section 2 will read as follows:—

2. Legislative Committees

The General Conference shall have the following Standing Legislative Committees which shall consider all proposals looking toward new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the Church and report recommendations relating thereto to The Conference, *provided, however, that Reports and proposals from the regular Councils and Special Commissions of The General Conference may be presented directly to The Conference.* The term "legislative," however, as descriptive of the functions of those Committees, is not to be interpreted with absolute strictness, inasmuch as they may consider matters calculated to eventuate in the form of Advices, Resolutions, Appeals, etc., as well as in legislation.

and moved its reference to the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the proposed amendment was referred.

Tuesday Night Official Session—Charles V. Adams (*)—Adopted

Motion of Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, making May 1, 1956, Tuesday night's observance of the India Centennial Celebration an official session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, with the understanding that the full proceedings are not to be printed in the Journal.

Order of the Day—Report Commission on Promotion and Cultivation—Bishop William C. Martin—E. Harold Mohn—Bishop Richard C. Raines—Bishop Costen J. Harrell—Leon T. Moore—Jesse A. Engle—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

The Order of the Day having arrived, consideration of the Reports of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and of the Advance Committee, Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, presented Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation for the presentation of the Order of the Day.

Report Commission on Promotion and Cultivation Presented—Bishop William C. Martin—E. Harold Mohn

Bishop William C. Martin, of the Fort Worth-Dallas Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, presented the Report of

the Commission, speaking briefly to the same, and then presented E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio—NC), Executive Director of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, who gave a detailed report of the work of the Commission for the past quadrennium.

Report Committee on Publications—Bishop Richard C. Raines

Bishop Richard C. Raines, of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Committee on Publications of the General Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, was next recognized and gave a brief resume of the work of the Committee on Publications for the quadrennium just ending.

Report Advance Committee—Bishop Costen J. Harrell—Leon T. Moore—Jesse A. Engle

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Advance Committee, was next recognized, and succinctly gave the Report of the Advance Specials and Week of Dedication Projects coming under the direction of the Advance Committee.

Before Bishop Costen J. Harrell began his remarks, Secretary-Designate Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) requested the members of the Advance Committee, the Week of Dedication Committee and the Crusade For Scholars Committee, to come at once to the platform, taking the seats previously assigned to them.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, at the conclusion of his remarks, presented the members of the above named groups to The General Conference, and then presented Jesse A. Engle (Virginia—SE), Executive Secretary of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church to speak concerning the aid received by the General Board of Missions and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Time Extended—Chester A. Smith (*)—Adopted

The time of recess approaching, motion of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, that the time be extended for five minutes in order that Jesse A. Engle (Virginia—SE) might complete his Report.

Request Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, South-

eastern Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Advance Committee, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, this does not complete the Advance Report. We still would like to present to The Conference through Bishop Wicke the Report and presentation on the Week of Dedication. It will take a few moments. I wonder if someone on the floor will move that after recess this matter can be completed.

Ruling—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

That will require that you Suspend your Rules to change the Order of the Day. I will be happy to suspend the Rules if that is the wish of the body.

Motion to Suspend Rules—Embree H. Blackard—Not Adopted

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) moved to suspend the Rules in order to complete the Report of the Advance Committee immediately after Recess, by permitting the completion of the Report to take precedence over the Order of the Day set for that time, namely the presentation of Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert, Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches in the United States of America. The motion was duly seconded.

The motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) to thus suspend the Rules, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Recess

The Conference recessed for a period of ten minutes.

Reconvene—Bishop John Wesley Lord

At the conclusion of the Recess period Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Boston Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference to order, and presented LeRoy A. Martin (Holston—SE) for a privileged announcement.

Tennessee Wesleyan College—Musical Program—LeRoy A. Martin

LeRoy A. Martin (Holston—SE), President of Tennessee Wesleyan College, stated that he desired to dedicate the program of music to be rendered by the Choir of Tennessee Wesleyan College to Bishop Charles Wesley Flint, whose grandson is a Junior in Tennessee Wesleyan College and a

member of the Choir, and also to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, who gave large sums of money to Tennessee Wesleyan College.

LeRoy A. Martin (Holston—SE), President of Tennessee Wesleyan College then presented Professor Jack Houts (*) Director of the Choir.

The Choir of Tennessee Wesleyan College, under the direction of Jack Houts (*), Director, rendered the following musical selections:—

“Gloria in Excelsis,” by Martin Luther

“Give Me Jesus” by H. T. Burleigh

“Battle Hymn of the Republic” by Julia Ward Howe

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, thanked the Choir and Director Jack Houts (*), in behalf of The Conference.

Procedure—Orders of the Day—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Bishop John Wesley Lord, Presiding Officer, made the following statement regarding the parliamentary situation:

The Chair thinks that it has found a way through the dilemma in accordance with your vote not to Suspend the Rules. The Chair will call for the first Order of the Day, which will be the presentation of our two distinguished visitors; following that, the presentation of the Bishops' wives, which I have been informed is a very brief presentation.

And then, because the Committee on the Ministry has withdrawn its request for an order at 11:30 A.M., we could grant to the Advance Committee a concluding five minutes that they need for their Report before proceeding to the work of the Quadrennial Program Committee. If there is no objection to that the Chair will take that to be your wish and will proceed accordingly.

I hear no objection.

Order of the Day—National and World Council of Churches—Bishop William C. Martin—Roy J. Ross—Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri—Samuel McCrae Cavert

The Order of the Day having arrived, the presentation of and hearing Dr. Roy J. Ross, and Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert, Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, presented Bishop William C. Martin of the Fort Worth-Dallas Area, South Central Jurisdiction, who in well-chosen words presented Dr. Roy J. Ross, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. The General Conference stood in applause.

Dr. Roy J. Ross addressed The General Conference.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, expressed the thanks of The General Conference, to Dr. Roy J. Ross, for his address.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, next

presented Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of the Buenos Aires Area, South America Central Conference, who then presented Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert, Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches in the United States of America. The General Conference stood in applause.

Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert addressed The General Conference.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, in behalf of The General Conference, appropriately thanked Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert for his address.

Order of the Day—Presentation of Bishops' Wives—Alexander K. Smith—Mrs. Paul E. Martin

The Order of the Day, the presentation of the Bishops' wives having arrived, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, paid tributes to the wives of the Bishops, and introduced Mrs. Paul E. Martin, President of the Wives of The Council of Bishops, who addressed The General Conference, as follows:—

I have the honor of representing the lovely ladies who will just in the next few minutes be presented to you. We appreciate the fact that Dr. Smith and the other members of the Courtesy Committee granted our wish in presenting us in this manner. We are happy to be here, to enjoy the fellowship of this great Conference and we feel truly that we are a part of this fellowship.

Many fine and thoughtful courtesies are extended to us and we are grateful. We shall continue to pray for you as you face the tasks that are before you, and we feel that we know and believe that your hearts will be filled with love and motivated with love as you face these great tasks that are yours. We thank you.

The General Conference stood in applause, and saluted the wives of the Bishops, who were standing in the rear of the auditorium, in the section of seats reserved for them.

Report of Week of Dedication Committee—Bishop John Wesley Lord—Bishop Costen J. Harrell—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke—James K. Mathews—Resumed

The consideration of the Report of the Week of Dedication Committee was resumed, under the direction of Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, presented Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the Pittsburgh Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Committee on Week of Dedication, who briefly addressed The General Conference concerning the tangible results of the Week of Dedication Offerings, and then presented James K. Mathews (Bombay—OS), Associate General Secretary and Administrative Secretary for India and Pakistan of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist

Church, who stated that during the past ten years eight hundred and fifty Crusade Scholars have come to the United States for college work, that they had come from more than fifty-five different lands; have studied in more than one hundred American colleges and universities and pursued studies in more than fifty professions.

James K. Mathews (Bombay—OS) then presented the following Crusade Scholars:—

Miss Julia Frances Gibson (*) of the Republic of Liberia, studying at Peabody College
 Miss Edith Patrick (*) of India, studying at University of Wisconsin
 Miss Junko Tamura (*) of Japan, studying at Scarritt College
 Dr. Hector H. Coronado (*) of Mexico, studying at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Ill.
 Dr. Major J. Jones (*) of Fisk University
 Maung Kyaw Win (*) of Burma, studying at American University

James K. Mathews (Bombay—OS) then requested that the former fourteen Crusade Scholars from overseas, who are Delegates to this session of The General Conference come to the platform. The Conference stood in applause.

James K. Mathews (Bombay—OS) next presented Miss Florence Cox (*) Director of the Crusade Scholars.

Crusade Scholars Speak—Julia Frances Gibson ()—Hector H. Coronado (*)—Maung Kyaw Win (*)*

Miss Julia Frances Gibson (*) of the Republic of Liberia, Hector H. Coronado (*) of Mexico, and Maung Kyaw Win (*) of Burma, each separately addressed The General Conference.

Reports Adopted—Commission on Promotion and Cultivation—The Advance Committee—The Week of Dedication Committee

The Reports of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, the Advance Committee, and the Committee on the Week of Dedication were adopted by a unanimous vote of The General Conference. For Reports see pages 1763.

Consideration of Quadrennial Program Resumed—Harold C. Case

Harold C. Case (New England—NE) moved to continue consideration of and action on the Report of the Co-ordinating Council on the proposed Quadrennial Program until the Report has been completed, as decisions to be made in connection with the Report will affect the work of virtually every Committee of The Council of Bishops, and the completion of the consideration of the Report now will be very

helpful in expediting all of the work in the later sessions of The General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, unanimously prevailed.

Proposed Amendment—Francis E. Kearns—Method of Procedure—Bishop John Wesley Lord—Withdrawn

Francis E. Kearns (Wisconsin—NC) moved to amend sub-section 1, "Study and Analysis," found at the bottom of page 9, column 2, DCA No. 1.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Bishop, made the following statement:—

Brother Kearns, would you grant the Chair a courtesy, please?

May I state this word on procedure. If I understand the action that was taken yesterday, when the Report was presented by Dr. McPheeters, you adopted that portion of the Report that is two-thirds down the first column on page 9. If you will turn to your Report, it is down to the heading, "The Quadrennial Program." I understand this has been adopted and it cannot come before us again except by way of a motion to reconsider.

Francis E. Kearns: I didn't understand that we had adopted that.

Bishop Lord: Let me conclude, Brother Kearns. This does not affect what you are going to do. It is just that I should like the rest of the Report to be considered.

We are acting under a motion from the Chairman, Dr. McPheeters, on motion to adopt the entire Report. You are doing it by Paragraphs, by Sections, *seriatim*. I should like to proceed, sir, in this fashion: For all of that Section of the Report which has not yet been adopted, we will perfect the Paragraphs and Sections by any amendments which you care to make, of striking out sentences, of inserting, of substitution for entire Paragraphs or sections. We will vote only on the secondary motions of amendment and substitution.

When we have completed such perfecting of the Report I shall put before you a motion for amendment on the entire Report. Then concluding, if I am still in the Chair, by putting the motion to adopt.

I think that will prevent us from reconsidering anything that has been adopted previously if we work under that procedure.

Therefore I take it, Brother Kearns, that we are now under that procedure, and you are moving an amendment. If you will tell us where it is and what it is we shall entertain that motion, and then we shall put it to a vote of the Conference.

Clarifying Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) presenting the Report of the Co-ordinating Council, requested common consent to complete a matter in connection with the pending Report, which had been accepted by the five Organizations concerned on yesterday, but that needed a clearer statement for the Journal, and the record of the action taken.

Common consent being unanimously granted, Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), requested (DB-25) that the

first sentence be deleted in the paragraph entitled, "1. Study and Analysis," found at the bottom of column 2, page 9, DCA No. 1, and which reads as follows,

"That an analysis be made by the Bishop and Cabinet of each Annual Conference of the situation within the Conference with reference to the 'production story' of all its churches."

and the following be substituted therefor

"There shall be a Quadrennial Committee for the Annual Conference. This Committee shall consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, one Pastor from each District, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Lay Leader, the Chairman of the Annual Conference Boards included in the Program."

At the top of the column three, page 9, DCA No. 1, delete the paragraph which reads as follows:—

"2. Goals. Under the guidance of the Bishop and his Cabinet, goals are to be determined for the local churches of a Conference."

and substitute therefor the following:—

"2. Goals. This Annual Conference Quadrennial Committee shall determine the goals which are to be established in the local churches of a Conference."

Amendment Withdrawn—Francis E. Kearns

Francis E. Kearns (Wisconsin—NC) withdrew his proposed amendment as the statement presented by Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) included the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Statement—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Now, then, I understand that we are working under the entire section entitled "The Local Church Emphasis," down to the section "II—The Higher Education Emphasis." Are there any amendments to that section?

Question Raised—Answered—Dillon W. Throckmorton— Chester A. McPheeters

Dillon W. Throckmorton (California-Nevada—W) ask what is meant by the word "insecurity," found in the second paragraph of (2) at the bottom of column three, page 9, DCA No. 1, and which reads as follows:—

"Freedom from want, insecurity and economic injustice."

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) replied

"I would take it that the meaning of the Committee is social, political, intellectual, every kind of insecurity involved."

Amendment—Wilmer Fell Davis ()—Not Adopted—
Chester A. McPheeters*

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula—NE) moved to amend (DB-26) Paragraph "4, Recommendations," Section "a" at the top of column 1, page 10, DCA No. 1, which reads as follows:—

4. Recommendations:

- a. That the carrying out of this Program to enrich and strengthen the Local Church be delegated to The Council of Bishops with the suggestion that The Council call upon all of the General Agencies of the Church for such assistance as The Council of Bishops deems necessary;

by inserting the words, "**including The Council of Bishops,**" after the words "the General Agencies of the Church," found in lines six and seven, so that the amended paragraph will read as follows:—

4. Recommendations:

- a. That the carrying out of this Program to enrich and strengthen the Local Church be delegated to The Council of Bishops with the suggestion that The Council call upon all of the General Agencies of the Church **including The Council of Bishops** for such assistance as The Council of Bishops deems necessary;

The motion, being duly seconded, Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula—NE) spoke to the same.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) spoke to the pending amendment as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, it would be my opinion that the responsibility being laid upon The Council of Bishops for the carrying out of this Program to enrich and strengthen the Local Church would certainly involve The Council of Bishops. Certainly that was intended.

The proposed amendment of Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—C. Anderson Davis—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) moved to amend paragraph "3. Emphases, section (c), sub-section (4)" DCA No. 1, page 9, column 3, which reads as follows:—

(4) to encourage each church to see that the doors of the Local Church open out unto the whole world and to encourage each local church to assume its full share of responsibility in the total program of the Christian World Mission.

by inserting the words, "**unto the whole local community and,**" after the words, "the doors of the local church open out," so that the amended Sub-section (4) will read:—

(4) to encourage each church to see that the doors of the Local Church open out **unto the whole local community and** unto the whole

world and to encourage each local church to assume its full share of responsibility in the total program of the Christian World Mission.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), for the five Organizations involved, no objection being raised by any member of the same, or by any Delegate of The General Conference.

*Amendment—Charles X. Hutchinson, Jr.—Accepted—
Chester A. McPheeters*

Charles X. Hutchinson, Jr. (New England Southern—NE) moved to amend Section “3. Emphases. Sub-section b Christ and Our Resources,” DCA No. 1, page 9, column 3, by the addition of a paragraph to be numbered 6, and which reads as follows (DB-28) :

“(6) The raising of the local level of pastoral support, especially in those Annual Conferences, whose salary level has scarcely reached the subsistence minimum.”

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of Charles X. Hutchinson, Jr. (New England Southern—NE) for the five Organizations involved, no objection being raised by any member of the same, or by any Delegate of The General Conference.

Amendment—A. Wesley Pugh—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) moved to rephrase the paragraph on “Goals,” at the top of column 3, page 9, DCA No. 1 which had been edited by Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) and adopted by common consent this morning, and which reads as follows :—

“2. Goals. This Annual Conference Quadrennial Committee shall determine the goals which are to be established in the local churches of a Conference.”

to read as follows (DB-29) :—

“2. Goals. Under guidance of the Annual Conference Quadrennial Committee, goals are to be determined for the local churches of a Conference.”

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed change in phraseology of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), for the five Organizations involved, no objection being raised by any member of the same, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Chester A. McPheeters—Roy R. Roudebush (*)—Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend

the second sentence of paragraph entitled "1. Study and Analysis," rephrased this morning to read as follows:—

"There shall be a Quadrennial Committee for the Annual Conference. This Committee shall consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, one Pastor from each District, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Lay Leader, the Chairman of the Annual Conference Boards included in the Program."

by the insertion of the words,

"and one Layman from each District,"

to immediately follow the words,

"one Pastor from each District,"

so that the sentence, as amended, will read:—

"There shall be a Quadrennial Committee for the Annual Conference. This Committee shall consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, one Pastor from each District, **one Layman from each District**, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Lay Leader, the Chairman of the Annual Conference Boards included in the Program."

The motion being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) spoke against the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*).

Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*).

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Question—H. Hughes Wagner—Chester A. McPheeters

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) asked the following question:—

Mr. Chairman, this is not an amendment, but I would like to ask Dr. McPheeters a question. It has to do with the Local Church Emphasis and with the adoption of this Quadrennial Program. I refer to the first column, half way down the first column, where it speaks about the Week of Dedication:—

The second paragraph beginning "At the end of the quadrennium," this is in the review—we have a very inspiring presentation of the Week of Dedication this morning, and what a wonderful Program it is—but these words are used, "... thereby making it a continuing institution in the Church." And down a little later, "A movement thereby becomes an institution."

The question I want to ask is this: "Why, when a Program becomes a continuing institution is it not included in the continuing organization and structure of our Benevolence Program; to-wit, World Service?"

When a Program adopted on a Quadrennial basis has proved to be a permanently useful and good Program, why does it not become incorporated into the continuing structure of our Church which is the

regular World Service? Why does it continue to be an independent as a Special Day.

Reply—Chester A. McPheeters

"That will come a little later when the Co-ordinating Council makes a Report on the Special Days because this week is considered as a special day.

"You can bring it up at that time which I think would be more appropriate."

Amendment—William B. Robinson—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio—NC) moved to amend (DB-31) the second sentence of the paragraph entitled, "1. Study and Analysis," rephrased and adopted this morning, and which reads as follows:—

"There shall be a Quadrennial Committee for the Annual Conference. This Committee shall consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, one Pastor from each District, one Layman from each District, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Lay Leader, the Chairman of the Annual Conference Boards included in the Program."

by deleting

"Chairman of the Annual Conference Boards,"

and substituting therefor, the words

"Chairman or persons selected by the participating Annual Conference Boards,"

so that the sentence as amended will read:—

"This Committee shall consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, one Pastor from each District, one Layman from each District, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Lay Leader, **the Chairman or persons selected by the participating Annual Conference Boards** included in the Program."

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio—NC) for the five Organizations involved, no member of the same raising any objection, and no objection being raised by any member of The General Conference.

*Question Raised—Russell R. Patton—Answered—
Chester A. McPheeters*

Russell R. Patton (Kentucky—SE) raised the following question:—

I would like to ask Dr. McPheeters if on page 9 in the Study and Analysis—if he would accept the Conference Secretary of the Board of Education as one of the members of that personnel.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) answered the question, as follows:—

I would think this previous amendment or suggestion would cover that, either a Chairman or one designated by the Board. Wouldn't that cover it?

II. The Higher Education Emphasis—Bishop John Wesley Lord

There being no further amendment proposed to Section "I. The Local Church Emphasis," Bishop John Wesley Lord the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Are there any other amendments? Or are you ready now to pass on to Section II, which comes to a very significant part of the emphasis? I hear no objection. If there are no further amendments we come now to section II.

Could I instruct The Conference, if this is your wish? As I read through the Quadrennial Program, the first, second and third Paragraphs of this Higher Education emphasis are in the nature of the preamble or historical statement. I don't think that they would occasion debate.

We come to number 1, and I am going to ask Dr. McPheeters to read that Paragraph. It begins on the bottom of page 10, column 1, and concludes at the top of the second column on page 10. I think you will want to have that read, and then amended, if you see fit. Do I hear any question on the three Paragraphs preceding? I am trying, brethren, to get to the meat of this Program and to conserve time if I can.

Statement—Diamond R. Daniel ()*

Diamond R. Daniel (*) (Malaya—OS) was recognized and made the following statement regarding the Report:—

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to support this whole emphasis, this Quadrennial Emphasis, especially on higher education, especially with regard to Paragraph 3. The whole Report seems to spotlight the work in the United States and, therefore, I would like to just emphasize that there is a very great need for this type of work in Malaya as well; and I think in other parts of the Overseas Area.

The vision of the missionaries who came over there helped to establish Methodist high schools which have done invaluable service to the country, but there is a need for the establishment of seats of higher learning and so we look forward to this Quadrennial Program, during which time the establishment of such universities will be possible.

Objection to Reading—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Approved

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NE) started to read paragraph 1 at the bottom of page 10, column 1, *DCA* No. 1.

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NE) was recognized and stated that the Report had been printed, and could we not dispense with reading? By common consent the further reading of the Report was dispensed with.

Amendment—George A. Butters—Paul V. Shearer ()—G. Alfred Brown—Chester A. Smith (*)—D. Stewart Patterson (*)—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Not Adopted*

George A. Butters (Minnesota—NC) moved to amend (DB-32) paragraph 1 at the bottom of page 10, column 1, DCA No. 1, which reads as follows:

1. There shall be constituted a Quadrennial Commission on Christian Education, composed as follows: The effective Bishops in the United States; four Ministers and six Laymen from each Jurisdiction, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference; the President of the General Board of Education; the Presidents of the three Divisions of the Board and twelve members of the General Board of Education, chosen by the Board or its Executive Committee; and, in addition, twenty members-at-large, chosen by the Commission on account of their experience and ability in the field of education and without reference to Jurisdictional Boundaries; the Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions; the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church; the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division. The Commission may elect advisory members without vote at its discretion. The Commission shall elect its Officers for the Quadrennium, and shall have general direction and supervision of the Quadrennial Educational Emphasis in accordance with the directives herein contained.

by deleting the words, "*The effective Bishops in the United States,*" in lines three and four, and substituting there for the words, "**four or five of the effective Bishops.**" The motion was duly seconded.

Proposed Amendment Amended—Paul V. Shearer ()—Accepted—George A. Butters*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) moved to amend the amendment by changing the words "four or five" to read "**six**" so that each of the six Jurisdictions might be represented.

George A. Butters (Minnesota—NC) accepted the amendment of Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines) to his proposed amendment, no objection being raised by the seconder of his proposed amendment, so that Paragraph 1, as amended will read:—

1. There shall be constituted a Quadrennial Commission on Christian Education, composed as follows: **SIX** effective Bishops in the United States; four Ministers and six Laymen from each Jurisdiction, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference; the President of the General Board of Education; the Presidents of the three Divisions of the Board and twelve members of the General Board of Education, chosen by the Board or its Executive Committee; and, in addition, twenty members-at-large, chosen by the Commission on account of their experience and ability in the field of education and without reference to Jurisdictional Boundaries; the Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions; the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church; the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division. The Commission may elect ad-

visory members without vote at its discretion. The Commission shall elect its Officers for the Quadrennium, and shall have general direction and supervision of the Quadrennial Educational Emphasis in accordance with the directives herein contained.

Against Amendment—G. Alfred A. Brown

G. Alfred Brown (Central Texas—SC) spoke against the proposed amendment.

For Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment.

Against Amendment—D. Stewart Patterson ()—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)*

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore—NE) and Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC) separately spoke against the proposed amendment.

Previous Question—Embree H. Blackard—Ordered

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) moved the Previous Question on this particular amendment. The motion being duly seconded, the Previous Question was ordered on this particular amendment, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of The General Conference.

Chester A. McPheeters Speaks—Amendment George A. Butters Not Adopted

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) spoke to the pending amendment as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, may I say just a word? There seems to be a bit of confusion; at least the terminology has been confused. This is not a Board we are organizing here; this is a Movement. This is a great Movement throughout the Church and it is very definitely felt, as it has been stated by Mrs. Brooks (*) and by Mr. Patterson (*), that all of the members of The Council of Bishops within the United States should have contact with this Movement and really give it the kind of leadership it should have. The whole Commission was so organized that there was wide representation, but we do need to make the full impact upon the Church for a Great New Movement such as this as we have done in former Quadrennial Programs to have the full Council of Bishops upon this Commission.

The proposed amendment of George A. Butters (Minnesota—NC), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Jurisdictional Conference Journals Referred—Lud H. Estes

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, duly seconded, prevailed, referring the Journals of the six Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States, to the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, without reading.

Announcements—Leon T. Moore—Lud H. Estes

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate of The General Conference, and Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, separately made important announcements.

Program—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, announced the Programs for Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights respectively.

Privileged Motion—Charles R. Clegg (*) Action Postponed

Charles R. Clegg (*) (North Georgia—SE) moved that the retired Judicial Council members attending this General Conference session be paid their expense and *per diem* allowances.

Because of the probability of extended debate and the hour of adjournment nearing, by common consent, consideration was postponed until a later session.

No. 4. Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner—Bishop W. Angie Smith

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, presented Report 4 of the Committee, and it was approved as follows:—

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for session of Sunday night, April 29, 1956 will be Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction.

(Signed)

H. Hughes Wagner, Chairman
William R. Cannon, Secretary

No. 5. Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner—Bishop Roy H. Short

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Of-

ficers, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, and it was approved as follows:—

“Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Monday morning, April 30, 1956 will be Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

(Signed)

H. Hughes Wagner, Chairman
William R. Cannon, Secretary

Thanks—Gavel—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Boston Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer of this morning's session, thanked The General Conference for their spirit of co-operation in the conduct of the business of The General Conference.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement regarding the gavel used during the morning session:—

“I have long felt there was no wood hard enough that would allow me to preside at the four New England Conferences with all the assurance that I would like to have. This is a hard gavel. They told me it was a tooth, so there will be teeth in what we have to transpire from now on.”

Adjournment—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Presiding Officer, announced that The General Conference stood adjourned at 12:40 P.M., Saturday, April 28, 1956.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1956 EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Pursuant to adjournment the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the evening session of the Fifth Day, Sunday, April 29, 1956, at 8 P.M., with Bishop W. Angie Smith, of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and President of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, in the Chair.

Hour of Evangelism—Bishop W. Angie Smith

Having previously been ordered as an official session of The General Conference by formal motion of the same, the following Program was rendered in co-operation with the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, with Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and President of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, presiding.

The following Order of Worship was observed:—

OUR WESLEYAN HYMN SING Glen Johnson

Solo Choir—DePauw University (Greencastle, Indiana)

George W. Gove, Director

“O Magnify the Lord With Me”—*Bay State Psalm Book*

“Christopher Robin Is Saying His Prayers”—(A. A. Milne)

Fraser-Simson

Other assisting choirs—Owatonna Methodist Church

Austin Methodist Church

THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Bishop W. Angie Smith

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look on the fields!

People: They are white unto harvest!

Leader: Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth laborers!

People: Sound forth thy call, O Lord, we answer!

THE PRAYER FOR EVANGELISM Bishop J. W. E. Bowen

“The Lord’s Prayer” from “A Faith Is Born”—*Glen Johnson*

DePauw University Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON—Luke 10:1-5, 17-20

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman

THE PRAYER FOR WITNESSES

... Bishop W. Earl Ledden

THE PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

“Once to Every Man and Nation”—*James R. Lowell (1819-1891)*
(Combined Choirs)

THE HYMN—"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"—	<i>Charles Wesley</i> (1707-1788)
THE SERMON—"The Whole Gospel for the Whole World"	Dr. Alan Walker
THE HYMN—"Crown Him With Many Crowns"—	<i>Matthew Bridges</i> (1800-1894)
	<i>Godfrey Thring</i> (1823-1903)
THE PRAYER	Dr. Alan Walker
THE BENEDICTION	Bishop W. Angie Smith
THE POSTLUDE	Combined Choirs

Adjournment:—

The General Conference adjourned at 9:57 P.M.

SIXTH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening:—Bishop Roy H. Short

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the Sixth Day, Monday, April 30, 1956 in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota at 8:30 A.M. with Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in the Chair, and further consideration of and action on Report No. I of the Co-ordinating Council, pending.

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, announced that the Devotions of the morning would be conducted by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, of the Des Moines Area, North Central Jurisdiction.

Devotions—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, of the Des Moines Area, North Central Jurisdiction, conducted the Devotional Service of the morning.

Hymn No. 73—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley—James R. Houghton ()*

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley announced Hymn No. 73, "Be Still, My Soul: the Lord Is on Thy Side," The General Conference, standing, joined in the singing of the Hymn, under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE).

Responsive Reading—Gloria Patri

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley then led The General Conference in the Responsive Reading, "The Glory of God," found on page 575 of The Methodist Hymnal, after which The General Conference joined in the singing of The Gloria Patri.

Devotional Message—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley then brought the message of the morning, from the theme, "Law and Persuasion," using as the basis for his remarks the Scripture found in the Gospel of St. John, first chapter, seventeenth verse, which reads as follows:—

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

Prayer and Benediction—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley

At the close of his remarks, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley led in prayer, and pronounced the Benediction.

Thanks—Bishop Roy H. Short

In behalf of The Conference, Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, expressed its thanks to Bishop F. Gerald Ensley for his timely message of the morning.

Business Session—Bishop Roy H. Short

Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference to order for its business session, following the Devotional Service of the morning, with further consideration of and action on Report No. I of the Co-ordinating Council pending.

No. 2 Journal—R. Merrill Powers

R. Merrill Powers (Rock River—NC) Secretary of the Standing Administrative Committee on Journal, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

“The Committee on Journal has examined the Journal for Saturday, April 28, 1956, and found it correct.”

(Signed) R. Merrill Powers, Secretary

No. 6—Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the four following matters:—

First—Mrs. D. Stanley Coors—Message of Sympathy

Stated that Mrs. D. Stanley Coors, wife of our host Bishop, Bishop D. Stanley Coors, of the Minnesota Area, North Central Jurisdiction, had fallen and fractured an arm, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to send Mrs. D. Stanley Coors a message of sympathy, and assure her that the prayers of The General Conference were for her speedy recovery.

Second—Bishop William C. Martin—Citation—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Requested recognition of Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, for a privileged matter.

Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, being recognized, requested Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, to come to the front of the platform, in order that he might be presented a Citation of Appreciation, signed by thirty of those who had worked with him in the vital and far-reaching field of Advance Committee of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: We greatly appreciate this privilege of making a presentation which should have been made at the close of the Report of the Committee on Advance, but time ran out. May I ask that Bishop Harrell come and stand with me here.

While he is coming here let me say that much really ought to be said here, but I have put it all into one sentence. I doubt if any of us know a man who is a more complete embodiment of these two elements which have been presented to us here this morning by our devotional speaker, that of the practical and mystical combination of the law and the gospel. And when the record is all in I think we are all agreed here this morning that few men in Methodism will be found to have left the influence of their lives in a larger and more permanent way upon the life of the Church than the man whom we honor at this moment.

Bishop Harrell, I hold in my hand a Citation which has been framed in such fashion that we hope it may find a place, rather prominent place in this new home which you and Mrs. Harrell are building at Atlanta, and to which you will be retiring after the Jurisdictional Conference. This is signed by thirty of those who have worked most closely with you in this assignment.”

The following Citation of Appreciation was handed Bishop Costen J. Harrell by Bishop William C. Martin, Chairman of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of The Methodist Church.

CITATION OF APPRECIATION

THE ADVANCE THE METHODIST CHURCH TO BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL

In recognition of your competent and consecrated fashioning of the “Second Mile” approach to missionary interest and support through

THE ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH
in 1948-1952, and through The Advance in 1952-1956.

Your vision, resourcefulness, and perseverance in making possible unprecedented growth in giving to Missions;

Your thoughtful and convincing interpretation of Chris-

tian Stewardship in support of the entire Program of The Methodist Church;

Your warm friendliness and personal devotion;

We, who have been closely associated with you in The Advance, present this token of our esteem and affection.

Wm. C. Martin	Jesse A. Engle
Hazen G. Werner	Ernest E. Tuck
Lloyd C. Wicke	Benj. F. Allgood
Richard C. Raines	Edith D. White (*)
A. Raymond Grant	Dorcas Hall (*)
Matthew W. Clair, Jr.	Norman L. Trott
H. Bascom Watts	Brunner M. Hunt
Frank L. Baker (*)	George A. Fallon
Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)	Oscar L. Simpson
Donald Harvey Tippet	W. Carl Clement
E. Harold Mohn	Hally P. Johns (*)
Thomas B. Lugg	Pat Thompson (*)
Eugene L. Smith	Abbott L. Fletcher (*)
Earl R. Brown	M. LaFayette Harris
Frederick B. Newell	Raoul C. Calkins

The General Conference stood during the presentation of the Citation.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell replied to the presentation of the Citation of Appreciation, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and my friends of this General Conference: These words coming from my dear friend and associate of many years quite overwhelm me. I hardly know what to say. I do say with all sincerity that I feel myself to be very unworthy of them, but he has at least stated here in this token that has been presented to me the things that I sincerely desire to be.

It brings to mind this introduction I had on one occasion from a colored friend of mine. I went to preach in his church one Sunday, when he arose to present me to the congregation, he said, “We have with us this morning a preacher who is also a gentleman.” I did not quite understand why he should think the ‘gentleman’ was necessary to be added, but he evidently thought so. I felt unworthy then of his unstinted praise, but he at least laid his hand on two things that I sincerely desired to be.

A friend of mine said to me not long ago, ‘I understand you are going to retire.’

I said, ‘No, I am being retired.’

There is some difference. I like to state it this way: I am entering into a new phase of my career, and this token that has come to me this morning warms my heart as there I enter.

Early in my ministry I purchased for my study a rather cheap print of Hoffman’s portrayal of Christ as a rich young ruler. It has hung in my study all these years since. And beside that there has been a parchment that was given me by a congregation that I had served,

expressing some words of appreciation and affection for me, their former Pastor. This also has been hanging in my study.

And now this will come, for there are two things that I do yearn for in my active life and in all the years ahead: first, that I shall feel at all times the guiding hand of Him whom I confess to be my Redeemer; and beside that, the affection and the esteem of my co-laborers across the years.

These warm my heart and will keep my heart warm through the years that are ahead.

I thank you."

Third—Communication from Syngman Rhee—Reply Thereto

Seoul, Korea
April 20, 1956

To The General Conference of The Methodist Church
Minneapolis, Minn.

From one who was a member of the 1912 General Conference which met in Minneapolis, greetings to my many friends.

Syngman Rhee

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, prevailed, directing the Secretary to make suitable reply.

Fourth—Communication from Rabbi Minda—Reply Thereto

Presented a communication from Rabbi Albert G. Minda, D.D., of Temple Israel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, stating that the deliberations of The Conference are of great concern to all people, and praying the blessings of God upon the Conference.

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, prevailed, directing the Secretary to make appropriate reply.

No. 3 and 4 Credentials—Elmer E. Mathews (*)

Elmer E. Mathews (*) (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials, presented Reports Nos. 3 and 4 of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Reports were adopted, without reading. For Reports see page 1193.

No. 2 Plan of Organization and Rules of Order—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, presented Report No. 2 of the Com-

mittee, subject, "Amend Rules of Order, page 197 of the Handbook for Delegates, 1956 session of The General Conference Concerning Legislative Committees," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see page 1227.

**Order of the Day—Report No. 1—State of the Church—
Lloyd A. Gustafson—Ordered**

Lloyd A. Gustafson (North Iowa—NC) moved that an Order of the Day be established for Tuesday morning, May 1, 1956, for the consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, immediately following the morning's devotions. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Rule 15—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary, called attention to Rule 15 regarding motions and amendments to be presented in triplicate, stating that The General Conference was now invoking the Rule.

**Consideration of and Action on Report No. 1—Quadrennial
Program Resumed—Chester A. McPheeters—Section II
—Amended—Adopted**

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) resumed presentation of Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council and moved the adoption of "Section II, The Higher Education Emphasis," found in *DCA* No. 1, page 10, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 11, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 12, column 1. The motion was duly seconded.

**Amendment—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Accepted—Chester A.
McPheeters**

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) moved to amend Section II, *DCA* No. 1, page 10, column 1, (DB-33) following the words, "The effective Bishops in the United States," found in lines 3 and 4, by adding the following words:—

"two Central Conference Bishops, if they be in the United States at the time of the meeting of this Commission; if more than two are in the United States, The Council of Bishops shall select the two who are to serve."

J. Lynn Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) moved to further amend "Section II, The Higher Education Emphasis," *DCA* No. 1, page 10, column 2, by adding the words,

"also, the General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions," following the words, "the Secretary of the Editorial Division,"

found in *DCA* No. 1, page 10, column 2, line 16, so that the amended paragraph will read as follows:—

1. There shall be constituted a Quadrennial Commission on Christian Education, composed as follows: The effective Bishops in the United States, two Central Conference Bishops, if they be in the United States at the time of the meeting of this Commission; if more than two are in the United States, The Council of Bishops shall select the two who are to serve; four Ministers and six Laymen from each Jurisdiction, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference; the President of the General Board of Education; the Presidents of the three Divisions of the Board and twelve members of the General Board of Education, chosen by the Board or its Executive Committee; and, in addition, twenty Members-at-Large, chosen by the Commission on account of their experience and ability in the field of education and without reference to Jurisdictional boundaries; the General Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions; the General Secretary of the Division of the Local Church; the General Secretary of the Editorial Division, also the General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions; The Commission may elect advisory members without vote at its discretion. The Commission shall elect its officers for the quadrennium, and shall have general direction and supervision of the Quadrennial Educational Emphasis in accordance with the directives herein contained.

The motion being duly seconded, Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) spoke to the same.

Reply—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) replied as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, may I call your attention to paragraph 3 under the Higher Education Emphasis, the middle of the paragraph:

The same task of strengthening our institutions of higher learning in other lands where the demand also is imperative and the urgency pressing is entrusted to the Central Conferences in which they are located with the assistance of the Board of Missions through the Division of World Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

We attempted to take care of the matter in which you are interested, Dr. Radcliffe, but we felt this was a better way to take care of it.

Statement—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman, then I move my amendment because it was that very paragraph that suggested that to me. I believe also in the policy making body there should be democratic representatives from the world field of The Methodist Church. I hope this will prevail.”

Amendment—Harald Lindstrom ()—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters*

Harald Lindstrom (Sweden—OS) moved to amend the proposed amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I would also like to move an amendment in the same way as the speaker before. I think it is important that we can integrate the work outside the United States with the work of the Church here in the United States and that this most important work which will be done by this Commission also include missionary education, which has to be planned also on a world scale. Therefore, I think it would be good for the whole Church to include two representatives on this Commission also from the Church outside the United States. I also wanted to add that such an arrangement would emphasize the **structure of the Church** as a world-wide Church and world-wide fellowship in the Church.

Thank you.”

Amendments—Lynn J. Radcliffe and Harald Lindstrom ()—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters*

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendments of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) and Harald Lindstrom (*) (Sweden—OS), for the five Organizations concerned, there being no objection raised by any member of the said Organizations, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Weldon Crossland—Not Adopted

Weldon Crossland (Genesee—NE) moved to amend paragraph “b” Section 3, page 11, column 3, *DCA* No. 1, by deleting the word “*may*” in line one, and substituting therefor the word “*shall*,” so that the sentence will read, when amended,

“The Commission **shall** constitute from its membership a Committee to examine the Charters of the respective institutions related to The Methodist Church to determine the actual status of relationship.”

Reply—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) stated that the provision found in paragraph “b” was not a mandate, as the reading of the paragraph plainly showed, as follows:—

3. To the specific directives above named, certain possible procedures are hereunder appended for the guidance of the Commission, the same being for the Commission’s consideration without the force of a mandate.

Amendment—Weldon Crossland—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Weldon Crossland (Genesee—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—J. Earl Moreland ()—Accepted*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE) moved to amend (DB-34) paragraph “c”, Section 3, page 11, column 3, DCA No. 1, by adding the words, **“and not less than 30 cents annually per member for the Wesley Foundations,”** following the words “institutions related to the respective Conferences,” in lines 29 and 30, so that the amended sentence will read as follows:—

c. In an appeal to the membership of the Church for the support of our institutions, at least two approaches are possible; (1) a financial campaign and/or (2) an apportionment transmitted annually by the respective Annual Conferences to local churches and accepted by the respective Quarterly Conferences, as in the case of World Service and Conference Benevolences. The nature of the appeal and the financial goals and apportionments shall be determined by the Annual Conference concerned in each undertaking, and the Quadrennial Commission shall adjust its procedures accordingly. In many cases, special financial campaigns are advisable and will, we believe, be undertaken. It does not appear, however, that periodic appeals will provide for the continuing financial needs of our institutions. It is highly important that we develop in our whole constituency a conscience concerning the continuing support of our institutions and that a procedure be established in all our Conferences by which our people would contribute not less than an average of \$1.00 annually per member for the support of institutions related to the respective Conferences, **and not less than 30 cents annually per member for the Wesley Foundations.** If such a Program could be made effective among nine and a half million Methodists in the United States, we would witness the dawn of a new day in higher Christian education.

Amendment Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE) for the five Organizations involved, there being no objection raised by any member of the aforesaid Organizations, or by any member of The General Conference.

School of Inter-National Service—Albert P. Shirkey

Albert P. Shirkey (Baltimore—NE) spoke to the pending Section II, with special emphasis on the School of Inter-National Service to be established on the campus of American University in Washington, D.C.

Amendment—Edmund L. Tink ()—Out of Order*

Edmund L. Tink (*) (Newark—NE) moved to amend (DB-35) the second paragraph in “e” “We,” page 11, column 2, DCA No. 1 by deleting the word “*recommend*” found in the first line of the paragraph, and substituting therefor the word “*direct*,” so that the amended paragraph will read as follows:—

We direct that the Council on World Service and Finance include a non-recurring item of \$250,000 a year during the coming Quadrennium to establish a School of International Service in the nation's capital.

The motion being duly seconded, Edmund L. Tink (*) (Newark—NE) spoke to the same.

Ruling—Bishop Roy H. Short

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"If you will pardon the Chair, under the *Discipline*, The General Conference cannot direct but only recommend to the Commission on World Service and Finance."

Question—Frank M. Templin—Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC) raised the following question:—

On page 11, the middle column, line 4 from the top of the page, in this sentence, "The Commission shall devise such methods of credit for the Local Church as it may determine."

In column 3, about midway down, paragraph (c), line 10: "The nature of the appeal and the financial goals and apportionments shall be determined by the Annual Conference concerned in each undertaking, and the Quadrennial Commission shall adjust its procedures accordingly." Is this to be the determination finally of the Commission or of the Annual Conference? I think the local church and the Annual Conference will be interested in this.

I want specifically the answer to this question: Is there any limit placed upon the use to which a college may put such monies as may be raised in this \$1 apportionment? This question arises from a practical problem. The Indiana Conference is already committed to a \$500,000 Dormitory Campaign to Evansville college, beginning 1957. Can such money be raised within the framework of this Apportionment?

I ask that question because we were told last Quadrennium that such money could not be raised within the 50 cent Apportionment. I would like the answer of the Chairman to this question.

Question Answered—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following reply:—

As we understand this, Mr. Chairman, the determination will be made by the Annual Conference itself. I think you have brought two matters together which really do not relate, if I may say. We have attempted to provide for some kind of credit for the giving of churches to this cause in the sentence at the top of the middle column. But in this manner, under paragraph (c), the Annual Conference would certainly make that decision. The local regional group would make that decision.

Information—Edmund L. Tink ()*

Edmund L. Tink (*) (Newark—NE) asked for further information on the relation of The General Conference to the Commission on World Service and Finance in the matter of "recommending" or "directing" as follows:—

It does not behoove a Layman to question a Chairman or a Bishop, but if I am correct in my assumption that the World Service Council is created by The General Conference and is responsible to The General Conference, then where does the authority come from that says The General Conference may only recommend to one of its Agencies, rather than occasionally direct if it so desires? That is a matter of information.

Ruling—Bishop Roy H. Short

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

It is the understanding of the Chair that when the Report comes back from the World Service Council this can be done. It is at this particular point that the idea of recommending obtains.

Amendment—Robert G. Mayfield ()—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters*

Robert G. Mayfield (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC) moved to amend paragraphs "b," "c," "e," "f" and "g" on page 11, column 3, DCA No. 1, by inserting the word "**educational**," before the word "institutions," in lines 3, 7 and 11 of paragraph "b," and in lines 2, 21, 24 and 29 of paragraph "c," and in paragraph "e," line 3; in paragraph "f," line 6, page 11, column 3, DCA No. 1; page 12, line 4; column 1; and in paragraph "g," line 4, on page 12, column 1, DCA No. 1; so that the amended paragraphs "b," "c," "e," "f," and "g," will read as follows:—

b. The Commission may constitute from its membership a Committee to examine the Charters of the respective **educational** institutions related to The Methodist Church to determine the actual status of relationship. The bonds connecting a number of our **educational** institutions with the Church should be strengthened. It is recommended that in instances where such strengthening is desirable the Commission shall encourage the Trustees of the educational institutions concerned to take appropriate steps to alter their Charters accordingly.

c. In an appeal to the membership of the Church for the support of our **educational** institutions, at least two approaches are possible; (1) a financial campaign and/or (2) an apportionment transmitted annually by the respective Annual Conferences to Local Churches and accepted by the respective Quarterly Conferences, as in the case of World Service and Conference Benevolences. The nature of the appeal and the financial goals and apportionments shall be determined by the Annual Conference concerned in each undertaking, and the Quadrennial Commission shall adjust its procedures accordingly. In many cases, Special Financial Campaigns are advisable and will, we believe,

be undertaken. It does not appear, however, that periodic appeals will provide for the continuing financial needs of our educational institutions. It is highly important that we develop in our whole constituency a conscience concerning the continuing support of our educational institutions and that a procedure be established in all our Conferences by which our people would contribute not less than an average of \$1.00 annually per member for the support of educational institutions related to the respective Conferences and not less than 30 cents annually per member for the Wesley Foundations. If such a Program could be made effective among nine and a half million Methodists in the United States, we would witness the dawn of a new day in higher Christian education.

e. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to recommending to all our educational institutions that each shall set aside out of funds received from the Church a certain portion for permanent endowment, thus establishing a backlog of security.

f. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to constituting a Committee to work out a procedure whereby an appeal may go to our people in every Local Church to leave in their wills a bequest in some amount for some educational institution of learning in the Church.

g. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to constituting a Committee to promote a plan of appeal to the alumni of all our educational institutions. If, for example, each alumnus should recognize his obligation to the college or university at which he received his training and should resolve to return to her, either by gift during his life time or by bequest, the cost of his education over and above the fees he paid, a new loyalty would appear and a continuing avenue of support would be opened.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of Robert G. Mayfield (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC) for the five Organizations involved, there being no objection raised by any member of the aforesaid Organizations, or by any member of The General Conference.

Information—Syracuse University School of Citizenship and Public Affairs—Harold S. Swales

Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) stated for the information of The General Conference that Syracuse University, with its School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, is already training a large group of young people to do the thing that is proposed to be undertaken at the American University at Washington, D. C.

Amendment—James P. Brawley ()—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters*

James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C) moved to amend (DB-37) paragraph "d," Section 3, page 11, column 3, DCA No. 1 by the addition of the following sentence at the close of the paragraph,

"with due recognition of the special needs of the educational institutions historically operated for Negroes."

so that the amended paragraph will read, as follows:—

d. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to requesting the several Annual Conferences to set aside a certain percentage of the sums received for their schools and colleges, such percentage to be remitted to the Division of Educational Institutions, and administered by it for educational institutions where there is special need with due recognition of the special needs of the educational institutions historically operated for Negroes.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C) for the five Organizations involved, there being no objection raised by any member of the aforesaid Organizations, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Otis L. Collier—Accepted—Chester A. McPheeters

Otis L. Collier (Northwest Indiana—NC) moved to amend (DB-38) paragraph (1) in the middle of page 11, column 1, DCA No. 1, which reads as follows:—

(1) To interpret to our Church-related colleges and universities their place and function in the life of the Church and the obligation of these institutions to be Christian in teaching and in practice;

by the addition of the following sentence, at the close of the paragraph:—

"and in their policies relative to serving the youth of the local churches, the Conferences, and the areas from whom they would receive support."

so that the amended paragraph (1) would read as follows:—

(1) To interpret to our Church-related colleges and universities their place and function in the life of the Church and the obligation of these institutions to be Christian in teaching and in practice, and in their policies relative to serving the youth of the local churches, the Conferences, and the areas from whom they would receive support.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) accepted the proposed amendment of Otis L. Collier (Northwest Indiana—NC) for the five Organizations involved, there being no objection raised by any member of the aforesaid five Organizations, or by any member of The General Conference.

Question—Edward W. Foote—Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Edward W. Foote (Minnesota—NC) asked for the inter-

pretation of paragraph "e," page 11, column 3, *DCA* No. 1, which reads as follows:—

e. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to recommending to all our educational institutions that each shall set aside out of funds received from the Church a certain portion for permanent endowment, thus establishing a backlog of security.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) replied,

"We would interpret that as meaning the Commission would recommend the Annual Conferences would make the decisions, and that they would be variable according to a local need or a local decision."

Previous Question—Embree H. Blackard—Ordered

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) moved the Previous Question on all that is before The General Conference.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds vote, and the Previous Question was ordered.

Amendments by Common Consent—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) asked common consent to make the following two clarifying amendments. Common consent being unanimously given the following were adopted:—

First:—The addition of the President of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship to the personnel of the Annual Conference Quadrennial Program Committee, so that the amended paragraph, "1. Study and Analysis," *DCA* No. 1, page 9, column 2 will read as follows:—

"There shall be in each Annual Conference a Quadrennial Program Committee on Local Church Goals, consisting of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, one Minister from each District, one Layman from each District, the Conference Lay Leader, the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, **the President of the Conference Youth Fellowship**, a representative of each of the Conference Boards taking part in the Program, and such additional persons as the Committee shall select."

Second:—Delete paragraph four, page 8, column 1, *DCA* No. 1 reads as follows:—

The Communist proffers revolutionary proposals alleged to be scientifically based and designed to abolish the exploitation of man by man and to set up a classless society. Actually, Communism eventuates in the most degrading of exploitation. It exploits the mind, regiments the person, tyrannizes the soul. It lacks the cohesive power of love which is essential to social unity.

Re-write it to read as follows:—

The Communist proffers revolutionary proposals alleged to be scientifically based and designed to abolish the exploitation of man by man and to set up a classless society. **Actually, Communism cannot obtain these goals for it lacks the cohesive power of love which is essential to social unity.**

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) moved the adoption of the Report as amended. The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—G. Clifford Pettygrove (*)—Reply, Chester A. McPheeters—Ruling—Bishop Short

G. Clifford Pettygrove (*) (California-Nevada—W) raised the following Point of Order:—

A Point of Order or procedure, Mr. Chairman.

If we are to operate within our Rules, we would not be able to take final action at this time on this Report inasmuch as Rule 7, page 202 of the Handbook indicates that upon any proposal—if any proposal is submitted for the establishment of a new Commission, said proposal shall be referred to the Council on World Service and Finance, or its Executive Committee for determination of the cost of operating such a Commission.

Now I say, Mr. Chairman, that the Council on World Service and Finance—though I do not speak for it officially, but I am a member of it, has considered this matter and are well prepared to consider the Budget requirement. However, I do recall that by previous action today there has been some change in the composition of the Commission by the addition of Central Conference Bishops which may and probably will increase the cost of operating the work of that Commission. Therefore, it is imperative that our action at this time, as I see it, should not be a final action but only preliminary.

Reply—Chester A. McPheeters

What has been said of course is in keeping with the Rules of this body and we call your attention to page 199, column 3, *DCA* No. 5, that this matter has been included in the Budget of the Council on World Service and Finance. That has not been passed of course. But we can adopt the Report and leave the matter for the Council on World Service and Finance.

Ruling—Bishop Short

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

All right. It is only a recommendation to The General Conference anyway. That matter will come back when the Report comes in.

Report No. 1 Adopted

The Report, as amended, was unanimously adopted. There was applause. For Report see page 1768.

Closing Prayer—Bishop Charles W. Brashares

At the request of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares, President of the Co-ordinating Council, led in a Dedictory Prayer for God's guidance in the achievement of the Goals and Purposes of the Quadrennial Program for 1956-1960.

Thanks—Bishop Roy H. Short

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, in well chosen words for and in behalf of The General Conference, thanked the Co-ordinating Council for this significant Program with which they have challenged The Methodist Church.

Order of the Day—Report Study Commission on Theological Education—Eugene M. Frank—Bishop Donald H. Tippett

The Order of the Day having arrived, consideration of and action on the Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education, Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) presented the Report of the Commission, found in *DCA* No. 4, pages 137-144 inclusive, and moved that if the Recess period should come before the Report had been presented, resumption of the Report should follow immediately after the Recess period. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

The Report is also found in the Book of Quadrennial Reports, pages 385-409 inclusive.

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) presented Bishop Donald H. Tippett, of the San Francisco Area, Western Jurisdiction, Chairman of the Commission, and requested the privilege of the floor for Bishop Tippett to speak to the Report. By common consent the privilege of the floor was extended to Bishop Donald H. Tippett.

Time Extended—William R. Cannon—Adopted

Recess time approaching, motion of William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the time for Bishop Donald H. Tippett to complete his remarks.

Corrections—Bishop Donald H. Tippett

Bishop Donald H. Tippett requested, and received common consent to make the following corrections:—

First—On page 141, column 3, *DCA* No. 4, in (13) delete the words, "*corporately attached*" in line three, and substitute therefor the words, "*intimately related*," so that the amended (13) will read:—

(13) the availability of an educational institution to which the school could be **intimately related** and the willingness of that institution to co-operate in the development of a Theological School,

Second—On page 142, *DCA* No. 4, column 2, under Resolutions, delete the words, "*and the Central Kansas Conference have,*" and substitute therefor the word, "**has,**" so that the amended paragraph will read:—

"The Kansas Conference has voted to provide an amount equal to a minimum of 20 cents per member per year for the 1956-1960 Quadrennium. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt tells me that at the proper time he will present this matter to his Conferences and he believes they will join the Conferences of the Kansas Area. This would mean a minimum support of \$100,000 annually for at least four years for the seminary." Dana Dawson, Bishop, The Kansas Area."

Announcement—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) Secretary-Designate stated that a quantity of mail for persons whose last names begin with the initial C, G and W had been stolen from the Conference Post Office, and that the postal inspectors were on hand to answer questions concerning the same.

Committee of Chairmen Called—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, called an important meeting of the Committee for the Recess period.

Recess

The time of Recess having arrived The General Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Reconvene—Bishop Roy H. Short—James R. Houghton (*)

Upon the expiration of the Recess period Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference to order, and announced Hymn No. 2, "Come, Thou Almighty King."

The Conference stood, and under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, joined heartily in the singing of the Hymn.

Presented—Carl C. Bracy—Bishop Roy H. Short—Choir Mount Union College—Cecil Stewart (*)

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, presented Carl C. Bracy (North-East Ohio—NC), President of Mount Union College, who in turn presented the Choir of Mount

Union College and their Director, Cecil Stewart (*) (North-East Ohio—NC).

Mount Union College Choir—Cecil Stewart ()—James R. Houghton (*)*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) General Conference Director of Music, announced that the Choir of Mount Union College, under the direction of Cecil Stewart (*) (North-East Ohio—NC) would render the following selections:—

“Voix Celestes” by Gilbert A. Alcock
“My Soul Is A Witness” by Kenneth Billups
“Crucifixus” by Antonio Lotti

Method of Procedure—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, moved that we observe the time of the adjournment of the morning session, and refrain from reading lengthy excerpts from the printed Reports, in order to save time and expedite the business of The General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Study Commission on Theological Education Resumed—Bishop Donald H. Tippet

Consideration of and action on the Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education was resumed.

Bishop Donald H. Tippet requested, and obtained common consent for a correction in the first full paragraph on page 143, column 3, *DCA* No. 4, by deleting the word, “*additional*,” in lines seventeen and eighteen, and substituting therefor the word, “*annual*,” and then in line eighteen immediately following the word, “*appropriation*,” add the words, “*or \$75,000 for each school in the event there are two of them*,” so that the amended paragraph will read:—

Over and above the expansion of the existing schools to 4,300 in enrollment, the Church should provide Methodist theological educational opportunities for 500 additional students. The Study Commission recommends that this number be accommodated through the establishment of two new theological schools. In order that the Church may assist in providing adequate support for these new schools through the initial years when private gifts for capital and current needs are only beginning, and when student enrollments will be developing and income from student fees limited, general Church support for the new schools should be made available in the amount of \$150,000 Annual Appropriation, **or \$75,000 for each school in the event there are two of them**, from World Service funds to be allocated through the Department of Theological Schools.

Motion to Adopt—Eugene M. Frank—William R. Cannon

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) moved the adoption of the Report. The motion to adopt was duly seconded by William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE).

Motion to Refer—Chester M. Alter ()—Eugene M. Frank—Not Referred*

Chester M. Alter (*) (Colorado—W) acting under Rule 22 of the Rules of Order, which reads as follows:—

Rule 22. REFERRING REPORTS, ETC.

It shall be in order for The Conference to refer to a Committee a section or part of a Report or Resolution which is before the Conference for consideration, or any amendment offered thereto.

moved to refer the Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education to the Standing Legislative Committee on Education. The motion to refer, being duly seconded, Chester M. Alter (*) (Colorado—W) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"I would like to point out that the Commission on Study of Theological Education was born out of a recommendation adopted on April 29, 1952, by The General Conference Committee on Education. This Report deals with the subject of Education. We have a Committee which is authorized and held responsible for the study of such matters coming before The Conference as deal with the subject of Education.

In the second place, I would like to point out that there are many Memorials in the hands of the Committee on Education at the present time dealing with the subject of theological education in general and with this Report in particular.

We believe in democracy in The Methodist Church. We pride ourselves on the fact that every individual has a right to memorialize this Conference on subjects in which they are interested. I submit that if we proceed with the adoption of this Study Report at this time without giving consideration to the Memorials which are in the hands of a subsidiary body of this Conference that we will disenfranchise and emasculate the right of the people that we represent here in regard to the Memorials which they have submitted.

In the first place, this Conference has not yet had an opportunity to have the benefit of the study of a very technical matter on the part of our Committee on Education. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I believe it is fair to our constituents, fair to those in this body who would like to have the benefit of study of this Report by the Committee on Education, to so refer it.

Thank you."

Eugene M. Frank Against Motion to Refer

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) spoke against the motion to refer, as follows:—

"May I just say it has been the feeling of the Study Commission that it was our responsibility to report directly to The General Conference. That almost every group within the Church, the Association of Theological Schools, the General Board of Education, has studied this Report very carefully. We felt that it would necessitate the presentation of the entire study, some 230-odd pages of material, to the Committee on Education, and in view of the remarks made by Dr. Pugh this morning and his motion, we feel that it is entirely proper for us to present this on the floor of The Conference to The General Conference as a whole so that we may all study it together."

The motion of Chester M. Alter (*) (Colorado—W) to refer the Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education, to the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Herbert E. Richards—Accepted—Eugene M. Frank

Herbert E. Richards (Idaho—W) moved to amend (DB-39) the first paragraph on page 142, column 3, DCA No. 4, under "Recommendations," by deleting the last sentence of the paragraph which reads:—

The authority for determining the exact location and type of organization for each school should be invested in a Committee on Theological Education to be designated by the Area named, the Department of Theological Schools of the Board of Education, and the University Senate.

and substituting therefor the following:—

The authority for the final approval of the exact location, the financial provisions, the time of implementing the decisions, and the chartering of each school shall be vested in the Department of Ministerial Education, Division of Educational Institutions, the General Board of Education, with the co-operation of a Committee on Theological Education to be designated by the Areas named. The authority for determining educational standards and criteria and all other matters normally under the jurisdiction of the University Senate shall be vested in that body in co-operation with the Committee on Theological Education to be designated by the Areas named.

so that the paragraph as amended, will read:—

Recommendations

The Study Commission recommends that authorization be granted for the establishment of two new Methodist theological schools to be developed during the 1956-1960 quadrennium with the objective of enrolling 250 students each, one to be established in the Ohio Area, North Central Jurisdiction, and the other to be established in the Kansas-Missouri-Nebraska Areas, South Central Jurisdiction.

The authority of the final approval of the exact location, the financial provisions, the time of implementing the decisions, and the chartering of each school shall be vested in the Department of Ministerial Education, Division of Educational Institutions, the General Board of Education, with the co-operation of a Committee on Theo-

logical Education to be designated by the Areas named. The authority for determining educational standards and criteria and all other matters normally under the jurisdiction of the University Senate shall be vested in that body, in co-operation with the Committee on Theological Education to be designated by the Areas named.

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) accepted the proposed amendment of Herbert E. Richards (Idaho—W) for the Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amend by Deletion—Mack B. Stokes—Substitute—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—Eugene M. Frank—Fred G. Holloway—Mangal Singh—James W. Henley—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Bishop Roy H. Short—Ernest W. Peterson (*)—Pendleton Gaines (*)—Not Adopted*

Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) moved to amend the Report by the deletion of Recommendation VIII, at the bottom of column 3, page 144, DCA No. 4, and which reads as follows:—

VIII. The Commission further recommends that such limited and temporary grants to non-Methodist theological schools as may be arranged in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission may be paid out of reserve moneys accrued within the Department of Theological Schools. The total amount so expended shall not exceed \$25,000 in any one year.

The motion being duly seconded, Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"First of all, let me say that I agree with the remarks that have thus far been made in presenting this extraordinary Report as a whole. It is a very able document and statesmanlike in its composition and in its presentation. However, I think as a matter of fact that there are several problems concerning this particular recommendation that make it difficult, if not impossible, for me to go along with it.

All of us know that we appreciate the contribution of non-Methodist theological schools in their training of our Methodist men. These things we deeply appreciate and were directly referred to with appreciation in this extraordinary Report. But I should like to say that there are several considerations here that I think should be seriously contemplated. First of all, you will notice that the amount of \$25,000, or up to \$25,000, which could be given to non-Methodist theological schools from reserve moneys within the funds allocated to Methodist theological seminaries. Now, it seems to me that in view of the fact that every single one of our Methodist seminaries have needs that go beyond anything that they now receive from the Church that this raises a serious question about this amount of money.

In the second place, it seems to me particularly inopportune at this time when we are asked to expand so much; that is, to increase our student body by a great deal and also at this time when we are asked to look toward the establishment of two new theological seminaries, to go ahead with this particular recommendation.

Moreover, this thought should be kept in mind: No Methodist seminary can receive large grants of money from the largest Grant Foundation, so far as I know at least, in this country, and the one reason for that is that they are Methodist theological schools. It seems to me that this raises some question at this point. So in the light of these considerations, I should like to support this motion that No. VIII be deleted.

Thank you."

Substitute—Miss Georgia Harkness ()*

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) moved (DB—40) as a substitute to the motion of Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) to delete Recommendation VIII, at the bottom of column 3, page 144, DCA No. 4, the following:—

VIII. The Commission further recommends that such limited and temporary grants to non-Methodist theological schools as may be arranged in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission may be paid out of reserve moneys accrued within the Department of Theological Schools. The total amount so expended shall not exceed \$25,000 in any one year.

be retained, but that section (d), bottom of page 143, column 1, DCA No. 4, and the top of page 143, column 2, DCA No. 4, which reads as follows:—

(d) that the specific purpose to which these grants may be applied shall be limited to the provision of teaching personnel for courses especially relevant for Methodist students or to the strengthening of library holdings in subjects especially pertinent for Methodist interests.

be deleted; that for editorial consistency, delete the word, "special," before the word, "instruction," found in line six of the third paragraph of Recommendations of page 143, column 2, DCA No. 4, which paragraph reads as follows:—

That the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to initiate a temporary and limited program of grants to selected non-Methodist schools, in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission, for *special* instruction and services offered to Methodist students.

so that the amended paragraph will read as follows:—

That the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to initiate a temporary and limited program of grants to selected non-Methodist schools, in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission, for instruction and services offered to Methodist students.

and also delete the word "*special*," before the word "instruction," in the third paragraph under Recommendation VI,

page 144, column 3, DCA No. 4, which reads as follows:—

That the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to initiate a temporary and limited program of grants to selected non-Methodist schools, in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission, for *special* instruction and services offered to Methodist students.

so the amended paragraph will read as follows:—

That the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to initiate a temporary and limited program of grants to selected non-Methodist schools, in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission, for instruction and services offered to Methodist students.

and that section (d) bottom of page 143, column 1, DCA No. 4, and top of page 143, column 2, DCA No. 4, reading as follows:—

"That the specific purpose to which these grants may be applied shall be limited to the provision of teaching personnel or courses especially relevant for Methodist students or to the strengthening of library holdings in subjects especially pertinent for Methodists' interests."

be deleted.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"Bishop Tippet has told us that education in these non-Methodist seminaries is regarded by the Commission as desirable and non-competitive. We all would agree—and I would agree fully with the last speaker—that most of our students ought to be educated in Methodist seminaries. However, we must reckon with facts. The Report on the Ministry that was called to your attention this morning in the blue pamphlet states that 77.8 of our Methodist seminary graduates are from Methodist seminaries, 22.2 from non-Methodist seminaries. We may not like that fact. It is, however, a fact to be reckoned with. The education of persons for the Methodist ministry in non-Methodist seminaries saves The Methodist Church a great deal of money.

Now, may I speak from the standpoint not of special pleading for the school in which I serve but simply as illustrative? If you will look on page 142, there is a map of the United States at the top of column 3. You will find great open spaces in the Pacific Northwest. There is no Methodist seminary 500 miles to the south of the Pacific School of Religion, approximately 1500 miles to the east and none to the north, to the Canadian line.

The Pacific School of Religion has Methodists as its largest constituent body, 62 Methodists out of a total registration of 160 students. It is serving this vast Northwest Area in preparation of young men for the Methodist ministry. This school pays \$85,000 a year for the education of men for the Methodist ministry. Parenthetically, may I say almost all of them do go into the Methodist ministry, and I have heard that is not always the case from Methodist seminaries.

Now, compare this \$85,000 a year which is paid not for the total education of the students in the Pacific School of Religion but for

the Methodist students there, with what would be allocated if this limitation under (d) at the foot of Column 1, page 143, were applied. It takes a lot more than a Course in Methodist History and Polity to get a man ready for the Methodist ministry. Your Commission has stated there are ten fields, Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and others. There is no Methodist Old Testament, there is no Methodist New Testament. The funds must be applied to the total education of students for the Methodist ministry.

If this limitation (d) and the word 'special' are permitted to stand, it means that one-sixth of the salary of one professor—virtually \$800 to \$850, 1 per cent approximately of the \$85,000 that the Pacific School of Religion is paying to educate ministers in the Northwest—will be granted. I submit to you Methodists pay their bills better than that.

Reference has been made to the Sealantic fund. I freely admit that the Pacific School of Religion was one of six seminaries to receive such a grant. I remind you, therefore, that I make this amendment not as a matter of special pleading but there are many seminaries that are not amongst those six. If this may be deleted and the Department of Theological Schools be given authority to allocate these \$25,000, not really a great sum compared with the nearly \$1,200,000 elsewhere recommended, if the Department of Theological Schools may be given authority at their discretion to allocate this \$25,000, then they may give it where it is most needed from the standpoint of geographical location and quality and quantity of instruction rendered in the education of students for the Methodist ministry. I hope, therefore, that these deletions may be made but that section VIII may be retained."

Eugene M. Frank Speaks to Pending Motion

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) spoke to the pending motion as follows:—

"These questions and many others were studied by the Commission. We were confronted with the fact that about 15 per cent of the students in Methodist seminaries are non-Methodist students which we are educating. We are confronted also with the fact that in the Pacific Northwest there is not the concentration of students for the ministry that we have in certain other Areas. There are many complicating factors in this problem and, Mr. Chairman, we prefer that the Conference itself shall determine its course in this regard."

Against Motion to Substitute—Fred G. Holloway

Fred G. Holloway (Baltimore—NE) spoke against the pending motion as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I am opposed to the substitute and am in favor of the previous motion, that this section be deleted. All of us, of course, are concerned about this whole question of the education of ministry for The Methodist Church. But we must bear in mind that it has two aspects. One is the aspect of the General Church, and one is the aspect of the Area which is concerned. No one here should imagine for a single moment that the support which the Methodist theological schools need comes in its entirety from The General Conference. I think it would be true that every seminary within The Methodist Church at the present moment is operating on an unbalanced Budget. It is true that within the Area in which we operate we must raise funds to balance our Budget annually, raise funds for the erection of buildings, etc.

I think in view of this fact all of us must bear in mind that we have both an Area problem and a General Church problem. If the statistics just brought to your attention representing one non-Methodist school are valid, namely, that \$85,000 is spent there which does not come from The General Conference of The Methodist Church, I must point out that the theological school that I represent invests annually \$290,000 for the education of Methodist students, and gets from the general Church about \$60,000. There is need for additional resources. Where it is an Area problem it must be done within the Area.

Furthermore, Mr. Chairman, I would dislike very much to have The Methodist Church begin at this particular stage in making grants to non-Methodist institutions. Certain things could not be done until we bring the Budgets of Methodist theological schools within balance."

For Motion—Mangal Singh

Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS) spoke in favor the amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I do not think that I am the proper man to pass an opinion upon a matter that concerns especially the people of this country, but I believe that the deletion of the Section proposed by my friend on page 144 *DCA* will surely be against the spirit of The Methodist Church. I believe that in the new age we are trying to unite together. We must try to win the favor and confidence of our sister Churches all over the world. To delete that will be limiting the Christian attitude and Christian spirit.

I therefore feel very strongly to support the proposal and the substitute given by that lady, the previous speaker, that we must enlarge our vision and try to be one with other people of other Denominations. I therefore strongly support that view, and I would hope that the Conference will consider it very seriously and will consider that this is the thing that should be done in the new age to bring all Churches together and keep the body of Christ unbroken."

Against Substitute—James W. Henley

James W. Henley (Tennessee—SE) spoke against the proposed amendment as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak against the adoption of the substitute motion. The amount of money involved is only \$25,000. It would in no sense be considered an amount equivalent to recompensing the non-Methodist seminaries for the work that they are doing as a benefit to The Methodist Church in the preparation for ministers.

We do need to have in those seminaries some preparation specifically for the Methodist ministers. It is not guaranteed nor expected that it should be there, other than the general courses of preparation in seminary training.

I think it would be a very fine thing for us as a Conference to authorize this small amount, which would not in itself be adequate, I am sure, for the accomplishment of the purpose, as an expression of our hope that in our seminaries there will be training specifically in Methodist history and polity.

So I speak against the adoption of the substitute motion."

Previous Question—A. Wesley Pugh—Ordered

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) moved the Previous Question on the amendment of Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) and the substitute of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE).

The motion, being duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, and the Previous Question was ordered.

Information Requested—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) requested the Chair to give a clear statement of the matter pending before The General Conference.

Bishop Roy H. Short Makes Statement—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“May the Chair attempt to state the situation. Dr. Stokes of the Holston Conference moved to delete Item VIII in the Recommendations on page 144. Miss Harkness offered a substitute for the motion to delete. The Secretary will read that.”

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Document Secretary read the substitute motion of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) as follows:—

“Miss Harkness moved as a substitute motion to retain Roman numeral VIII, and the following:

I move to amend the Section of the Report dealing with non-Methodist theological schools by the deletion of Sub-section (d) at the bottom of column 1, page 143, and the top of column 2, reading as follows”: (d) that the specific purpose to which these grants may be applied shall be limited to the provision of teaching personnel for courses especially relevant for Methodist students or to the strengthening of library holdings in subjects especially pertinent for Methodist interests.

Also for editorial consistency the deletion of the word “special” in the third paragraph under Recommendations, column 2, on page 143, and column 3, page 144.”

Point of Information—Pendleton Gaines ()—Eugene M. Frank*

Pendleton Gaines (*) (South Carolina—SE) spoke to the pending matter as follows:—

I have a question, namely, apparently those who have been speaking as opposed to Miss Harkness do not know that this \$25,000 is nothing new. It has been allocated for a number of years. So all this business of this being a most inopportune time to start it is purely incidental, because it is my understanding that this \$25,000 has been allocated before.

Is that right or wrong? I thought in our Education Sub-committee that we said this had been allocated. Miss Harkness merely wanted it allocated for a wider number of purposes. I would like information on that, Mr. Chairman.

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) answered the question as follows:—

The answer is no, Dr. Gaines. It has not been allocated previously. This is a new allocation. There has been no \$25,000 allocation to non-Methodist seminaries.

Substitute—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—Not Adopted*

The substitute of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Motion to Delete—Mack B. Stokes—Not Adopted

The motion of Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) to delete Section VIII of the Recommendations, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Ben H. Christner—Accepted—Eugene M. Frank

Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W) moved to amend the Report (DB-41) by adding to the third paragraph, under Roman numeral III on page 144, column 2, DCA No. 4, the following:—

“and that existing Seminaries shall be given special consideration so that the growth and service of such Seminaries shall not be halted nor hindered.”

so that the amended third paragraph will read as follows:—

The proportionate increase in financial support from World Service Funds be made to the Methodist theological schools on the basis of size, service and particular needs for the 1956-1960 quadrennium to the extent that such funds are available to the Department of Theological Schools, and that existing Seminaries shall be given special consideration, so that the growth in service of such Seminaries shall not be halted nor hindered.

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) accepted the proposed amendment of Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W), for the Commission, no objection being raised by any member of the Commission, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Eugene M. Frank—Referred*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend the Report (DB-42) by adding Recommendation No. IX,

page 144, column 3, *DCA* No. 4, and which reads as follows:—

IX. The Commission further recommends that the Annual Conference Boards of Ministerial Training, and the District Boards of Ministerial Training be composed of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: The Laymen now have no part officially in recruiting men for the ministry of the Church, and the Laymen have no voice in saying who shall become their preachers, who shall become Ministerial Members of the Annual Conferences. They should have that voice. We are still too much a Preacher’s Church.

The adoption of my amendment would give the Layman a part in this important work of the Church. If it be said that the Laymen are not able to do this, I answer that if Laymen know enough to elect Bishops they know enough to have a part in electing preachers.”

Against Amendment—Eugene M. Frank

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) spoke against the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, it is the Commission’s opinion that this does not belong in this particular Report. Every Quarterly Conference of course must begin a man’s pathway into the ministry, so that the Laymen have a complete opportunity in the Quarterly Conference to vote on the men who are preparing for the ministry. But it is our opinion that this does not belong in this particular place.”

Motion to Amend Referred—Russell E. Clay—Adopted

Motion of Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W), duly seconded, prevailed, referring the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) to the Standing Legislative Committee on the Ministry.

Point of Information—Harold A. Bosley—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) requested a reading of the amendment of Herbert E. Richards (Idaho—W) which had previously been accepted for the Commission by Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC).

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Colorado—W), Document Secretary, read the accepted amendment of Herbert E. Richards as follows:—

Deleting the last sentence under “RECOMMENDATIONS,” page 142, column 3, No. 4 *DCA*, and substituting the following:—

"The authority for the final approval of the exact location, the final provisions, the time of implementing the decisions, and the chartering of each school shall be vested in the Department of Ministerial Education, Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, with the co-operation of a Committee on Theological Education to be designated by the Areas named. The authority for determining educational standards and criteria, and all other matters normally under the jurisdiction of the University Senate shall be vested in that body in co-operation with the Committee on Theological Education to be designated by the Areas named."

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) stated the accepted amendment covered in substance what he had intended to propose, and spoke to the question as follows:—

"Thank you. I believe that covers in substance the nature of the amendment I had hoped to make on V, on page 144. May I have just a moment in which to detail that in order that there may be some clear understanding of this matter?"

I am greatly concerned about the timing of what we are about to do. I would never be caught in the position of casting a vote against the improvement in the expansion of the theological training of the Ministers of our Church. I know so well how desperately needed that is. I am greatly concerned because of the timing involved in doing two things; first, the improvement of the facilities of the existing seminaries; secondly, the establishment of new seminaries.

It seems to me that a priority of needs needs to be very carefully observed; first, the Recruitment Program must be put underway with such vigor that it is clear that the existing facilities cannot even with adequate development take care of the men who will be coming into the ministry; secondly, we must be sure that the new seminaries when established will not become sub-standard seminaries.

Now I am greatly heartened by the assurance given by Bishop Tippet and Dr. Frank and others that we intend to establish nothing but topflight fully accredited seminaries.

I am more than a little disturbed by rumors I have heard from people who have been on the Study Commission and elsewhere that we have got to have some seminaries brought into existence to take men who cannot secure admission to existing seminaries.

Mr. Chairman, I think it ought to be the clear conviction of this Conference that there is no place in The Methodist Church for the training of men for the ministry who cannot measure up to the standards accepted by the American Association of Theological Schools, and heretofore conformed to by the theological seminaries of our Church.

I want simply to underscore the importance of seeing to it (1) that the Recruitment Program which is more the province of the Church than the seminaries, that this Recruitment Program gets underway and is brought to a point where we must have new seminaries; (2) that the facilities we have in existence, seminaries, are brought to their maximum; (3) that when new seminaries are established they must be of such a nature and in such a location and under such supervision that they will measure up to the high standard of quality which we have a right to demand of the seminaries of our Church.

Thank you."

Amendment—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—Eugene M. Frank—Daniel E. Taylor—Not Adopted*

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) moved to amend the Report (DB-43) to except the Pacific School of Religion of the College of the Pacific, Stockton, California from the limitations imposed by "d" at the bottom of page 143, column 1 and the top of page 143, column 2, *DCA* No. 4, which reads as follows:—

(d) that the specific purpose to which these grants may be applied shall be limited to the provision of teaching personnel for courses especially relevant for Methodist students or to the strengthening of library holdings in subjects especially pertinent for Methodist interests.

and by deleting the word "*special*," in the third paragraph of Recommendation VI, page 144, column 3, *DCA* No. 4, which would make the aforesaid paragraph read as follows:—

That the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to initiate a temporary and limited program of grants to selected non-Methodist schools, in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission, for instruction and services offered to Methodist students.

and also "that the Department of Theological Schools be permitted to designate funds to the Pacific School of Religion within the allocated \$25,000 at their discretion."

The motion to thus amend being duly seconded, Miss Georgia Harkness (Troy—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"I wish to propose an amendment. The amendment that I proposed earlier and which was not sustained was on the basis of a general situation throughout the Church. I wish now to propose one which has particular reference to the Pacific School of Religion. It is proposed only on the basis of its geographical location which, as you will note from the map, places it in a unique position within the total structure of theological education.

This is the amendment I propose:

I move that the Department of Theological Schools, in view of the absence of a theological school—any Methodist theological school—in the Pacific Northwest, be authorized to except the Pacific School of Religion from the limitations imposed by "d" at the bottom of page 143, column 1, and top of column 2, and the word "*special*" in the third paragraph of Recommendations under section VI; and that the Department of Theological Schools be permitted to designate funds to the Pacific School of Religion within the allocated \$25,000 at their discretion."

Amendment Not Acceptable—Eugene M. Frank

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) stated that the Commission could not accept the proposed amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (*).

Against Amendment—Daniel E. Taylor

Daniel E. Taylor (Pacific Northwest—W) spoke against the proposed amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) as follows:—

"I wish to speak against the amendment despite my profound respect not only for Dr. Harkness but for the faculty and administration and leadership of the Pacific School of Religion.

Reference has been made to the fact, and most properly, that in 35 per cent of the land area of the United States there is no Methodist seminary, and no accredited seminary whatsoever. The Pacific School of Religion endeavors to serve that vast domain. Nonetheless, in terms of distance alone, some of our border counties are a thousand miles from the Pacific School of Religion, and it is as though Duke University were adjacent to Boston and its needs.

To be more specific, several of our most excellent pastors have been and are in training in the Pacific School of Religion. We hope many more go. Nonetheless, over the past two decades at no time have more than five per cent of the men from the Pacific Northwest been in training at the Pacific School of Religion, and over that cumulative period nearly forty per cent have failed to return to us to serve in our particular section. All of this despite the fact that this most excellent school has in a certain sense already a privileged relationship to our Conference, and, if I mistake not, to certain other adjacent Conferences to it; that annually the very good claims and needs of our Methodist theological schools are presented by a single representative speaking for all of them on the Annual Conference floor with power and with care not to represent any unduly, but to present our claims.

Meanwhile, this most excellent school, and I am happy over their public relations work in it, as a privileged Committee; that is, a special Report Committee reporting directly the need, the possibility, the plan, the work of their school to our Conference; no other of the 73 accredited seminaries have that privilege, yet nonetheless they seem to fail either to recruit an appreciable percentage of our ministerial candidates nor to return much more than a simple majority of them to us afterward."

Amendment—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—Not Adopted*

The amendment of Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Debate Closed—Eugene M. Frank—Report Adopted

Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC) closed the debate for the Commission as follows:—

"Just this one final remark. The Commission is pleased beyond measure at the address given by Dr. Bosley just a few minutes ago. Bishop Tippetts tried in the presentation of the record to emphasize the absolute necessity of the highest type of accredited seminary, if one is to be established, and that it certainly must meet every type of accreditation of our University Senate and of the General Board of Education and all of the Agencies of our Church.

It is our desire that these be of the highest academic quality and not to accept any students who are inferior or who cannot be accepted in any other seminary.

We believe that this Report has put before you many of the salient facts that were developed in this study. We hope that The Conference will act upon it and give it favorable consideration."

The Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education, as amended, was adopted. For Report see page 1879.

Committee to Study the Ministry

Bishop Donald H. Tippetts briefly presented the Report of the Committee on the Study of the Ministry, which had been made an Order of the Day for consideration at this time, but had been withdrawn. See statement of Bishop John Wesley Lord, page 336 Journal. For Report see Appendix, page 1812.

Message of Sympathy—Merrimon Cuninggim—Ira B. Loud —Ordered

Merrimon Cuninggim (Northwest Texas—SC), Dean of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, was unable to be present and participate in the presentation of the Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education, on account of the serious illness of his daughter.

Motion of Ira B. Loud (West Texas—C), duly seconded, prevailed, instructing the Secretary of The General Conference to send an appropriate message of sympathy to Merrimon Cuninggim.

Order of the Day—Report Board of Publication—Otis J. Young—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy—Henry Miot Cox (*)—Lynn J. Radcliffe—John E. Marvin

The Order of the Day having arrived, consideration of and action on the Report of the Board of Publication on the Church Papers, J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC) presented the Report of the Board of Publication *DCA* No. 5, page 188, columns 1, 2 and 3.

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC) requested the privilege of the floor for Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy a member of the Board of Publication, to speak to the Report. By common consent the privilege was unanimously granted.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy Speaks to Report

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, and a member of the Board of Publication, spoke to the Report of the Board of Publication.

Further Statement—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC) made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: One additional statement should be made at this time. As you know, the action reported here stems from the directive of the 1952 General Conference. Your approval now does not preclude any later action you may care to take concerning the *Central Christian Advocate*.

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC) then moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—Henry Miot Cox (*)—Bishop Roy H. Short

Henry Miot Cox (*) (Nebraska—SC) raised the point of Order that the Report had appeared for the first time in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this morning, Monday, April 30, 1956, and that according to Rule 33, which reads as follows:—

Rule 33. PUBLISHED REPORTS IN POSSESSION OF CONFERENCE

A Report of any Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof and printed in *The Daily Advocate* shall be regarded as in the possession of The Conference, and on the day following its first appearance in *The Daily Advocate*, or any time thereafter, in order for its consideration at the pleasure of The Conference. The same rule shall apply to a Report of a Minority of any Committee signed by one-tenth of the members of the Committee or by ten members thereof. (See Rule 17.)

could not be considered at this time without a suspension of the Rules.

Bishop Roy H. Short ruled the Point of Order well taken.

Rules Suspended—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Ordered

Motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, suspending the Rules for the consideration of and action on the Report of the Board of Publication.

Motion to Postpone Action On—John E. Marvin—Not Adopted

John E. Marvin (Detroit—NC) moved to postpone action on the Report of the Board of Publication for two or three days in order that the Members of The General Conference might be able to more fully study the contents of the Report, and its implications.

The motion to postpone action on the Report, being duly seconded, John E. Marvin (Detroit—NC) spoke to the pending motion as follows:—

"Now, Mr. Chairman, there are two or three questions I would like to ask the Board of Publication and/or The Methodist Publishing House for the consideration and enlightenment of the Members of this General Conference. Is it wise to change in this day of high-speed

communications from a weekly to a monthly publication? To me, this appears to be a backward step instead of a Bold New Venture.

Bishop Kennedy a moment ago said something about living in a day of television, and so on. And yet, instead of having a weekly, we are going to a monthly. It seems to me that if this were to be a Bold New Adventure we would be moving from a weekly to a daily.

The present *Christian Advocate* has been tremendously improved in the last few years. It looks better and it reads better. It has a good news section of regional, national and world-wide religious coverage, both factual and interpretive. How can you possibly report in adequate volume the news of world Methodism and religion in general in a monthly, family-type magazine? We need more news of our Church and of other Denominations, not less. To know quickly what is going on in the Church helps keep Methodists informed in every section of the country, and helps bind us together in knowledge and effort.

As the Church's only general weekly news-magazine, the present *Advocate* holds a unique and responsible position in the life and work of Methodism. If we change to a monthly publication will we not be competing with several other monthly periodicals already serving special needs of Methodists as individuals and families? I am thinking of *The Christian Home*, *The Methodist Layman*, *The Methodist Woman*, *World Outlook*, *The Voice*, *Pastor's Journal*, *Shepherds*, and other fine monthlies. It seems to me that a Church as big as ours cannot afford to be without a national weekly news-magazine.

As for the so-called *New Christian Advocate*, which is proposed to replace *The Pastor*, I don't see the wisdom of a digest-size magazine. I am not sure that the ministers of this Conference and the Church would favor a departmentalized digest of such a general nature as is indicated by the prospectus before us. The present magazine, *The Pastor* has also shown great improvement in recent years, and I commend the Publishing House for this improvement. I like its strong, liberal and timely editorials. Why discard a name so fitting and self-explanatory as *The Pastor*?

I also believe that The General Conference should know more about the religious training of the new Editors. I understand that they are professional magazine editors and fine Laymen, but do they know religious history, religious trends? Can they distinguish a Carl McIntyre from a Reinhold Niebuhr? A Billy Graham from a Ralph Sockman? A Norman Vincent Peale from a Gerald Kennedy? Do they know evangelism, religious education and Christian social service?

These are important and necessary attributes of a Religious Journalist and Editor. I do not wish to reflect upon the qualifications of the new Editors, but I do know T. Otto Nall and have every confidence in his judgment and ability. He is both a well-trained minister with pastoral experience, and an able and effective religious journalist and Editor. He has rendered invaluable service to the Church as the Editor of a publication going into Methodist homes week after week.

Also, I would like to inquire about the status of the *Central Christian Advocate*. Is it to be continued or discontinued? And finally, Mr. Chairman, I raise a question on the cost of these colorful and expensive-looking publications. I believe The General Conference has a right to know the Budget set for this proposed changeover. It is rumored that the Budget is approximately \$3 million. I don't know if this is true, but apparently a lot of Methodist money is at stake. The Publishing House is the steward of this Methodist money and answerable, I believe, to The General Conference through the Board of Publication.

These are some of the reasons why I propose that we delay our acceptance of the Report before us. This General Conference is not bound to the 1952 General Conference in this matter. There is no reason for hasty acceptance. Let us study the Report and the proposed publications before us before we indicate our approval."

Time Extended—M. Lafayette Harris—Adopted

The time of adjournment nearing, motion of M. Lafayette Harris (Lexington—C), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the time of this session sufficiently to enable John E. Marvin (Detroit—NC) to complete his remarks.

Nos. 6, 7 and 8 Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner— Bishop D. Stanley Coors—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott —Bishop Arthur J. Moore

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, designating Bishop D. Stanley Coors of the Minnesota Area, North Central Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for Monday night, April 30, 1956; Report No. 7 designating Bishop H. Clifford Northcott of the Wisconsin Area, North Central Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for the session of Tuesday morning, May 1, 1956; and Report No. 8 designating Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Atlanta Area, South-eastern Jurisdiction, as the Presiding Officer for the session of Tuesday night, May 1, 1956, when India Night will be observed. Reports 6, 7 and 8 were received and approved. For Reports see Appendix, page 1254.

Announcements—Leon T. Moore—Lud H. Estes—William H. Alderson

Announcements were made by Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate; Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary and William H. Alderson (New York East—NE).

Move to Adjourn—Edward P. O'Rear—Adopted

Motion of Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California—Arizona—W), duly seconded, prevailed, that after announcements we do now adjourn.

Night Session Official—Lester W. Auman—Ruling—Bishop Roy H. Short—Out of Order

Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) moved that the session of tonight, Monday, April 30, 1956, be an Official Session of the Conference.

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

Well, we are under a motion to adjourn. The Chair is not sure that is in order. I am sorry.

Thanks and Gavel—Bishop Roy H. Short

In well-chosen words, Bishop Roy H. Short thanked The General Conference for its kindness and patience during his Presidency of the morning:

Bishop Roy H. Short, the Presiding Officer, stated that the gavel being used at this session was made from wood taken from the first Methodist Church established in the bounds of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Closing—Benediction—Bishop James H. Straughn

The General Conference adjourned the morning's session of Monday, April 30, 1956, at 12:45 P.M. with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop James H. Straughn, Retired, with the further consideration of and action on the Report of the Board of Publication pending.

SEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the Seventh Day, Tuesday, May 1, 1956 in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at 8:30 A.M., with Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, of the Wisconsin Area, North Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair, with further consideration of and action on the Report of the Board of Publication, pending.

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, stated that this was India Day and that Bishop John A. Subhan would conduct the Devotional Service.

Hymn No. 1—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty," The Conference standing, joined heartily in the singing of the Hymn.

Prayer—Ashworth H. McGee

Ashworth Harold McGee (Lucknow—OS) led in prayer.

Scripture—Bishop Clement D. Rockey

The Scripture lesson was read by Bishop Clement D. Rockey, of the Lucknow Area, of the Southern Asia Central Conference, from Isaiah 60:1-5.

Devotional Address—Bishop John A. Subhan

Bishop John A. Subhan, of the Bombay Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, brought the message of the morning, from the theme, "The Church That Grew From A Seed."

Hymn No. 475—Bishop Clement D. Rockey

Bishop Clement D. Rockey, of the Lucknow Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, announced Hymn No. 475, "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling," and The General Conference joined in the singing of the same, under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music.

Benediction—Elijah D. M. Shafi

Elijah D. M. Shafi (Indus River—OS) pronounced the Benediction in the Urdu language, which is the main language of Western Pakistan, and also some parts of northern India.

Thanks—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, in behalf of The General Conference, thanked Bishop John A. Subhan and Bishop Clement D. Rockey for the Devotional Service of the morning.

No. 3 Journal—George B. Ahn (*)

George B. Ahn (*) (Central New York—NE) Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Journal, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted as follows:—

The Journal for Monday has been examined and found to be correct.

(Signed) George B. Ahn (*), Chairman
R. Merrill Powers, Secretary

No. 7 Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the four following matters:—

*First—Communication—Indus River Annual Conference—
Elijah D. M. Shafi*

Presented Elijah D. M. Shafi (Indus River—OS) for the presentation of the following communication (DB-44):—

I have received greetings from The Methodist Church in Pakistan saying:—

“Convey our affectionate greetings to The General Conference now in session at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We are continuing in prayer, day and night, for the success of The General Conference.

Indus River Annual Conference, West Pakistan

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, prevailed, directing the Secretary of The General Conference to send a proper reply to the Secretary of the Indus River Annual Conference, West Pakistan, expressing our appreciation of their message and best wishes.

Second—Alben W. Barkley—William S. Evans—Message to Family—Adopted

Called attention to the sudden death of Alben W. Barkley, Senator from Kentucky and former Vice-President of the United States, a great Methodist Layman, and presented William S. Evans (Memphis—SE) his pastor for a privileged motion.

William S. Evans (Memphis—SE) moved that The General Conference stand a moment in silent prayer, and that the Secretary send a message of condolence to the family. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Third—Earl R. Brown—Privileged Matter—Wilford C. Westenberger—Adopted

Presented Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC), General Secretary of the Division of National Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church for a privileged matter.

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC), General Secretary of the Division of National Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, presented Resolutions relating to Church Extension (DB-45) and on motion of Wilford C. Westenberger (Tennessee—SE), duly seconded, they were adopted as follows:—

Whereas, the 1952 General Conference issued a call for a vital and effective Church Extension Program to which Methodism responded by organizing over 1200 new congregations during the last quadrennium.

Whereas, the Episcopal Address to this General Conference takes notice of this advance and challenges the Church to renewed efforts in serving the multiplying number of churchless communities.

Whereas, the Program for the new Quadrennium urges our congregations to sponsor new churches in rapidly growing suburban areas and new industrial developments,

Whereas, a nation-wide survey by the Division of National Missions reveals an estimated need for 1572 new congregations next Quadrennium, and the fact that 1300 congregations already organized are now meeting in temporary quarters,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this General Conference hereby endorses all efforts to arouse Methodism to her duty to establish new congregations, by:

1. Urging our Pastors and church members to give the fullest possible support to this Program.
2. Requesting the Districts and Annual Conferences to continue the study of their Church Extension opportunities, and to promote Campaigns for the financing of the Program.
3. Urging the Annual Conference Agencies to utilize the services available through the Division of National Missions, such as

1. Supervision of Research and Survey; 2. Consultation for Architectural Planning; 3. Direction in Conducting Financial Crusades by Conferences, Districts or Individual Churches.
4. Requesting the Church to mobilize its total resources, in the Local Churches, in the Districts, within the Annual Conferences, and within the General Agencies to the end that a united and vigorous effort may be made in this field.

Be It Further Resolved, That this General Conference, in consideration of the crucial and critical nature of the present opportunities, urge our Church to immediate, thorough, and continuous action, to the end that Methodism may do her full share in ministering to all unchurched communities.

(Signed) Earl R. Brown
W. Vernon Middleton
Bonneau P. Murphy

Fourth—Bishop John Wesley Lord—Bishop and Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam

Presented Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Boston Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, for a highly privileged matter.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, being recognized by the Presiding Officer, Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, four years ago Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam announced to the members of The Council of Bishops that at the session of the 1956 General Conference he would ask to be relieved of his duties as Secretary of The Council of Bishops.

I think many of us were stunned as we heard that announcement. We just could not believe that would ever take place, but the 1956 session has arrived. Bishop Oxnam has resigned as Secretary of The Council at the conclusion of this session and his successor, Bishop Roy H. Short, has been appointed.

But we could not let that occasion pass without due recognition, and so a Committee from The Council of Bishops was authorized to draw up a Resolution recognizing this event.

The Committee consisted of the Presiding Bishop this morning, H. Clifford Northcott, Arthur J. Moore, A. Frank Smith and the speaker.

The following Resolution was drawn up, and we felt that you would want to share with the colleagues of Bishop Oxnam on The Council of Bishops in that which we have to say to this, our trusted leader.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

“Appreciation: Be It Resolved, That this Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 21, 1956, hereby records its deep appreciation of the magnificent and painstaking service which G. Bromley Oxnam has rendered to this body as its Secretary for the sixteen years since unification.

“With untiring industry, amazing insight into all phases of the complex problems of the Church, and with brotherly fairness, he has brought to his office high business-like efficiency. He has exalted what

under some might have been a routine task into place of glorious service and honor.

"He has given his rich resources of mind and spirit without reserve. Through his knowledge of world problems in social and political fields, as well as in areas of religion and theology, he has been able to guide his brethren through the uncertainties of a changing order.

"In G. Bromley Oxnam, The Council of Bishops has had a leader who has with confidence shown the redemptive power of Christian faith.

"This statement is but a token of the love, respect, and gratitude in which his brethren hold him.

"(s) H. CLIFFORD NORTHCOTT
ARTHUR J. MOORE
A. FRANK SMITH
JOHN WESLEY LORD"

Bishop Oxnam, sir, would you allow me to present from your colleagues on The Council this engrossed Resolution of Appreciation in which we attempt to say the things that we feel so deeply in our hearts?

As you stand, permit me this further word. We did not feel that the Resolution was all that we wanted to do. We know, Bishop Oxnam, that the members of The Council of Bishops are what they are today and are more than they would have been without the impact upon them of your towering personality, your richly furnished and incisive mind, and your generous heart. But there is one to whom you owe much and from The Council of Bishops to you and to Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam, with love and affection, we present this sterling silver reproduction of a Paul Revere bowl. It is the gift that the citizens of Boston give to high dignitaries and visiting emissaries. We present this to Mrs. Oxnam and we hope that she will share it with you and will now come and stand with you.

As she comes let me tell you a secret. This is Mrs. Oxnam's birthday. Do you want to sing "Happy Birthday" to you.

The General Conference, in unison, sang "Happy Birthday To You, Mrs. Oxnam."

Response—Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam

Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam responded in the following manner:—

Just one word. I want to say that this is the happiest thing that could happen to me, "Happy Birthday" on my birthday here at The General Conference.

Thank you so much.

Response—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, retiring Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, responded to the occasion as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, Bishop Lord, and Members of The General Conference: I am, of course, deeply moved. The beauty of this bowl—I

have seen it, an exquisite Paul Revere bowl—is matched only by the joy that is in my heart.

It has been an honor to serve this distinguished body of Christian brothers, and through them to serve you who represent The General Conference.

There are 75 living Methodist Bishops; 21 are in the Retired Relationship and 54 in the Effective Relationship. As a rule we have from 50 to 60 present at our meetings. Here there are 67. That means on every issue that we have considered at this General Conference we have had 67 different opinions. And, brethren, that is as it should be because as long as we keep our individualism and keep our independence the future is secure.

You would not think me appreciative if I spoke more than the simple word of gratitude, but this day is an extraordinary day for me. It is not only the birthday of Mrs. Oxnam, but it happens to be the tenth General Conference counting the United Conference I have had the honor to attend; it is the twentieth anniversary of my services as Bishop; it is the fortieth anniversary of my ordination; it is the sixtieth anniversary of joining a Sunday School—as it was then called in The Methodist Church. You will readily understand it is a day of deep significance, and to have these beautiful words from Bishop Lord and The Council of Bishops moves me far more than it is my ability to find words to express gratitude.

Order of Day—C. Cooper Bell—A. Wesley Pugh—Referred

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE) moved that an Order of the Day be established for the consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 43, page 244, column 2, *DCA* No. 6, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing for Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction to Another," and on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 44, page 244, column 3, *DCA* No. 6, Subject, "Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System," immediately following the Devotional Service on Wednesday morning, May 2, 1956.

Statement—A. Wesley Pugh—Motion to Refer Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, stated that to facilitate the business of The General Conference, all future Orders of the Day should be channeled through the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, and moved that the motion of C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE) be referred to the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the motion of C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE) for an Order of the Day for consideration of and action on Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of

the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, was referred to the Committee of Chairmen.

Exemptions From Provisions Paragraph 1102, 1952 Discipline—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) was recognized, and on his motion, duly seconded, the following Resolution (DB-46) was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the restrictions imposed by Paragraph 1102, 1952 *Discipline*, do not apply to membership upon the Special Commission established to direct the Educational Emphasis of the Quadrennial Plan, nor to any other Special Study Commission that may be appointed at this General Conference, charged with reporting to The General Conference of 1960."

(Note:—Paragraph 1102, 1952 *Discipline*, reads as follows:—

¶ 1102. No person other than a Bishop shall serve at the same time on more than one Agency, and no Bishop shall serve at the same time on more than three Agencies; *provided*, however, that this limitation shall not apply to a Division of a Board, to an Inter-Agency Body, to the Commission on Chaplains or the Commission on Camp Activities, or to the Methodist representation on the World Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches; and *provided*, further, that a Bishop elected to the Council on World Service and Finance shall not serve on any other Agency during his term on his Council.

Co-ordinating Council—Order of the Day—Chester A. McPheeters—Referred

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) stated that the Co-ordinating Council, had some other Reports to present to The General Conference, and requested that an Order of the Day be established for their consideration of and action on, and that this request be referred to the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and the request was referred to the Committee of Chairmen, for their consideration and action.

No. 5 Credentials—Elmer E. Mathews (*)

Elmer E. Mathews (*) (New Jersey), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 5 of the Standing Administrative Committee, and moved its adoption and printing in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, without reading.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see Appendix, page 1196.

Rules—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, stated the Committee had no Report ready at this session.

Rules Suspended—Leonard D. Slutz (*)—Adopted

Motion of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, duly seconded, prevailed, suspending the Rules, to permit consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Committee appearing for the first time in today's *Daily Christian Advocate*.

No. 1—Judicial Administration—Alternate Members of Judicial Council—Leonard D. Slutz (*)—Adopted

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 35, Subject, "Election Of Alternate Members Of The Judicial Council," found on page 237, *DCA* No. 4, columns 1 and 2, and explained the changes, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman: Report No. 1, of the Committee on Judicial Administration, is found on page 237 *DCA*. It makes changes only with respect to the election of the Alternates to The Judicial Council. The first portion of the Report deals with the number of Alternates and amends the present provision so that there would be six alternates from each Class, Ministerial and Lay, or a total of 12 Alternates.

To make sure that our action today corresponds with the intent it reads, "Provided, however, that at the 1956 session of The General Conference two Ministerial and one Lay Alternate shall be elected for a term of four years, and three Ministerial and three Lay Alternates shall be elected for a term of eight years."

Then the Report goes on, and the essential part of it is that if there is a vacancy it shall be filled by an Alternate of the same Class and from the same Jurisdiction as that of the member whom he succeeds, if there is such an Alternate, and by the first elected if there is more than one. If there is no Alternate of the same Class and Jurisdiction the vacancy shall be filled by an Alternate of the same Class in order of election.

What happened is that during the last quadrennium there was a vacancy in The Judicial Council when the only member of The Council from the Western Jurisdiction died. The Alternate who filled his place was not from the Western Jurisdiction, although our law does provide that at least one member of The Judicial Council shall be elected from each Jurisdiction. And so on the basis of several Memorials we propose that the law be changed, so that the vacancy be filled by an Alternate of the same Class and from the same Jurisdiction, if there is one.

Then similarly we provide for an increase in the number of Alternates so that there would be six Lay Alternates and six Ministerial Alternates. They might not be elected from each of the six Jurisdictions but at least there would be six Laymen and six Alternates."

On motion of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, Report No. 1 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1515.

Judicial Council Election—Correction—F. Murray Benson (*)—Harry A. Hanson—Lud H. Estes

The time for the election of members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church nearing, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, noted two corrections to be made on the printed ballot; namely:—F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE) is a *Reserve* incumbent; Harry A. Hanson is a minister from the North India Annual Conference, Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, and not from the North Indiana Annual Conference, North Central Jurisdiction.

The list of Tellers found on page 77 of the *DCA* No. 2, columns 2 and 3, were announced, and Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, explained their duties.

Point of Order—Glenn M. Frye—Well Taken—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan—NC) raised the Point of Order, that the Orders of the Day, previously set, precluded the taking of a ballot for members of The Judicial Council at this time, as The General Conference adjourned Monday morning, April 30, 1956, with consideration of and final action on the Report of the Board of Publication, pending; that the Orders of the Day, previously set, were as follows:—

1st. Report No. 1 of Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race."

2nd. 10:45 A.M., India Centennial Presentation.

3rd. Report of Home and Family Life, with remarks by Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

4th. Election of members of The Judicial Council.

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott ruled the Point of Order well taken.

Calendar—Charles D. White—Postponed for Orders of the Day

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, Presiding Officer, called for the Calendar. Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE), Secretary of the Calendar moved taking up the Orders of the Day, to be followed by the Calendar. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Point of Order—Merrill C. Johnson—Lud H. Estes—Vote Today—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) stated that the names of the Nominees for membership on The Judicial

Council should be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, for two consecutive issues immediately preceding the election, according to Paragraph 901 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, stated that the names had been published on yesterday and today.

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, requested The General Conference to indicate its wish concerning taking the first ballot for members of The Judicial Council today. The General Conference voted to take the first ballot today.

Report Board of Publication Resumed—J. Otis Young

At the conclusion of yesterday's session, consideration of and final action on the Report of the Board of Publication concerning Church papers, was pending. The Report of the Board of Publication was now resumed, with J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC) in charge of the Report.

Marshall T. Steel Speaks to Report

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC) spoke to the Report and against the motion of John E. Marvin (Detroit—NC) to postpone action for two or three days, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Brethren: I find myself in a considerable mess. I came up here to make a second to a motion, and, before I could get my breath, Dr. Marvin had the floor and made a motion to postpone action. Following that motion he made a most impressive address.

This morning I want to ask you to defeat this motion so that I can make the speech I came here to make.

Even if Dr. Marvin's motion is defeated, he has already won half of it, because he was asking for a two-day delay, and one day has already elapsed. Let me assure you that there has been no desire or intent on the part of anyone related to this problem to move in haste or to try to get The Conference to act without due consideration.

Back in 1948, at The Conference in Boston, you spent a good deal of time discussing the problems of our Church Literature and Publications and referred some of those problems to the Survey Commission.

The Board of Publication at that time appointed a Sub-committee on the Church Papers and they made an intensive study of problems related thereto for the next four years. Reports were made four years ago at the San Francisco Conference. Finally, you accepted the Report of the Survey Commission and referred it to the Board of Publication with power to act.

During this past quadrennium, the Sub-committee on Church Papers has continued its intensive work. Some two or three months ago they made a Report to The Council of Bishops and the Council of Secretaries, and they are here now making their Report to The General Conference. This thing has not been done in haste, but has had some eight years of fairly careful study and has been a matter of interest and discussion throughout the Church.

We who are on the Board of Publication surely want your interest and your support of the Program. We want you to have all of the information about it; if you want to change or rescind the action of a previous General Conference, it is within your province.

Now, Dr. Marvin raised a group of questions. Would you like for me to take a moment to try to answer them and share with you the information he sought?

He wondered why we should have a monthly Journal instead of a weekly Magazine and was apprehensive about what would happen to Methodism if instead of getting a *Christian Advocate* every week, our people only received a Journal once a month. There are several things that might be said about that problem. Dr. Marvin, there are 241,550 Methodists in the State of Michigan, from which you come. Only 450 of them subscribe to *The Christian Advocate* and get a weekly report from the Church.

Apparently, 241,550 of the Methodists of Michigan could make the adjustment without any great sacrifice.

This represents, my friends, one of the serious problems that the preceding Conferences have faced and that your Board of Publication has been facing. We have made several reader surveys. We made two through our own Circulation Department and were surprised at the information they revealed. We employed a professional agency to make a survey of our reader interest to see if we were mistaken in the information we had secured, but they confirmed it.

Of the people who answered the question in all three surveys, more readers of *The Christian Advocate* expressed a desire for a monthly magazine than for a weekly magazine. The interests and desires of a sampling of our subscribers seems to be worthy of our consideration.

We are also acting under the instructions of the last General Conference which, when it accepted the Report of the Survey Commission, instructed us to produce a Monthly Magazine for the family and a Monthly Journal for preachers. There is a considerable amount of interest in what this does to the news situation.

As far as we can tell from our surveys, the great bulk of our people are not primarily concerned with news. They have not been taking *The Christian Advocate*, which has been a weekly news magazine, and presumably they want some other kind of a religious journal. In *Together* there will be from month to month four or five pages of news and news interpretation, which would try to keep people abreast of the main trends within the Church, but would not, obviously, be a substitute for a daily newspaper.

One of the questions which Dr. Marvin raised was regarding Dr. Otto Nall. I am happy that he raised it. Dr. Marvin, I think that all of us on the Board of Publication would agree with you, even though it may not be modest to do it, that perhaps today we have the most attractive *Christian Advocate* that the Church has ever published and probably we have the best edited *Christian Advocate* we have ever had.

When that has been said, another fact has to be faced. Our high peak in subscriptions came approximately ten years ago, under the Editorship of Roy Smith. During his Editorship, a decline in the subscription list set in. That trend has continued. Since that high peak, we have lost more than 100,000 subscribers and have today 237,000 subscriptions which is about the number of subscriptions we had at unification.

I do not think this is a reflection on Dr. Nall. I think it is an indication of several trends within the Church. In part, it has been local church papers which as they have grown, subscriptions to *The Advocate* have diminished. In part, it may be an indication that our people do not want *The Christian Advocate* as we have produced it. If the trend continues which has prevailed throughout the last four years, of the 237,000 current subscribers to *The Christian Advocate*, 80,000 of them will not renew their subscriptions when they expire.

Now, in the light of all these facts, with repeated studies of Commissions and Committees, we have concluded that we ought to try some New Adventure in Journalism. We would like to try to produce a paper in *Together* which would be of interest to the family. It will have to appeal to some less active leaders in the Church than we have been reaching. One wants to be extremely careful in discussing this matter. We are basically interested in religious journalism and in making the finest contribution we can make through the technics of modern journalism to the religious life of our Methodist people. But apparently we are going to have to find a new approach that will command the interest of some of our less loyal and less devout people.

I wonder if this illustration would be helpful. If you go into the Boy Scout room of an ordinary church, it doesn't look like a church; it looks like a Boy Scout room. But in some real sense it is the church, and in that room the Church is performing one of its substantial ministries, drawing its boys, and in the Girl Scout movement, its girls, into the closer relationship to the Church. If you go into the average church dining room or kitchen, it doesn't look like a church. Nevertheless, most of us have found that the catering business was almost an inescapable responsibility of our ministry if we wanted to get to our people.

With our great regard for Dr. Otto Nall, the Board of Publication and the Publishing Agents and Mr. Case, the new Editor, have asked Dr. Nall to serve as Editor of the *New Christian Advocate*. We surely want to preserve for our Church all the genius of his ministry and services.

A question was raised about Mr. Case's ability to tell the difference between Ralph Sockman and Billy Graham. If he should make a mistake at that point, he could be forgiven. One of our Bishops couldn't tell the difference between Ralph Sockman and Chester Smith.

Leland Case is the son of a Methodist minister, a lifetime member of The Methodist Church. For some ten or fifteen years he sat under the preaching of Ernest Fremont Tittle. He served on his Official Board and was elected to the Executive Committee of that Board in that church.

I am glad that we found a Christian layman that can bring to the Church his professional and technical resources and dedicate them to the service of our Church. He has been most highly commended to us by all who have known him intimately. His associates in Arizona, in appreciation of his integrity and spirit, have decided that they want to put the new paper under his leadership into every Methodist home in their state. That in itself is not a small tribute.

Our Budget is high. Some \$2,600,000 is a tentative Budget. We believe that we can produce that Budget and make it self-sustaining if you like the paper and can give it your endorsement. The Board of Publication has had to make some bold adventures. We

spent over a half million dollars on the Interpreter's Bible before the first copy was off the press. We made preparations for that kind of adventure and it has been vindicated. We have made preparations for this adventure, and we would like to think that in the launching of this new Church Paper Program, we will do something as outstanding as we did in the publication of the Interpreter's Bible.

I hope you will not defer this matter but will give your endorsement to the Committee's Report."

Motion John E. Marvin to Postpone—Not Adopted

The motion of John E. Marvin (Detroit—NC) to postpone action for two or three days on the Report, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Joe M. Young () Speaks for Report*

Joe M. Young (*) (Southern California-Arizona) spoke in favor of the Report, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, Members of The General Conference: I had written what I thought was a good speech for this occasion. I am not going to use it. Any speech I might make now will be a great anti-climax. But I want to talk briefly first to the Lay Delegates who are here.

I would like for you, if you will, to examine closely and carefully this Publication. Look at the table of contents. Look at the format. Look at the features that will be included in it. Ask yourselves this question: Is this the kind of a magazine I would like to have come into my home representing my Church? Is this the kind of a magazine that I would pick up and read even if I were not as interested in the Church as I am because I am interested in the content of the magazine? Is this the kind of a magazine the members of your family would pick up off the reading table perhaps instead of some of the more popular and attractive secular magazines that might be alongside? Is this the kind of magazine that people will buy and will read?

I believe this is what the homes of the Methodist people have been looking for. I believe this is the answer to the publication needs of The Methodist Church. I believe that the Laymen, the families of America and across the world, the Methodist families will buy this magazine and will read it.

Now I want to say a word to the Ministers about it. About the only objections I have heard have come from ministers who seem to be fearful. They say, "We can't promote this Magazine in our church."

Now, my good brothers, have no fear. Tucson, Arizona's churches are no different basically from the churches of any community across this land. We have large churches and small struggling churches that are partly supported by mission funds.

We used the same techniques that have been prepared by the Publishing House to promote this magazine among the churches of Tucson to see what would happen, the same techniques that will be available to every church in the country. We have some of the hardest-headed Chairmen of Finance Committees that you will find in the country. Our Official Boards have voted one hundred per

cent, not because of Leland Case, but because of the Magazine, to place this in every Methodist home in our city.

Now, you can sell this magazine. Your Lay people will buy it, and they will read it.

It seems to me those two questions are the basic ones; if they will buy it and if they will read it. If it will carry the message of our Church to the homes of Methodists across the world, it is the kind of a publication I believe the Methodist Church wants.

I urge you to support the report of the Board of Publication."

Against Report—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York) spoke against the adoption of the Report as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: This is a very difficult proposition, and I realize the very difficult problem which the Board of Publication has had to deal with.

I think we might conclude, as a result of the reading of our Reports, that our Methodist people do not race to read our Church Publications.

That presents us with a very difficult situation because we must then subsidize our Church Publications. If enough people will not support the Publications, then we must subsidize them.

Now, the question which confronts us in this new proposition is: Will we subsidize them to the extent of \$2,600,000? Personally, I have looked over the format of the new proposed *Christian Advocate* and of the monthly magazine "*Together*." I do not approve of them. I think our people will not like them well enough to subscribe for them enough to bring in a revenue of \$2,600,000. We cannot solve this problem, I think by changing our format.

The *Zions Herald* did that. You remember they changed from their format of a monthly magazine to a newspaper type publication, but it did not work. It did not prove a success.

Now, out of a membership of over 9 million in our Methodist Church, the circulation of *The Christian Advocate* at the beginning of this quadrennium was only 315,727. During the quadrennium the circulation declined by 66,521. The loss on *The Christian Advocate*; that is, the loss in revenue over and above what was received was \$431,055.86. The loss on the *Central Christian Advocate* was \$170,641.75 or a total loss of \$601,697.59.

Now my own opinion is that we would better continue to subsidize *The Christian Advocate* as it is even at the expense of \$431,055.86 than to go into this proposition which I think will produce a deficit at the end of the quadrennium not of \$601,000 but of \$1,600,000.

Now, we have subsidized our Boards. It costs us about \$400,000 for the Board of Social and Economic Relations, The Commission on World Peace and the Board of Temperance and Prohibition. That is all right. We must subsidize these Boards. We must continue to subsidize our Church Paper, but I do not want to see us subsidize it to the extent of \$2,600,000.

Therefore, I propose we do not accept this Report, but continue *The Christian Advocate* in its present format."

Previous Question—William R. Cannon—Ordered

On motion of William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE), duly seconded, the Previous Question was ordered on all matters pertaining to consideration of and action on the Report before The General Conference, by more than the two-thirds majority vote.

Point of Information—Allen Whitfield (*)—Marshall T. Steel

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) asked for the following information:—

I ask for a point of information in order that I, together with the other Delegates to this Conference, may be properly informed as to the basic considerations that are involved in this matter. May I inquire what is the policy to be followed with respect to discontinuing other publications that are now being carried out under the general sponsorship of The Methodist Church?

Reply—Marshall T. Steel

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC) replied, as follows:—

The *New Christian Advocate* would take place of the old *Christian Advocate* and the *Pastor*, the two publications previously published by the Board of Publication.

"*Together*" would be a new Journal for the family. So far as the Board of Publication is concerned, it is not moving to discontinue any other Journal. When The General Conference voted four years ago for these two papers, they did not vote, they did not even consider, so far as I know, the *Central Jurisdiction Advocate*. Presumably, at this time, that decision would not be made, for we have not yet determined what will be done concerning the CENTRAL JURISDICTION. If the Conference wants a separate *Advocate* for the Central Jurisdiction they would order that at a later time in The Conference.

There has been a question concerning the possible competition with a magazine like *The Christian Home*. *The Christian Home* is produced by the Editorial Division of the Board of Education and is curriculum material. There presumably might be some changes in it, but we understand that this would not indicate the discontinuance of it.

Information Requested—Ralph W. Sockman

Ralph W. Sockman (New York—NE) asked this further question:—

May I ask one further question? What is the attitude of the Woman's Society and Division about the competition, possible competition with the *Methodist Woman* and also what will be the status of *The World Outlook*? I am concerned whether we may have too many monthly magazines of a somewhat similar nature.

Reply—Marshall T. Steel

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC) replied, as follows:—

How can any one person say what all the women in the Woman's Society will think about this move? We certainly do not think of ourselves as being in competition with the women of the Woman's Society. If we can produce a Journal that will be helpful to the family, we believe our women will be most grateful for it.

Information Desired—Allen Whitfield ()*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) asked for further information, as follows:—

I do not desire to press these points, except I do desire information. I call your attention to page 151 of *The Daily Advocate*, Report No. III of the Co-ordinating Council, the last paragraph of proposed legislation, in which the Co-ordinating Council proposes that the Commission shall publish a free Local Church Program Journal for Pastors and Local Church Leaders.

Is it now contemplated that the *New Christian Advocate* will be published and at the same time a free Local Church Program Journal shall be made available for Pastors and Local Church Leaders?

Reply—Marshall T. Steel

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC) answered the question, as follows:—

No. In a sense the *New Christian Advocate* would be helpful to all the ministers in facing their various responsibilities for leadership in the Church. It is not basically a Promotional Journal, and certainly the Board of Publication is not taking a position about what any of the other Boards can do regarding their work.

You will recall that during the last Quadrennium you have had "*The Story*" which was a Promotional Journal put out by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation in addition to the *Pastor*.

Information Given—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ()*

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa-NC) gave the following information:—

Mr. Chairman, may I be permitted to give just a matter of information. *The World Outlook* is not a publication of the Woman's Division. It is a joint publication of the Board of Missions with two Editors, Miss McConnell and Dr. Sprinkle. I bring that just for clarification, that it is for the total Church.

Marshall T. Steel—Closes Debate

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC) closed the debate for the Report of the Board of Publication.

Report Adopted

The motion to adopt the Report of the Board of Publication, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted. For Report see page 1861.

Personal Privilege—Loyd F. Worley

Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) as a matter of privilege for the house, made the following statement:—

A matter of privilege for the House. The opposition was completely shut off by a Previous Question. If we are going to have a battery of special speakers for these Reports without an opportunity for the opposition to state its case we shall be voting without adequate and complete information.

Ruling—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

I am sorry if the opposition was shut off. I was not conscious of that.

Resolutions—T. Otto Nall—John W. McKelvey—William W. Reid (*)—Adopted

John W. McKelvey (Philadelphia—NE) presented Resolutions of Appreciation (DB-47) concerning the long and faithful service of T. Otto Nall (Rock River—NC), Editor of *The Christian Advocate*, and on his motion, duly seconded by William W. Reid (*) (New York East—NE), they were adopted, as follows:—

Whereas, The General Conference is now beginning a new venture in religious journalism and thus is bringing to a close *The Christian Advocate* in its familiar role of a weekly visitor to the great Methodist family and to this extent terminating one of the most effective and cherished traditions of the Christian press since the invention of printing; and

Whereas, Dr. T. Otto Nall in serving as Editor of *The Christian Advocate* these many years with indefatigable diligence and selfless devotion has proved himself one and inseparable with that great company of significantly gifted men who through more than a century and a half have proved that the pen is mightier than the sword;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That: we at this moment of change and transition wish earnestly to salute him with our unstinted expression of esteem and to assure him of our abiding confidence as he goes forward into the adventure of the coming years.

(Signed) John W. McKelvey

Announcements—Leon T. Moore—Lud H. Estes—Recess

After announcements by Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate, and Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary, The General Conference recessed for a period of ten minutes.

Reconvene—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

At the close of the Recess period Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, of the Wisconsin Area, North Central Jurisdiction, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference to order, for the remainder of the business session of the morning of Tuesday, May 1, 1956.

Hymn 256—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 256, "Faith Of Our Fathers. Living Still," and led The General Conference in the singing of the same.

India Choir—James R. Houghton (*)—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett—Elijah Joshua

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced the presence of the India Centennial Choir, and presented Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, who in turn presented the India Centennial Choir, and its Director Elijah Joshua of the Delhi Annual Conference, Southern Asia Central Conference.

India Centennial Choir—Elijah Joshua

Under the direction of Elijah Joshua (Delhi—OS), The India Centennial Choir rendered several selections.

Thanks—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, expressed the appreciation and thanks of The General Conference to Director Elijah Joshua (Delhi—OS) and the India Centennial Choir, for their presence and musical numbers.

India Night An Official Session—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee, was recognized, and announced that tonight's session, Tuesday, May 1, 1956, would be an official session, known as India Night.

Previous Question Questioned—Ruling—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, stated that there had been some question raised, during the Recess period, as to whether there had been a more than two-

thirds majority vote when the Previous Question had been ordered before Recess on the motion of William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE) on the consideration of and action on the Report of the Board of Publication; that he had consulted with his colleagues on the platform, and that they were unanimously of the opinion that the Previous Question called for had been ordered by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

**Order of the Day—Report No. 1, State of the Church—
“The Methodist Church and Race”—Amended—Charles
C. Parlin (*)**

The Order of the Day having arrived, consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the State of the Church, Calendar No. 33, Subject, “The Methodist Church and Race,” DCA No. 5, page 198, column 2 and 3, Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 1, and requested the following to come to the platform:—Clarence H. LaRue (North-East Ohio—NC), Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE), Waights G. Henry, Jr. (North Georgia—SE), William H. Horner (Genesee—NE), Frederick E. Maser (Philadelphia—NE), and Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC).

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, made the following statement:—

This matter was considered by the Committee of Chairmen, and procedurally it was agreed as follows: Traditionally the State of the Church has always brought to the floor of this Conference statements dealing with policy. For the State of the Church to admit a statement on the principle of race would be a break in our tradition. On the other hand, the Committee on Conferences deals with the structure of the Church. It was the unanimous decision of the Committee of Chairmen, therefore, that the State of the Church should lead forward with a statement of principle on race, and that thereafter the Committee on Conferences would come forward with their provisions as to how, if any, to make the implementation in our Church structure.

Our Committee was faced with the difficulty of dividing the Memorials between the two Committees. You will remember the opening session of this Conference, the confusion in referring Memorials dealing with race to the State of the Church or to the Committee on Conferences. Our Committee, accepting the suggestion of the Committee of Chairmen, went into session, analyzed the Memorials before it, and sub-divided the State of the Church Committee into three Sub-Committees. One deals with World Order and Inter-National Relations. Another deals with Social and Economic Relations. A third deals with the Question of Race.

The importance of this subject may be emphasized by the fact that more than half of the total membership of the Committee of the State of the Church elected to serve on the Sub-Committee deal-

ing with Race. This Committee debated the matter at several sessions, intensely but always within the framework of a Christian brotherhood.

Our Sub-Committee brought in a Report, and that was accepted by the General Committee. Since that time, since the printing in the *DCA*, a number of amendments have been approved. Your Committee has been willing to accept several. Therefore I am going to ask that the Vice-Chairman, Harold A. Bosley, present to you, as you work with your pencils on page 198 *DCA*, the amendments which the Committee has accepted, and then the Report as amended will be presented to you.

*Refer Report No. 1 State of the Church—Anthony Hearn
—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott—Out of Order*

Anthony Hearn (South Georgia—SE) moved to refer Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church to the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen.

The motion, being duly seconded, Anthony Hearn (South Georgia—SE) spoke as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: I think it is generally agreed that this Conference will welcome coming to grips with this particular issue, and the sooner we have it the sooner the atmosphere will be cleared, so that we can come to the consideration of other important matters.

I think it is also generally agreed that this Conference would like to be freed from the fear and unrest at every session lest this particular matter be proposed.

I am moving that this be referred to the Committee of Chairmen.

Ruling—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

Brother, I think I would have to rule that your motion is out of order at this time. After the Report has been given you may make that motion, but not now.

Amendments by Committee—Harold A. Bosley

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, stated that the following four amendments had been voted on, and had been adopted by the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, and asked common consent to incorporate them (DB-48) into the Report No. 1 of the Committee. Common consent, being unanimously granted, the following amendments were added to Report No. 1 of the Committee, all being on page 198, *DCA* No. 5, column 3:—

1st. Point 3; the two sentences in Point 3 are to be separate paragraphs of Point 3.

2nd. Insert a new paragraph, to be numbered 4, to read as follows:—

That Bishops, District Superintendents, Pastors and Lay Leaders seek ways for the implementation of better fraternal relations between the Central Jurisdiction and other Jurisdictions where they are adjacent, by closer co-operation at Annual and District Conferences, and at Local Church levels.

3rd. That there be added to present Point 4, to be renumbered Point 5, the following words, **“without discrimination or segregation,”** so that present Point 4, now renumbered Point 5, will read as follows:—

That Methodists at National and Inter-National meetings of the Church make provision for equality of accommodations for all races, **without discrimination or segregation.**

4th. That present Point 5 be renumbered Point 6, so that Points 3, 4 and 5, as printed on page 198, DCA No. 5, column 3, will read as follows:—

That Methodist churches in changing neighborhoods rather than seeking new locations, early prepare their people to welcome into their fellowship all races as they become a part of their community.

That our Pastors, upon whom rests the responsibility of receiving individuals into Church membership, discharge that responsibility without regard to race, color, or national origin.

4. That Bishops, District Superintendents, Pastors and Lay Leaders seek ways for the implementation of better fraternal relations between the Central Jurisdiction and other Jurisdictions where they are adjacent, by closer co-operation at Annual and District Conferences, and at Local Church levels.

5. That Methodists at National and Inter-National meetings of the Church make provision for equality of accommodations for all races **without discrimination or segregation.**

6. That the many racial and national groups which make up our Methodist world fellowship be afforded the opportunity without discrimination to enjoy full participation in all the activities of the Church.

Paul R. Ervin () Speaks to Report*

Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) spoke to the Report, stating that the Report had been formulated in response to the thirty-nine Memorials, listed at the head of the Report.

Motion to Adopt—Charles C. Parlin—Seconded

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, moved the adoption of Report No. 1. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Referred*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend the Report (DB-49) by adding at its close a paragraph providing for the submission to the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church of a Constitutional Amendment abolishing the Central Jurisdiction, and placing the seventeen Annual Conferences thereof within the territory of the remaining five Jurisdictions, under the Plan of Union, in a manner to be worked out as soon as possible. The proposed amendment was duly seconded.

Point of Order—Nolan B. Harmon

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) arose to the Point of Order that the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) dealt with the implementation of the Jurisdictional System, which would be considered when the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences bring in their Report dealing with this matter, and therefore should be ruled out of order at this time.

Request for Ruling—Chester A. Smith (*)

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked the following question:—

“Does the Chair rule I may not proceed with my argument in support of the amendment which I have presented?”

Ruling—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

“I think you have a right to complete your argument. However, I feel that a motion of reference would be in order.”

Motion to Refer—Asbury Smith

Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE) moved that the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) be referred to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences. The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—Chester A. Smith (*)

Chester A. Smith raised the Point of Order that he had

the floor, and, therefore any motion to refer is out of order at this time, and requested permission to finish his argument.

Ruling—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, ruled that Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) could complete his statement, which he did, as follows:—

“This, Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, is the most vital and the most important question which will come before this body from my standpoint. We have stated in the general Report that we do not want to be a Church which discriminates against the Negro, but the fact is we have discriminated against the Negro by segregating our Negro members into the Central Jurisdiction. It is a fact. The only way that can be changed is by an amendment to the Constitution, abolishing the Central Jurisdiction and putting the Negro members of the Church in the same position in which the white members of the Church now are. We can end—

Point of Order—Charles S. Kendall

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) raised a Point of Order and made the following statement:—

The Point of Order is this, that Brother Smith insisted on presenting this to the Committee, although we urged that he take it to the Committee on Conferences, following the recommendation of the Committee of Chairmen that our Committee Report—the State of the Church—would deal with principles and that this matter which he is presenting is quite properly to be a part of the Report of the Committee on Conferences. Repeatedly we tried to urge him to have that presentation there before that group, and it is not in order here and now. It would be perfectly in order when that other Committee’s Report, which was published in today’s *DCA*, is before you.

Without any unkindness, it seems to me that Brother Smith is entirely out of order in insisting on putting this in here.

Request for Ruling—Chester A. Smith (*)

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) requested a ruling of Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, if he could continue his remarks?

Ruling—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, ruled that Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) could proceed with his remarks, which he did, as follows:—

Segregation in The Methodist Church is a fact. It has been a fact since 1939, when we adopted the principle of segregation by setting our Negro members apart by themselves in the Central Jurisdiction.

We did that in order to secure the Union of the Church, to win the support of our Southern brethren. We can end segregation only by repudiating that principle.

The United States Supreme Court in 1890 adopted the principle of segregation in the public schools when it decided that equal school facilities for white and Negro children in separate schools was legal. But in its historic Decision outlawing segregation, it repudiated that principle of segregation. And in that Decision, it gave the States in which segregation existed time to integrate its Decision.

Now Methodism, if it will end segregation, must repudiate the principle of segregation it adopted in 1939—just as the United States Supreme Court repudiated the principle of segregation (which it adopted in 1890) when it decided by its historic Decision declaring segregation unconstitutional that equal facilities for Negro and white boys and girls in separate schools was no longer legal or constitutional.

That historic Decision of the United States Supreme Court brought Methodism face to face with the question whether, in view of the Court's Decision, we will retain segregation in our Church or repudiate the principle of segregation we accepted in 1939 in order to secure Union.

The only body which can repudiate that principle of segregation we accepted in 1939 is the body that adopted it: namely, the Church itself.

The only body that can give the Church the opportunity of repudiating that unfortunate, un-Christian principle of segregation it accepted in 1939 is The Methodist General Conference, this present Conference.

We ought to do that, Brethren, in the name of the Master. We ought to do it in the name of the great Apostle Paul, who declared that God is no respecter of persons. We ought to do it if we are to continue to have any influence with the people of Asia.

When the newspapers come out the morning after our vote on this question, they will not go into any great, long argument, or give any great excerpt from Brother Parlin's Report. They will simply say in their headlines. "METHODISM KEEPS SEGREGATION." Or "METHODISM DISAVOWS SEGREGATION."

I want them to be able to say to the whole world that this Christian body—not a political body, not an economic body, or a body of businessmen, but Christian men and women meeting in the name of the Master—took the necessary steps to give The Methodist Church the opportunity to repudiate the inimical doctrine of segregation, the un-Christian doctrine of segregation by sending down to the Church the Amendment which I am proposing.

My Amendment, you see, follows out or parallels the provision or the action of the United States Supreme Court when it said to the States which now have segregation: "You may take a reasonable time to integrate our Decision, you do not have to do it immediately."

So by adopting my Amendment you will be saying to the Church, if it adopts the Amendment and abolishes the Central Jurisdiction: "You can integrate the Amendment within a reasonable time, and take a reasonable time to transfer the Annual Conferences now in the Central Jurisdiction into the Jurisdictions still remaining under the Plan of Union."

So let us follow the practice of the Supreme Court in adopting the Amendment, if and when it is adopted, and let us by submitting it follow the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, Whose followers we are."

Motion to Refer—Embree H. Blackard—Adopted

Motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, referring the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences.

Amendment—W. Sproule Boyd (See page 451)

W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) moved to amend the Report (DB-50), by deleting the second sentence in paragraph three, DCA No. 5, page 198, column 2, and which reads as follows:—

"Recognizing that we have not yet attained this goal, we rejoice in the progress made."

and substituting therefor the following sentence:—

"Recognizing that we shall not have attained this goal so long as we have within the organizational structure of our Church a Jurisdictional Conference based on race, rather than geography, we nevertheless rejoice in the progress that has been made."

so that the amended paragraph will read as follows:—

There must be no place in The Methodist Church for racial discrimination or enforced segregation. *Recognizing that we shall not have attained this goal so long as we have within the organizational structure of our Church a Jurisdictional Conference based on race, rather than on geography, we nevertheless rejoice in the progress that has been made.* The growing spirit of brotherhood throughout the Church strengthens our confidence that, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to go forward.

The motion to thus amend being duly seconded, W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) spoke to same as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, what I have to say will be said simply and humbly, but with very deep conviction. I have been waiting in vain thus far for this General Conference to say or do something prophetic and courageous. This Report, in my humble opinion, is neither courageous nor prophetic.

I think it is merely a repetition of pious phrases which we have been putting into Resolutions for years. It speaks of the amplification of our Lord's teaching. What is wanted now is not amplification but implementation. It has been suggested that implementation will be brought for our consideration in a day or so. I hope that

is true. This Report says that we look to the ultimate establishment of a Christian society, but it does not take us one step in that direction beyond where we were when this Conference was called to order.

We know what the next step is. The next step is to acknowledge our sin. When we have five Jurisdictions based on geography and one Jurisdiction based on race, that is segregation, if words have any integrity as we use them, and segregation is wrong. Let us acknowledge the wrong. I am not sure just how much stronger this Report will become if this amendment should be adopted, but it would at least put us in the position of being honest enough to acknowledge a specific wrong within our Church. If we cannot do at least this much, I shall be discouraged and disheartened about Methodism.

This is a swiftly-moving world. Four years hence The Methodist Church may find itself in a very sorry position on this issue. While we are considering the state of the Church, let us not forget the state of the world.

I hope this amendment will be adopted."

Motion to Refer—Nolan B. Harmon—Not Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) moved to refer the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, and made the following statement:—

I again remind the House that we have before us this problem in its larger aspects to be discussed fully tomorrow as the Reports in our *Advocate* indicate. Throwing this into our minds today, this amendment, under the guise of a Constitutional change, takes away from the thorough consideration which our Committee on Conferences has had, and its opportunity to give us a deeper study than can be given here and, therefore, I move the reference of this amendment to the Committee on Conferences for incorporation in its Report tomorrow, if they wish to do so.

The motion to refer was duly seconded.

Point of Order—W. Sproule Boyd

W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) raised a Point of Order and made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, this amendment does not propose any Constitutional change. It is simply a change in the phraseology of this Report. There is nothing proposed by way of Constitution or implementation. It is simply, in my judgment, an attempt to get this Conference to acknowledge something which I believe to be inherently wrong.

For Amendment—Dwight E. Walter ()*

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio—NC) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), as follows:—

"As I understood, what we are today doing is discussing general

principles, and if this proposition put before us is not a general principle for us to confess that we have been wrong about something and look forward to rectifying that wrong, I think that it is a general principle, and I hope that this amendment will prevail."

Against Referring—Mrs. John A. Werner ()*

Mrs. John A. Werner (*) (Baltimore—NE) spoke against referring the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

"I am a member of the Committee on Conferences.

I am speaking in opposition to the motion to refer. The Committee on Conferences has very clearly decided for itself that we deal with the structure of the Church, that pronouncements of principle should come from the Committee on the State of the Church.

However, in this paragraph where the amendment is offered, it involves, it seems to me, the State of the Church. It involves in a very broad way a principle which cannot be divorced from the State of the Church. I will vote against a motion in the Committee on Conferences that would include broad principle. This is the place where we will make a broad principle, a statement including a reference such as has been made by the proposed amendment. It can do no wrong. It can ease our consciences. It can set our paths straight.

We are in a world where we are being observed. What we say here is going to be important. Communism is on the run. It recognizes no difference in races. Pierce Hayes is sitting in the balcony because he doesn't have in China a Conference to come from and be on this floor.

Are we as Christians going to not admit first of all that we have a situation within us that is not going to attract the Negro race to our membership? We want all men to become members of The Methodist Church and our "*Discipline*" so states that anybody who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, can become a member of our Church.

Let us not be afraid to admit there is something in the structure of our Church that refutes this basic principle. We recognize it and we will correct it. Give us time, but let's not refer this to another Committee which is before us now."

Parliamentary Situation—Carrol H. Long ()—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott*

Carrol H. Long (*) (Holston—SE) stated he was opposed to the motion to refer, and started to speak.

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Is there any one who wants to speak to the motion to refer? This is another speech also opposed—"

Against Referring—Carroll H. Long ()*

Carroll H. Long (*) (Holston—SE) spoke against the motion to refer the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

“I am also opposed to the last speaker’s sentiments, if that is of value.

Mr. Chairman, it seems to me we are picking out the Central Jurisdiction as a symbol of discrimination. The Central Jurisdiction is not the only sin that is committed by us Methodists in the way of discrimination. I admit my individual sin in discrimination. I admit the sins in my own local church. I think that each person here to some degree discriminates in his own life in regard to race, but here we are picking out a symbol for our discrimination and are trying to make a mechanism which is one of law and government within the Church be the scapegoat for all of our sins in this realm.

I believe that this issue should be settled here and now, but I sincerely trust that we will not single out the Central Jurisdiction as the only sin which we bewail in regard to racial discrimination.”

Previous Question—Harold C. Case—Ordered

Motion of Harold C. Case (New England—NE), duly seconded, prevailed ordering the Previous Question, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, on the motion to refer the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences.

Charles C. Parlin () Closes Debate—For Referral*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, closed the debate for the Committee, speaking in favor of the motion of Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) to refer the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of the Committee, I have a right to speak on the motion to refer.

Of all the speakers, I believe only Brother Chester Smith was a member of the Committee on the State of the Church. I think I can fairly say that most of the arguments made were made in the debates of the Committee of the State of the Church.

It was felt that we were confusing things and doing our General Conference no great good if we tried to cross-reference the statement of principle which would come before you this morning and the argument on the structure of our Church which will follow thereafter.

I call your attention again to the vote of the Committee on this general proposition and the statement as it comes to you. I, therefore, hope that you will refer."

Motion to Refer—Nolan B. Harmon—Not Adopted

The motion of Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), to refer the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Point of Information—Anthony Hearn—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Anthony Hearn (South Georgia—SE) asked the following question of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church:—

The purpose of my premature motion at the beginning of this session was that we might unify our study and consideration.

I would like to ask Mr. Parlin, our Chairman, whether or not his statement meant that immediately following the discussion of this Report we would have the consideration of Reports No. 1 and No. 2 from the Committee on Conferences?

Reply—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, replied, as follows:—

I believe it would not follow immediately, but that it would be on the Program for tomorrow in the light of whatever decisions we make today.

The Committee Reports you refer to coming from the Committee on Conferences are found at page 244. Those will be on tomorrow presumably.

Motion Re Reports Nos. 1 and 2 Standing Committee on Conferences—Anthony Hearn—Out of Order—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Anthony Hearn (South Georgia—SE) made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I should think that this great Conference would not want to face a divisive issue repeatedly. I move, therefore, that we bring forward Reports No. 1 and No. 2 from the Committee on Conferences for consideration along with this Report.

and moved that Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional

Amendment Providing For Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction To Another," *DCA* No. 4, page 244, column 2, and Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Commission To Study and Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System," *DCA* No. 4, page 244, column 3 and page 244, column 1, be brought to The General Conference at this time for consideration of and action on them, along with Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race," *DCA* No. 5, page 198, columns 2 and 3.

Ruling—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott—Out of Order At This Time

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

It seems to me that would be out of order, inasmuch as we have a motion for an amendment before us.

Previous Question—W. Ralph Ward—Not Ordered

W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) moved the Previous Question on the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE). The motion was duly seconded.

Against Previous Question—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, stated that the Standing Committee on Conferences was not prepared at this time to bring Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences to the floor of The General Conference.

Reading of Amendment Called For—Ray W. Ragsdale

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) called for a reading of the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE).

Information Requested—Embree H. Blackard

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) asked who had spoken for and against the amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE).

Previous Question Not Ordered

The motion of W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) for the Previous Question, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Against Amendment—William S. Evans

William S. Evans (Memphis—SE) spoke against the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), as follows:—

"I speak in opposition to this motion. I am somewhat in the shape that the mouse was when he got in the stable with the mule. He said to the mule, "Now look here, big boy; don't you step on my toes and I won't step on yours."

Bishop Northcott: I don't know whether you are the mule or the mouse, Brother Evans.

William S. Evans: I had no reference to the Chair. I was referring to the other side.

The reason why I am in no opposition to this motion is because I feel that statements have been made here that all of us do not agree with. Our sins have been confessed by others, but some of us do not feel the deepness of that sin that some of you have confessed. Therefore, I feel that we should not here as a large body make a statement confessing everybody's sin when some of us have not accepted that position.

These Committees have worked together and they have brought out constructive statements, not only on the State of the Church but also in matters of Conferences, and I think with these deep studies by the larger groups they can bring to us a better Report than the larger body here can bring. Therefore, it seems to me that we should follow the leadership of the Committees like Mr. Parlin's and Brother Bell's and let us follow that and grow in grace rather than be continuously confessing each others sins.

We have our problem. Some of the other brethren seem to have the answer. We would like to have time enough to study this problem and come to the place in growth that we can each one confess his own sins.

I thank you."

For Amendment—Merrill W. Lindsey

Merrill W. Lindsey (Upper Mississippi—C) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of this General Conference: I feel that the time has come that The Methodist Church must come into close grips and vital grips with an issue that is affecting gravely the status of this our beloved Church of the world.

I speak as one who lives in that Area. There are multitudes of persons who are affected by this. And may I say here that the issue of segregation as such so fits the Negro that he can live with nobody and the southern white man so he can live with only his kind.

I believe that segregation as such has so fixed our Church until it has emasculated the Church of its vigor, raped it of its virtue, and even at this point we have it up for assassination.

I believe that a group of people as Negroes spending 245 years in slavery without a pay day and a group of southern white men

and women who went through the period of reconstruction can certainly adjust themselves to this minor issue.

I believe today that the Church must come to grips with this problem and do something about it. How can we represent ourselves to the rest of the world? People are here from around the world—Asia and Africa—and how can we indoctrinate them with the love of Christ unless we can prove it and give a visible example of what Christ can do in the hearts of men.

I believe that if we can get the structure and the framework we Southerners can work this thing out. And I believe again that desegregation does not necessarily mean integration.

I was at church in Lake City, Minn. Sunday, the only Negro there. We certainly had desegregation, but there was no integration because I was the only one there.

I believe that this Conference should go on record as giving faithful and true statements, and certainly admitting our sins.

Thank you."

Against Amendment—Aubrey G. Walton

Aubrey G. Walton (Little Rock—SC) spoke against the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, Members of The General Conference: We seem to be laboring under the misconception that if we were to abolish the Central Jurisdiction we will have done away with segregation in The Methodist Church. That is not the fact. We could do away with the Central Jurisdiction by one resounding vote of this Conference and we will still have segregation in The Methodist Church.

We have a regular constituted Committee of this General Conference working on this matter of the Jurisdiction. They have a Report ready to bring to us tomorrow when we can consider the matter in its proper form. I hope that this amendment will be voted down here and we may consider the matter properly tomorrow concerning the Central Jurisdiction."

Reading of Amendment Requested—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, called for the reading of the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), and Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Document Secretary read the proposed amendment as follows:—

"On page 198 of *The Daily Christian Advocate*, the middle column, paragraph 3, line 3, beginning with the word "Recognizing," strike out that sentence: "*Recognizing that we have not yet attained this goal, we rejoice in the progress made*";

and substitute this statement:

"Recognizing that we shall not have attained this goal, so long as we have within the organizational structure of our Church a Juris-

dictional Conference based on race rather than geography we nevertheless rejoice in the progress that has been made."

For Amendment—Kelly L. Jackson

Kelly L. Jackson (Washington—C) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I speak in support of the amendment because even at its best, even if it were passed, and I hope so, even then it would not go far enough because it would only serve as a foundation for a Program of Action, and I am hoping that this Church will eventually come to a place where it will have a Program of Action so far as racial issues are concerned.

I know, friends, that we are somewhat reluctant to face facts as they are, but I think the time has come when we must look in the face of facts and deal with them accordingly.

I do not wish to set before you the question of white and black and so on, but that is the issue, I think. I am afraid that we have in The Methodist Church made color or race our God instead of enthroning Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I think we must sometime come to the point whether or not we are going to have race as our God or whether or not we are going to accept a God revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. And if we accept Him there can be no place in The Methodist Church or any other Church for racial segregation.

I bear in mind what was expressed in the combined thinking in the Episcopal Address delivered by Bishop Corson as he said, "Truly, we are Brothers and Sisters and because of that there can be no place in The Methodist Church for discrimination or racial segregation."

I bear in mind also the statement made by Bishop Arthur Moore when he was asked to speak with reference to the Casa Materna choir following their singing and he said, "This is evidence that The Methodist Church does not fly a national or a racial flag."

I pray God today that the racial flag shall be drawn down and we shall march as one army of the living God under the banner of Jesus Christ.

I do hope that this shall pass, that we might in truth become Brothers in deed and not in words. And I believe that this is truly a step toward the goal.

Mr. Chairman, I don't want to go back to my home without feeling that The Methodist Church has done something to move forward, at least one step in the right direction, toward settling this problem.

Bear with me just a moment. The other day at the close of one of the sessions I went into the street and a white gentleman approached me and said—he is not a Member of this Conference—'Brother, there is no racial segregation in the body of Christ, and I would not belong to any group that practices discrimination.'

Friends, we are a part of this great Church, and by the help of God I expect to remain a part of this Church. With all of these shortcomings, and many they are, yet I would not trade this Methodist Church for all the others put together. I believe we

have the answer to the question if we under God will face it and deal with it accordingly."

For Amendment—Paul Athimuthu

Paul Athimuthu (Malaya—OS) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and fellow Delegates: The Hindus who believe in Karma, who practiced untouchability and even unseeability for centuries, abolished untouchability by law and opened the doors of all temples and public places throughout India from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin by the influence of one man, Mahatma Gandhi.

Thank God that in a Christian country like America the white Christian Brothers do not practice untouchability. Some of them use the service of colored brothers in their houses, in their churches, in their social halls, but unfortunately they do not allow the same folks to worship in their sanctuaries along with them.

• When Hindus could do away with a social evil which existed for centuries in a decade, why not the Christians of America do away with a minor evil? I think we will have to look toward India for moral and spiritual leadership. We want a Gandhi or another Lincoln in America.

Here is a great challenge to the ministers of American churches where the colored Brethren are not allowed to worship. Who is going to open the doors of his church for the colored Brethren, irrespective of the consequences?

We will have to face the issues now or never. There is no use of postponing this issue; one day it has to be faced. Why not we as a Conference face it now?

Some may say there may be troubles, disturbances, uprisings and even murder. Abraham Lincoln would have foreseen these things when he emancipated the slaves. He had the courage to do it and even though it cost his life, God did not allow his cause to die, but it bore fruit and emancipation became a permanent thing.

You, the Bishops of The Methodist Church, and you, the Ministers of The Methodist Church, and you, the Lay Leaders of The Methodist Church consider this challenge, ponder over it, pray over it and then abolish this injustice, segregation. Open the gates of the Church, the social hall and other public places wide and allow the colored people to enter in. Remove the stigma, the inferiority complex of the colored man. Treat him as your Brother, not in words but in deeds. He does not need economic security; your rich country gives that. He needs social justice.

The whole world looks to this great Conference. What are you, the followers of Christ, who died not only for the white man but also for the colored man, and the followers of a brave man, John Wesley, going to do? I appeal to you to vote unanimously for this motion. Not only God but the whole of Christendom, of the whole world, would be behind you.

Against Amendment—Paul R. Ervin ()*

Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) spoke

against the proposed amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: It is with some reluctance that I speak upon this subject. Together with other members of your Committee on the State of the Church and the Sub-Committee on Race, we have labored for many long weary hours to bring this Conference a statement which we had hoped would meet with your approval, realizing that it would be impossible for it to meet with your unanimous approval unless each and every one of you had had a part in the making of the statement. We hoped at least it would meet with the approval of the majority of The Conference.

You may be assured that every point discussed on the floor this morning and all of those which are in your minds now were fully and amply discussed in the Committee itself, and in the Sub-committee which drafted the Resolution which is before you.

For just a moment I would like to speak for myself and for a great segment of the beloved Methodist church of which we are all members. I will not presume to speak on behalf, at this moment at least, of all the Committee or even those members of the Committee who are on the platform with me. But I feel that in justice to the great section of the land from which I come, where The Methodist Church knows its wonderful strength and where it has been a great blessing to our people for many years, I would not be quite fair to them if I did not speak in opposition to this motion which has been suggested, this amendment.

May I say this to you: In the first place, I feel that this is an amendment which ought to go before the Committee on Conferences because it does refer to the structural organization of the Church with which the Committee on Conferences is dealing. I realize the force of the argument that the proposed amendment does set forth some statement of principle or position, and since it does it may be properly discussed in The Conference at this time, when the particular Resolution which we are considering is before The Conference.

I hope The Conference will not approve it. My hope is based upon these facts: Those who have spoken in favor of the motion start from the premise that the Central Jurisdiction is unwise and is discriminatory. There is much discrimination in favor of the members of the Central Jurisdiction by way of the allocation of Bishops and by way of the membership on Boards and matters of that sort. But I think that we ought not to consider this motion to amend purely upon that premise.

You will notice that in the third column of your *Advocate* on page 198, are these significant words: “We call upon our people to effect these adjustments” which may be necessary. “Let these things, however, be done in love lest the cause of Christ suffer at our hands.”

May I remind you, Members of The Conference, that there are many of us who must go back to our homes and convince our people of the wisdom of whatever action is taken at this Conference. May I remind you that there will be deep resentment upon their part if they feel that you have sought to castigate them, or if you have confessed for them their sins which they may have, or even those which they do not have.

I plead with you to let us bring forth from this Conference a Resolution upon this subject which we can go back and lead our

people into the acceptance of. But do not place us in the position of having to shove them anywhere; we can lead them but we cannot shove them.

My Brethren, I hope you will make it possible for those of us who come from the Southeastern Jurisdiction to be able to return and wholeheartedly support what The Conference does. I do not believe that the proposed amendment will in any way assist us in that, but will tremendously injure our efforts."

Point of Order—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, raised the Point of Order, that an Order of the Day for the India Centennial Presentation had been previously set for 10:45 A.M. this morning, and made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, Point of Order. I speak not just as a Delegate, but as Chairman of the Program Committee. We are not in any way trying to affect this debate. It has nothing to do with the debate. However, notice in the Journal, page 15, the first day, that we made an Order of the Day at that time for 10:45 A.M. at which time the India group would make a special presentation. The reason I mention this is the fact some people have come this morning just for that presentation. Bishop Pickett assures me it will take between 10 and 12 minutes. I did not want to affect this debate and I did not want anyone to think we were trying to delay on that. But we would like if possible to have it this morning. We are perfectly willing to wait until 12:20 P.M. if we may, but this was one of the first Orders of the Day and we would like to have it before we close today.

Order of Day Takes Precedence—Merrill B. McFall

Motion of Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC), duly seconded, prevailed that we delay further debate on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee, on the State of the Church, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race," and proceed to the Order of the Day, the India Centennial Presentation, which had previously been ordered.

India Centennial Presentation—Bishop J. Wascom Pickett—Bishop Shot K. Mondol—Verner S. Mumbulo—Adlai C. Holler—Bishop W. Earl Ledden—P. C. Benjamin Balaram

The Order of the Day having arrived, Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, presented Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, who outlined the Program for the India Centennial Presentation, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, Brethren of the Episcopacy, Members of The Judicial Council, Members of The General Conference, and visitors:

As Chairman of the Committee on the Celebration of the Centenary of The Methodist Church in India and Pakistan, it is my happy privilege to call upon a distinguished colleague, Bishop Shot K. Mondol of the Hyberabad area, which is the most rapidly growing section in India Methodism. He is also a Trustee and beloved leader of Inter-Denominational Christianity in India.

Among the many organizations to which he is giving notable leadership are the India Sunday School Union, the National Missionary Society, and the National Christian Council, of each of which he is President.

After Bishop Mondol has spoken will you, Mr. Chairman, kindly recognize Dr. V. S. Mumbulo, Ministerial Member of this body, from the Detroit Annual Conference (NC), to offer a motion, and Dr. Adlai C. Holler, Ministerial Member of the South Carolina Annual Conference (SE), to second it.

After action on the motion these brethren will present, will you please recognize Bishop W. Earl Ledden, President of the Council of Bishops, to receive a letter which Bishop Shot K. Mondol will present, I will then, with your permission, sir, call upon the Reverend P. C. Balaram to read a very short but very important communication.

*Bishop J. Waskom Pickett Presents Bishop Shot K. Mondol
—Address—Presents Gift*

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, presented Bishop Shot K. Mondol, of the Hyderabad Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, who addressed The General Conference, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, my Episcopal Colleagues, Delegates to The General Conference and friends: I very deeply and sincerely appreciate the kind words in which Bishop Pickett has introduced me to you. He is a great missionary and a true friend of India. We in India feel under an everlasting debt of gratitude to him.

This is a high moment for The Methodist Church in Southern Asia. To me, the privilege of making this presentation is a great personal honor.

I hold in my hand in this envelope a promissory note which I have been commissioned to deliver to the President of The Council of Bishops. This promissory note represents the heart-felt desire and the wish of the poor, humble and ordinary people of India to present a gift to The Methodist Church in America.

For a long time we have been recipients of your gifts. For a hundred years you have supported us and our work by your sacrificial gifts. This gift from us is a very humble token of our profound gratitude—a token of our abiding love and Christian fellowship and a token of our deep and sincere appreciation of all that you have done for us.

This morning, at our devotional hour, we sang that great stirring missionary hymn of the Church:

“Give of thy sons, to bear the message glorious,
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way.
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious,
O Zion, haste to bring the brighter day.”

True to the spirit of this hymn, you have sent your sons and your daughters to the far-flung corners of the earth, including India—an

endless line of splendor, and some of your sons and daughters have not only labored in India but they lie buried in the soil of that land, a silent but eloquent tribute to their deathless devotion to Christ and His Kingdom. They fervently believed in the saying, "If God calls you to be a missionary, do not stoop to be a king."

You have unstintingly given of your wealth and given it generously and sacrificially, so that the seed of the gospel might be planted on the Indian continent. You have nurtured this seed with your solicitous care, your vigilant prayer, your deep devotion and unswerving loyalty. And as we come to the turn of the century, we find that that tiny seed has become a mighty tree, under the branches of which nearly 600,000 Methodists have taken shelter. Surely we can say it is the Lord's doing and it is wonderful in our eyes.

We who have been the recipients of so many blessings from you, both temporal and spiritual, come to you this morning with the humble request that you honor us by receiving from us this gift in the spirit in which it is given. It is our hope that this money may be used as a first installment toward the establishment of a Chair in one of the colleges or universities under the auspices of The Methodist Church for the study of Indian Life and Culture. One hundred thousand rupees (approximately \$22,000) is but a drop in the bucket to fulfill such an ambitious project. Our fervent hope is that similar gifts may come from the high-minded people of America for the realization of this great dream.

When the idea of presenting this gift was first mooted, some people looked askance. Giving money to U.S.A.—which is pouring millions of dollars to other countries in foreign aid—why, this is carrying coals to Newcastle! What an absurd idea!

But when the object of this fund was explained to our people, the enthusiasm was tremendous. The doubters and critics were confounded. I shall never forget the gleam, the light, the smile, that lighted up on the faces of the people in the village when the purpose of this gift was explained. After I spoke, seven ill-clad villagers got up and said they would each give one goat to this cause. The Principal of a girls' school, where the students are mostly from poor homes, promised to raise 1000 rupees from her school. The idea caught on; the enthusiasm became infectious. We already have on hand four-fifths of this amount, and there is no doubt that the balance will be subscribed when the time for the Centenary Celebrations arrives in November of this year.

What a high honor and a great privilege it is for me, Mr. President of The Council of Bishops, to present this letter to you containing the pledge and the promise of your fellow Methodists in India, and with it our deep and abiding attention, our lasting gratitude and our love.

The Methodist Church in India is celebrating its Centenary this year. If the record of Methodism has been one of victory and achievement in the past century, it is but a foretaste and a foregleam of greater victory and greater glory that is yet to come to the Prince of Peace, the Savior of mankind, and the Savior of India—Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Motion to Accept Gift—Verner S. Mumbulo—Seconded—
Adlai C. Holler*

Verner S. Mumbulo (Detroit—NC) moved the acceptance of the gift in the following words:—

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of The Conference: This is an exceedingly precious and tender moment for me. Nearly half a century ago, I sat upon the bony knee of a long-haired missionary from India, and in my boyhood enthusiasm I said, "Lord, some day I'll go to India and I'll be a missionary there."

I never did. A few years later there came in the providence of God the inspiration of Bishop Pickett's life and ministry to me, and I shall never soon forget fifteen years ago how he took our baby daughter, then a child of seven or so, away by herself on the edge of a station platform and spread the love and charm of his glorious personality around that little heart, until today when she mentions the name of Bishop Pickett, it sounds like a prayer.

Now, after these years in which I did not go to India, except by proxy, because it has been my privilege and joy to minister to churches that have had tremendous missionary interest, however after all these years, a thing has happened and India is coming back to us, coming to us with the gift of love and the gift of togetherness which we realize in this Conference we so much need. It seems to me this is a symbol, a word that has been suggested today on this platform. This is a symbol of the thing we are really after in our day—togetherness in Jesus Christ.

Bishop, I move, sir, that this Conference accept with profound gratitude to the people of India and to our common God this magnificent gift of their love and of their unity."

The motion was duly seconded by Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE), as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, it is to me a great privilege to stand before you to second this motion of acceptance of this magnificent gift. One of the goals of the Centenary Program of India and Pakistan was to raise a large sum of money, a part of which they now offer to this Conference. They have been truly world-wide in their vision. What a happy day it is when a parent receives a gift from his child. The result of that child's labor, initiative and love.

I have such a gift from my sons, which I pride beyond compare. I feel some of the same pride of the Methodists today when I realize that out of the endeavors of the past we now receive a magnificent sacrificial gift from a member of our beloved family.

I have the honor of having a sister who is a missionary, wife of one of our doctors in Pakistan, and so may God's blessing be upon our loved friends in Pakistan and India as we take the gift. So I second the motion."

The General Conference stood, and applauded, as the motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of thanks.

Bishop W. Earl Ledden Accepts Gift

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of the Syracuse Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, accepted the gift, with the following words:—

It is a moving privilege to accept this gracious and lovely gift from your hands, and from the hearts of your associates in India. There are

some things we cannot cram into words. They break through language and escape. And that is why it seemed to me that the best thing I could do was to stand in silence and to receive this gift as many photographs were taken, for there was a moment that was beyond expression in words.

Think of it, after a century, to have a gift like this to come from the sensitive and generous friends and Brethren of ours in India.

I was thinking about the fact that I had been a pastor of two of the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. William Butler who started out this work a century ago. We had on the walls of our church a photograph of Dr. and Mrs. Butler and somehow the gracious spirit of India seemed to permeate that place. And so, while this is a historic moment, and I think the first time we have received such a gift as this, it is not the first gift that we have received from India.

For a long time now, India has been a living influence in the life and thought and consecration of our common Church. We have received certain insights which we would never have received if they had not come to us through these spiritually-minded Methodists of India. And to have this gift and to have it presented to The Methodist Church for the purpose of understanding something of the culture and the life and the spirit of India is a moving thing, for certainly America needs more understanding. When we talk about the under-privileged and under-developed countries, we are always thinking in terms of material things. There are some things that America lacks, and one of them is understanding of people far away. We put great emphasis upon the Voice of America. It is time for us to be thinking about the Ear of America and to be hearing and to be understanding. And this gracious gift which has been presented to us this morning across the long years ahead will help in the understanding of these dear members of our Methodist Family.

With great emotion and sincerity and a sense of profound obligation, I do represent all of you in accepting this gift from the hands of Bishop Mondol.

Time Extended.

The hour of adjournment approaching, by common consent the time was extended, to complete the India Centennial Presentation, and also to take care of some important matters, needing the attention of The General Conference at this morning's session.

Message from President of India—Bishop H. Waskom Pickett—P. C. Benjamin Balaram

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, next presented P. C. Benjamin Balaram (Delhi—OS), who read a communication (DB-51) from Rajendra Prasad, President of India, The General Conference standing for its reception, as follows:—

Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi,
22nd February, 1956

"I have been asked by the Indian Church to send a

message on the occasion of the Centenary Celebration of The Methodist Church which is being held in Minneapolis, U. S. A., and I have great pleasure in sending my greetings to the Conference.

"In a world where moral and spiritual values are at a low ebb, such a representative gathering is bound to turn men's minds towards God and the Eternal verities.

"The Methodist Church in India has to its credit a lot of humanitarian work in the field of medical relief and care of the neglected. It is India's tradition to appreciate and welcome all humanitarian services without distinction of race or creed and contributions made to Inter-National and Inter-Racial understanding and co-operation.

"I wish the Conference every success.

"/s/Rejendra Prasad
President of the
Republic of India."

Proper Reply Ordered—Lud H. Estes—Adopted

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, duly seconded, prevailed, that the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, in consultation with the Bishops from India, prepare and send an appropriate reply to this State communication.

**Election to World Service and Finance Reconsidered—
Nomination Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Arthur S. Flemming (*)—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Ordered—Lud H. Estes—Don A. Cooke**

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, stated that The Council of Bishops would like to have the action of The General Conference, in the election of Arthur S. Flemming (*) (Ohio—NC), to the General Commission on World Service and Finance, to serve as a member at large, to be reconsidered, in order that he might serve as a member of the General Board of Education, for which his qualifications eminently fit him.

On motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, reconsideration was ordered.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, then presented the nomi-

nation, of The Council of the Bishops, of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC) for membership at large on the General Commission of World Service and Finance.

Motion of Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, confirming the nomination.

Nominations Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Elected and for Record

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the following nominations (DB-52) of The Council of Bishops, for the consideration and action of The General Conference:—

Trustees The Methodist Episcopal Church—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the following nominations for Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, terms to expire 1964:—

H. F. Dornette (*) (Ohio-NC)
Paul Momberg (*) (Ohio-NC)
George O. Kitson (Ohio-NC)
Carroll H. Lewis (North-East Ohio-NC)
Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio-NC)
J. Otis Young (Ohio-NC)

Motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, instructing the Secretary of The General Conference, to cast the vote of The General Conference for the above named Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Vote Cast—Lud H. Estes

In accordance with the above action of The General Conference, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of The General Conference of The Methodist Church for the aforesaid nominees, and, Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, declared the same to have been duly elected Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, terms of office to expire in 1964.

Trustees Methodist Protestant Church—Richard E. Carlyon

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the following

nominations for the Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church:—

Term to expire 1960:—S. Vannort Chapman (*) (Baltimore—NE) to replace Charles Reiner, Jr. (*) deceased.

Terms to expire 1964:—

Frank L. Shaffer (West Virginia-NE)
David J. Wynne (Pittsburgh-NE)
John N. Link (Peninsula-NE)
Paul F. Warner (Baltimore-NE)
George W. Dexter (*) (Baltimore-NE)
Henry O. DeWeese (*) (North Indiana-NC)

Motion of Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska—SC), duly seconded, prevailed directing the Secretary of The General Conference, to cast the vote of the same for the above named nominees.

Vote Cast—Lud H. Estes

In accordance with the above action of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the same for the above named nominees, and, Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, declared the same to have been duly elected Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Executive Committee Methodist Protestant Church—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Ernest W. Peterson (*)

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the following nominations of The Council of Bishops for the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church:—

Term to expire 1960:—George Culberson (*) to replace Harry Shaw (*), deceased.

Terms expiring 1964:—

Cuthbert W. Bates (Western North Carolina-SE)
Roby F. Day (New York East-NE)
Henry O. DeWeese (*) (North Indiana-NC)
Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger (*) (North-East Ohio—NC)
Henry Wells, Jr. (*) (Baltimore—NE)

Motion of Ernest W. Peterson (Oregon—W), duly seconded, prevailed, directing the Secretary of The General Conference to cast the vote of the same for the above named nominees, for the office indicated.

Vote Cast—Lud H. Estes

In accordance with the above directive of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the same for the above named nominees, and Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer, declared the same to have been duly elected as members of the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Board of Missions—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced that The Council of Bishops had nominated the following as members of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, in compliance with the requirements of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 1172-1:—

Bishop John Branscomb (SE)
 Bishop D. Stanley Coors (NC)
 Bishop Dana Dawson (SC)
 Bishop A. Raymond Grant (W)
 Bishop Edgar A. Love (C)
 Bishop Gerald A. Kennedy (W)
 Bishop W. Earl Ledden (NE)
 Bishop William C. Martin (SC)
 Bishop Arthur J. Moore (SE)
 Bishop Frederick B. Newell (NE)
 Bishop H. Clifford Northcott (NC)
 Bishop Glenn R. Phillips (W)
 Bishop Richard C. Raines (NC)
 Bishop Marshall R. Reed (NC)
 Bishop Roy H. Short (SE)
 Bishop A. Frank Smith (SC)
 Bishop W. Angie Smith (SC)
 Bishop Hazen G. Werner (NC)

Over Seas Bishops

Bishop Newell S. Booth (OS)
 Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri (OS)
 Bishop Odd Hagen (OS)
 Bishop Shot K. Mondol (OS)
 Bishop Jose L. Valancia (OS)
 Bishop Ralph A. Ward (OS)

Laymen at Large, nominated by The Council of Bishops; to be elected by the General Board of Missions, in compliance with the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 1172-3:—

George H. Atkinson (California-Nevada-W)
 Russell J. Bauer (Philadelphia-NE)
 L. A. Beeghly (North-East Ohio-NC)

William E. Broadhurst (Oklahoma-SC)
 James T. Buckley (Philadelphia-NE)
 J. H. Calvert (Nebraska-SC)
 Truman W. Collins (Oregon-W)
 Ralph M. Dunn (Northwest Indiana-NC)
 R. W. Fair (Texas-SC)
 B. Tyndale Fooks (Little Rock-SC)
 W. G. Giles (Louisville-SE)
 William A. Love (Central West-C)
 Wandell M. Mooney (Newark-NE)
 Guy W. Oliver, Sr. (Mississippi-C)
 Joe J. Perkins (North Texas-SC)
 Andrew H. Phelps (Pittsburgh-NE)
 H. W. Pittman (North Georgia-SE)
 Victor Reuther (Detroit-NC)
 Littell Rust (Tennessee-SE)
 William Sander (Pacific Northwest-W)
 Aura C. Severinghaus (New York East-NE)
 Hampton D. Smith (South Carolina-C)
 W. Jasper Smith (North Carolina-SE)
 George V. Steed (Southern California-Arizona-W)
 Harold S. Vincent (Wisconsin-NC)
 Charles L. Wheeler (Colorado-W)
 Clarence M. Winchester (North Carolina-C)

Board of Education—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced the following elections by The Council of Bishops to the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, in compliance with the requirements of Paragraph 1326, 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church:—

Bishop John W. E. Bowen (C)
 Bishop Charles W. Brashares (NC)
 Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. (C)
 Bishop Fred P. Corson (NE)
 Bishop F. Gerald Ensley (NC)
 Bishop Marvin A. Franklin (SE)
 Bishop Paul N. Garber (SE)
 Bishop Willis J. King (C)
 Bishop John Wesley Lord (NE)
 Bishop Donald H. Tippet (W)
 Bishop Edwin E. Voigt (NC)
 Bishop William T. Watkins (SE)
 Bishop H. Bascom Watts (SC)
 Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke (NE)

Three Bishops to be elected by Jurisdictional Conferences:—

(Elected at their Jurisdictional Conferences)

Bishop Eugene M. Frank (SC)
 Bishop Nolan B. Harmon (SE)
 Bishop Bachman G. Hodge (SE)

Members nominated at large by The Council of Bishops; to be elected by the General Board of Education:—

Chester M. Alter (*) (Colorado-W)
John K. Benton (*) (Tennessee-SE)
James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia-C)
Ira A. Brumley (North Arkansas-SC)
H. M. Clark (*) (Pittsburgh-NE)
Arthur S. Flemming (*) (Ohio-NC)
Claude Garrison (Ohio-NC)
Mrs. Lester Rumble (*) (North Georgia-SE)
Hoover Rupert (Michigan-NC)
Willis M. Tate (*) (North Texas-SC)
Earl V. Tolley (Wyoming-NE)
Daniel D. Walker (Oregon-W)
Arthur S. Flemming (*) (Ohio-NC)

Rural Life Committee—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced the following appointments of The Council of Bishops to the Rural Life Committee, in compliance with the requirements of Paragraph 1230-1 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church:—

Bishop John Wesley Lord (NE)
A Bishop to be elected by the Southeastern Jurisdiction. (Bishop Nolan B. Harmon)
Bishop Edgar A. Love (C)
Bishop H. Bascom Watts (SC)
Bishop Edwin E. Voigt (NC)
Bishop A. Raymond Grant (W)

No. 2 Committee of Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, was recognized, and reporting for the Committee of Chairmen moved the following schedule of operations for The General Conference:—

First—That the following Orders of the Day be established:—

(a) Consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing for Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences from One Jurisdiction to Another," DCA No. 6, page 244, column 2, and of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System," DCA No. 6, page 244, column 3 and page 245, column 1, for Wednesday morning, May 2, 1956, following consideration of and action

on the pending Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race," *DCA* No. 5, page 198, columns 2 and 3, and a brief Report from the Commission on Family Life.

(b) Consideration of and action on Reports No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, *DCA* No. 3, page 31, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 32, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 33, columns 1, 2 and 3; and of Report No. 3 of the Co-ordinating Council, *DCA* No. 4, page 31, columns 2 and 3, immediately following recess on Wednesday morning, May 2, 1956.

(c) On Thursday morning, May 3, following Reports from the Standing Administrative Committees, the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, pages 199 to 214 inclusive and *DCA* No. 8, page 350, column 3.

2. That The General Conference order a regular business session for Wednesday evening, May 2, 1956, to begin at 7:45 P.M.

3. That The General Conference order an afternoon and evening business session for Thursday, May 3, 1956 and Friday, May 4, 1956.

The motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted.

Statement—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Carolina—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, it is necessary for me to make an additional statement. Following these recommendations which you have accepted, this will almost require that the Committee work be completed tomorrow, Wednesday. The Standing Legislative Committee Chairmen were of the opinion that if the Committee members work faithfully today and tomorrow all of the Reports from the Standing Legislative Committees can get onto the Calendar. The business is not far enough along as yet, we feel, to suggest a possible time for adjournment, but we are keeping in mind that you want the business to move along smoothly, yet not so rapidly as to feel under too much pressure when these very important and somewhat divisive issues come before us. So we hope we shall have some statement to make a little later on.

Conscientious Objectors—Referred to Committee on State of the Church—John E. Marvin—Adopted

John E. Marvin (Detroit—NC) presented a statement (DB-53) from the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches on Conscientious Objectors, and moved its refer-

ence, without reading, to the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church. The motion to refer, duly seconded, was adopted, and the paper referred to the Standing Committee on the State of the Church.

Nos. 9 and 10 Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner—Adopted

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, presented Reports Nos. 9 and 10 of the Committee, and they were adopted as follows:—

“Your Committee is pleased to announce for Reports Nos. 9 and 10, that the Presiding Officer at the session of Wednesday morning, May 2, 1956, will be Bishop Fred P. Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and that the Presiding Officer for Wednesday evening's session, May 2, 1956, will be Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the Pittsburgh Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. Hughes Wagner, Chairman
William R. Cannon, Secretary

Thanks—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott

Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, the Presiding Officer of the morning, thanked the members of The General Conference for their courtesies and help.

Announcements—Leon T. Moore—Lud H. Estes

Various announcements were made by Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate, and Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary.

Closing and Benediction—Bishop Edgar A. Love

The morning session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, of Tuesday, May 1, adjourned at 12:45 P.M., with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Edgar A. Love, of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction, with further consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on State of the Church, Subject, “The Methodist Church and Race,” *DCA* No. 5, page 198, columns 2 and 3, pending.

SEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1956 EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Pursuant to adjournment, The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the Seventh Day, Tuesday, May 1, 1956 at 8 P.M. in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in the Chair for the observance of "India Night," commemorating the first one hundred years of the work of The Methodist Church in Southern Asia.

Hymn—Bishop Arthur J. Moore—James R. Houghton ()*

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, the Presiding Officer, announced the India Centennial Hymn, "Church of the Living God." Under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, The General Conference joined heartily in its singing of the Hymn.

Prayer—Bishop Clement D. Rockey

Bishop Clement D. Rockey, of the Lucknow Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, led in prayer.

Remarks—Bishop Arthur J. Moore—Presents Mrs. F. G. Brooks ()—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett*

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, the Presiding Officer, briefly addressed The General Conference and then presented Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC) brought a stirring message for the occasion.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett Presented—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, the Presiding Officer, next presented Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, who briefly outlined the India Centennial Program, which was rendered as follows:—

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

Centenary, 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.

Grace and Wood Whetstone

Robert Kauffman

Church of the Living God, A light to all the nations,
We thank Thee for Thy care, Through all the generations.
Through conflicts and despair Thy truth hath shown the way.
With hearts made bold to serve We come unto this day.

Church of the Living God, That fainteth not nor sleepeth,
New hope for the oppressed And joy for him that weepeth:
These are thy gifts to men Who tread on toilsome ways,
To lighten loads of care And fill their hearts with praise.

Church of the Living God, His great compassion showing,
To bodies racked with pain A healing balm bestowing:
Come, light the darkened mind And set the spirit free.
Show forth the love of God, Man's true security.

Church of the Living God, Amid the storms impending,
Speak to our anxious hearts, Earth's bitter woes transcending.
O may we find in thee That fellowship sublime,
Of souls made one in Him, Who knows not race nor time.

Church of the Living God, Thy past hath been victorious.
Thy future all unknown His presence shall make glorious.
O lead us ever on Through darkness, doubts or fears.
Proclaim, exalt, reveal The Lord of all the years. Amen.

Alternate tune—Nun Danket.

FIFTH GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Methodist Church

Minneapolis, Minnesota—1956

The Methodist Church of Southern Asia
presents

INDIA NIGHT

May 1, 1956

“Live for a Hundred Years”

The India Centenary Pageant

by

Dorothy Clarke Wilson



DONALD STOLZ, *Director*

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DONALD EBRIGHT, *Organizing Secretary for Centenary*

HAROLD EHRENSPERGER, *Advisor*

THE PAGEANT

Narrators: Rupert La Belle, Arle Haeberle

India Mother: Florence Philip

The Speech Choir: Students of Hamline University, directed
by Beverley Bond

The Indian Chorus and Orchestra: The Indian Centenary
Choir, directed by Victor Sherring

Orchestra directed by Elijah Joshua

The Pageant Orchestra: Directed by Willard Peterson

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Prelude

Episode One

*Beginnings of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia—
New York, 1855—Bareilly, 1856.*

Dr. Durbin
William Butler
Mrs. Butler
Colonel Troup
Lieutenant Gowan
Maria Bolst

Joel Janvier
Members of Rev. Butler's first
congregation
Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey
Mr. and Mrs. Pierce

Interlude

Episode Two

The Woman's Missionary Society

SCENE 1—Tremont Methodist Church, Boston, 1869.

Founding Members: Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Flanders,
Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Kingsbury, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Stoddard,
Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Twombly, and others.

Dr. Durbin
Isabella Thoburn
Dr. Clara Swain

SCENE 2—London, Bareilly, Lucknow

Customs Inspector	St. Thomas
The Nawab of Rampore	*Dr. Irene Dutt
An Interpreter	Students from Isabella
An Indian Gentleman	Thoburn College

Interlude

Episode Three

The Growth of the Methodist Church in India and Pakistan

SCENE 1—Organizational Growth

Bishop Thompson	Bishop Hurst
Conference Secretary	Bishop Robinson
Joel Janvier	Bishop Warne
Zahur-ul Haqq	Bishop Chitambar
Henry M. Daniel	*Bishop Rockey
Joseph Fieldbrave	*Bishop Mondol
William Butler	*Bishop Subhan
James Thoburn	*Bishop Pickett
William Taylor	

SCENE 2—Evangelism: A Roundtable Conference—A Village Council—The Indian Preacher

Dr. E. Stanley Jones
A Villager, Ram Durga
Members of Roundtable
An Indian Pastor
Members of Indian Village Council

Interlude

Episode Four

Methodism in a Changing World

An Indian Teacher	St. Thomas
Crusade Scholars	Delegates and Missionaries
An Agricultural Worker	from India and Pakistan
A Rural Health Worker	

* Played by persons whose names appear.

PROGRAM NOTES

The shawl worn by Mrs. Butler in Episode One, Scene 1, is the original garment purchased by Dr. Butler for 25 rupees (\$6.25). It is on loan to the Pageant through the courtesy of the W.S.C.S. through Mrs. Gilbert LeSourd.

The following poems, interpreted by the Speech Choir, are taken from "The Cross Is Lifted," by Chandran Devanesen :

"O India, Mother, why the tears?" from "Mother India."

"Art Thou a stranger to my country?" from "Advent."

"Have you not heard about Him, O my brothers?" from "Christ of the Indian Road."

"Two thousand years have slipped by," from "The Cross Is Lifted."

Credits

The Pageant Committee wishes to express its gratitude for the fine co-operation of the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church both through members and friends of the church involved in the production and also in the use of its facilities. Nancy Fowler has been responsible for the assembling of properties.

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Celebrating its Centenary in 1956, The Methodist Church in Southern Asia has sent an eighteen-voice choir to the United States. Recruited from among 500,000 Methodists, these young students and teachers come as ambassadors of good will. Each plays an instrument and half are trained in Indian classical dancing. Following a six-month tour in India they came to the U.S.A. where they are on tour until August when they will enter colleges for a year of graduate work. They will return to India in 1957.

Celebrating 100 years of
Methodism in India and
Pakistan
1856-1956



"Fear not, little flock; for it is
your Father's good pleasure to
give you the kingdom"

. at
The General Conference of The Methodist Church
Minneapolis, Minn., May 1, 1956

Program Prepared by the Central Centenary Committee
of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia

OUR GRATITUDE

The Methodists of India and Pakistan salute you.

We are celebrating together a hundred years of Methodist history in Southern Asia. We are grateful to you for joining with us this evening in giving thanks for the past and in our hopes and prayers for the future. You represent a large company who have helped make possible our life in Christ and we are confident that you will continue with us in witnessing about our Lord to our countrymen.

We number 542,734 in India and 40,427 in Pakistan. We have happy relations with those among whom we live and with our Governments. Our right to worship God as our consciences direct is acknowledged by most of our fellow citizens and is protected by law. We are encouraged to serve the public welfare by maintaining schools, hospitals and other institutions. We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ without hindrance and are encouraged by the response of many of our countrymen.

We have been greatly helped by our countries' simultaneous achievement of Independence in 1947. Before that we were handicapped by a wide-spread disposition to regard our faith as foreign and ourselves as dependents of an alien government. Even now some of our neighbors persist in regarding us and our faith with disfavor but time and the law are on our side. When some have attempted to interfere with our rights the nations' trusted leaders have come to our defence.

We rejoice in the record our Church has made in its first hundred years in Southern Asia. A few of its many notable accomplishments are: (1) Bringing to Southern Asia the first lady missionary doctor, (2) Opening the first Hospital for women and children, (3) Founding the first modern College for Women on this sub-continent, (4) Starting the first Tuberculosis Sanatorium, (5) Bringing to these countries the first Missionary Public Health Doctor and the first Public Health Nurse. (6) Establishing the first Psychiatric Center under Christian auspices with a missionary and a national psychiatrist and psychiatric nurse, (7) Originating the Inter-Mission Business Office that now assists most Church and Mission organizations in their foreign exchange and internal financial transactions, (8) Introducing physiotherapy in the rehabilitation of Tuberculosis patients and (9) Loaning the first full-time Audio-Visual worker to the National Christian Council of India.

OUR HOPES

We look to the future with confidence. Our greatest days are ahead. The first quarter of our second century should bring larger growth and more fruitful service than any quarter of our first century. We propose to put emphasis in the immediate future upon:

(1) Strengthening local Churches by better training for Church membership, by extending the organization of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and the Methodist Youth and Young Adult Fellowships, by beginning the organization of Methodist Men and by building Churches at an accelerated rate, (2) Extending Christian Education by improving our Sunday Schools, our Program for the elimination of illiteracy, promoting the regular study of the Bible, increasing the number of selected boys and girls from Christian homes who attend our Boarding Schools (doubling, if possible, the number of scholarships while continuing to increase income from Indian sources for this purpose) and greatly improving the facilities for education in our schools and colleges.

(3) The Healing Ministry. Our Hospitals, Leprosy Homes and Tuberculosis Sanatoria are essential expressions of the spirit of Christ in our countries. They confirm and commend the Gospel to our own people especially the sons and daughters of Christian homes and to our neighbors of other faiths, or of no faith.

(4) By fighting against poverty. Many of our members have come from very poor families. Others have had to leave all their worldly possessions in order to become Christians. We are concerned that all of our members should be saved from the devastating effects of involuntary poverty. And we are conscious of a Divine Imperative to help others besides our members. We cannot be indifferent to poverty within our ranks or among any of God's people whatever their creed.

The Program we formulate must of necessity be too big for our resources of men and money. We hope our Governments will allow us to obtain help from you and that God will grant that our united efforts will bring results that will please Him.

Be assured that not only we who are Methodists in India and Pakistan, but vast numbers of others in our countries appreciate the work that you and your associates and your predecessors in the Church have done for our countries. We and they share your passion for peace and your dream of the Kingdom of God established throughout the world of men.

EIGHTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the session of the Eighth Day, Wednesday, May 2, 1956 in the Municipal Auditorium of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction in the Chair, who announced that the devotional service of the morning would be conducted by Bishop John W. Branscomb, of the Jacksonville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Devotions—Hymn No. 378—Bishop John W. Branscomb—James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop John W. Branscomb announced Hymn No. 378, "Walk In The Light." The General Conference, under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Prayer for Missions—Bishop John W. Branscomb

Turning to page 515 of the Hymnal, The General Conference joined with Bishop John W. Branscomb in the recital of the "Prayer for Missions."

Scripture Lesson—Hymn—Benediction—Bishop John W. Branscomb

Bishop John W. Branscomb read the Scripture lesson from Isaiah 40:1-9, and brought the message of the morning from the theme, "Taking the Wilderness for Christ."

At the close of the message Bishop John W. Branscomb announced, and The General Conference, under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, joined in singing Hymn No. 268, "Are Ye Able," after which Bishop John W. Branscomb closed the service with prayer and the Benediction.

Business Session—Bishop Fred P. Corson

At the close of the Devotional Service, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, called The General Conference to order in the business

session of the Eighth Day, Wednesday, May 2, 1956, with further consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race," found in *DCA* No. 5, page 198, columns 2 and 3, pending.

No. 4 Journal—Ethan W. Dodgen

Ethan W. Dodgen (North Arkansas—SC) presented Report No. 4 (DB-54) for the Standing Administrative Committee on Journal and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:—

"The Committee has examined the Journal for Tuesday, May 1, 1956, and finds it to be correct."

(Signed) George B. Ahn (*) Chairman
R. Merrill Power, Secretary

No. 8 Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, reported four matters, as follows:—

First—Cablegram from Okinawa—Secretary to Reply

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following cablegram (DB-55) from the Church of Christ in Okinawa:—

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L. T. BRUMBAUGH BOARD OF MISSIONS METHODIST GEN-
ERAL CONFERENCE MINNEAPOLIS

Church of Christ leaders and Methodist Missionaries in Okinawa send greetings and pray for God's guidance of Conference.

(Signed) Walter W. Krider

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, prevailed, directing the Secretary to make appropriate reply.

Second—Letter from Poland—Reply Ordered

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented a letter (DB-56) from Josef Naumiuk, as follows:—

Warazawa, dnia April 4, 1956

To The General Conference of
The Methodist Church at Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.
% Reverend Lud H. Estes,
1669 North Parkway, Memphis 12, Tennessee

Dear Bishops, Superintendents, Ministers and Lay Delegates:—

The world is in the hands of the living God, whose will for it is wholly good. In Christ Jesus, who lived and died and rose from the dead, God has broken the power of evil once for all, and opened for everyone the gate into freedom and joy in the Holy Spirit; and the end of history will be the triumph of His Kingdom, where we alone shall understand how much God has loved the world. This is God's unchanging Word to you all and to the world.

Millions of our fellow-men have never heard it. As you meet there from many lands, we pray God to stir up our whole Church to make this Gospel known to the whole world, and to call on all men to believe in Christ, to live in this love and to help for His coming. Till the day of His final victory our lives are hid with Christ in God, and no earthly disillusion or distress or power of hell can separate us from Him!

On behalf of all Methodists in Poland I send you heartily greetings and wish you God's blessings in all your debates.

(Signed) Joseph Naumiuk

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, directed the Secretary to make an appropriate reply.

Requests—James R. Houghton ()—The Council of Bishops*

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges stated that the Committee had had two urgent requests:—

First—A solo by James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music.

Second—That at the convenience of The General Conference, The Council of Bishops to sing, rehearsed or unrehearsed.

No. 6 Credentials—Elmer E. Mathews (*)

Elmer E. Mathews (*) (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee and moved its adoption and printing in *The Daily Christian Advocate*, without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 1200.

Rules—A. Wesley Pugh

A Report from the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order was called for. A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Committee stated there was no Report at this time.

Report No. 3 Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

The Committee desires me to say that the business of The Committees is well advanced for this time in The General Conference. We feel we have made good progress up to this point. We shall have a meeting at the conclusion of the session this morning and depending upon the state of our business at this time, we hope that we shall have a recommendation for at least a target date of adjournment. Not later than tomorrow morning, perhaps even this evening, we might suggest a time for our adjournment.

Speeches Limited—A. Wesley Pugh

On motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the following Resolution was adopted:—

Be It Resolved, That from this time forward, until The Conference business is completed, speeches shall be limited to five minutes, except in the case of a Chairman presenting a Report, who shall be allowed ten minutes. The same privilege shall be extended to the leader of a Minority Report. We request that the Presiding Officer indicate when a speaker has come to within one minute of the expiration of his time.

Ballot for Judicial Council Members—A. Wesley Pugh

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded prevailed, that the business of The General Conference be interrupted at noon for the purpose of taking a ballot for Members of The Judicial Council, and that subsequent ballots, if necessary, shall be taken at such times as The General Conference shall select, upon recommendation of the Committee of Chairmen.

Memorials Processed—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, stated that Memorial No. 4986 had been processed, and that all Memorials in the office of the Secretary were now in the hands of the Standing Legislative Committees.

Order of Day—Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Fred P. Corson—Report No. 1, State of the Church—Charles C. Parlin (*)

The Order of the Day having arrived, the continuation of the consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Stand-

ing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race," DCA No. 5, page 198, columns 2 and 3, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, stated the parliamentary situation as follows:—

May the Chair state the parliamentary situation as he understands it? We are now under an amendment to the paragraph which begins, "There must be no place in The Methodist Church for racial discrimination," and, if you wish it, the Secretary will read the amendment. Do you wish to have the amendment read? I assume that you are all familiar with that amendment. Let us bear in mind that that is the matter before us for discussion at this time.

Statement—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, was recognized, and made the following statement:—

"In order to clarify the matter, and as a privilege to this body, I ask the floor for W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), who has presented the motion now before us, for a statement, and then that the Committee be allowed to state its position with reference thereto."

Rephrased Amendment—W. Sproule Boyd

W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) was recognized, and moved to delete the second sentence of the third paragraph of Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race," DCA No. 5, page 198, column 2, which reads as follows:—

"Recognizing that we have not yet attained this goal, we rejoice in the progress made."

and substituting therefor the following rephrased version (DB-57) of his original amendment, which reads as follows:—

"Recognizing that we have not attained this goal, yet rejoicing in the progress made, we recommend that discrimination or segregation by any method or practice, whether by Conference structure or otherwise in The Methodist Church, be abolished with reasonable speed."

The original amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) presented on Tuesday morning, May 1, 1956, read as follows:—

"Recognizing that we shall not have attained this goal so long as we have within the organizational structure of our Church a Jurisdictional Conference based on race, rather than on geography, we nevertheless rejoice in the progress that has been made."

W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman, if this is agreeable to the man who seconded it, I believe it was W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE), and the Chairman of the Committee, then I should like to say just a word or two in addition.”

Question—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

May the Chair ask the Chairman of the Committee whether or not the Committee is willing to accept this rephrasing of the amendment?

Reply—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, replied as follows:—

I would like to have the position of the Committee reported to you by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee which handled this, although it was passed upon by the entire Committee yesterday, Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC).

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Now, I understand that the Committee is willing to accept this wording but the amendment is in the hands of the body, and if there is some objection to it we will have to put the vote. Is there any objection to permitting the Committee to accept this rewording?

I hear none. Therefore, Dr. Bosley, you have the floor.

Statement—Harold A. Bosley—W. Sproule Boyd

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, dealing with this particular phase of the Report, made the following statement:—

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee on the State of the Church spent the better part of two hours after conference with W. Sproule Boyd, and in line with his suggestion trying to bring in a statement which we felt would be fair to the content and the intent of his amendment, and reflect also the great feeling on the part of this body that we wanted to say something as precise and as definite as we could in this area in line with principle.

I should like simply to report to you that a Sub-Committee of seven accepted this phrasing unanimously and that the entire Committee on the State of the Church, after hearing it read and discuss-

ing it, accepted it unanimously; so it comes to you with that support.

W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I think this is a stronger yet perhaps a more acceptable statement than the one which I originally presented. I have conferred with several persons, some on the Committee and some others, persons whose judgment I regard very highly, and they, too, believe that it is a more acceptable statement. My deepest convictions about this matter are, of course, unchanged but neither did I yesterday nor do I today have any desire to offend the conscience of anyone in The Methodist Church or any section of The Methodist Church. I trust I will be believed when I say that I was as critical of myself and of my own Conference and my own section of the country as of anyone anywhere.

I feel that all of us, not the South or the North, or the East, or the West, but all of us who are under the judgment of God are in this matter together. With the help of God we must find the solution together.

I think this statement with this proposed amendment as now phrased makes progress and I hope it will be approved, and for the good of all concerned I hope the Report as now amended will be approved speedily.

Amendment Accepted—Harold A. Bosley

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, preparing this part of the Report, accepted the proposed, rephrased amendment of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Let the Chair state the situation as he understands it. The Committee has accepted this rewording as a part of the paper and there was no objection from the floor. Therefore, it becomes now a part of the main motion and we are under the main motion for discussion. It does not cut off debate. It simply eliminates an amendment.

Amendment—Donald E. Holbrook ()—Not Adopted*

Donald A. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) moved to amend the Report by adding (DB-58) at the close of the Report DCA No. 5, page 198, column 3, the following:—

“7. We personally commit ourselves to activate these Resolutions and, by the help of God, will labor for Christian Brotherhood in our beloved Church and to free it from racial discrimination and segregation.”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) spoke to the proposed amendment as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: To my mind we have in this position of the Church three provisions: First, we state certain truths of which we all agree; second, we make recommendations, and this amendment which I have made is the last, the commitment. I would like to liken it to something that I am very close to, and that is teaching of a Sunday School class. I have a high school class back in Michigan, and when I state to my class that belief in God is necessary and belief in his Son, Jesus Christ, is necessary, and when I say that these are truths that we accept in the Christian Church, that is fine. When I say that all Christians should come to that realization and belief, that is another good thing, that is the recommendation; but I say there is one lacking, and that is for me to say, "I believe." That is the point of my amendment. I think this Conference made up of these members representing all the churches of The Methodist Church should come in here and say, "We believe and we will exhibit that belief, that faith in what we have said, by adhering to those principles by our daily lives and what we have to do in life to make them possible and a realization."

Against Amendment—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, replied as follows:—

It was our feeling that that is incorporated in the statement as it exists and that it is inherent in the statement which shall be issued by this Conference. There is nothing here at all inconsistent or in conflict with the statement as it exists, and if I might say just this word, there is merit in having as brief and as terse a statement as possible. We were urged by those who know to confine our statement to one or two paragraphs that would really state the case.

I am not authorized by the Committee to accept this. It is not inconsistent. We feel it is redundant, that already the principle is stated.

Amendment—Donald E. Holbrook ()—Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—John W. McKelvey—Mrs. Loretta L. Warlow ()—Not Adopted*

John W. McKelvey (Philadelphia—NE) moved to amend the Report by adding at the close of Item 1, DCA No. 5, page 198, column 3 (DB-59) the following words:—

"and beginning under God's guidance to put these policies and practices into effect."

The motion of John W. McKelvey (Philadelphia—NE)

being duly seconded by Mrs. D. Chester (Loretta L.) Warlow (*) (Philadelphia—NE), he spoke to the same as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: Excellent as these recommendations in this statesmanlike Report are, they do not sufficiently answer the question tugging at our hearts, What shall we do now, and how?

If I sense the mood of the Church-at-large, it is sincerely the mood of my own congregation in Lansdowne, not the ambiguous hypocrisy of the ancient Pharisees who by shrewd mental footwork sought only to evade the weightier matters of the law, but rather the humble, chastened cry of the Philippian jailer, "Sirs, what then shall we do?"

It will of course be proper to begin with repentance, but our repentance will need to be spelled out with deeds and spirit meet for repentance.

The world around us is waiting not only for directives but for the right leadership in our directives. We are today as watchmen on the ramparts of the Kingdom who have no choice but to speak with no uncertain voice.

We do not propose to begin this stupendous undertaking as though in our wisdom and with the power of our right hand we can resolve the impasse before us. It is written, "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Even so, the world is looking to us with the muted longing of the oppressed and the bewildered and is saying, "Watchman, what of the night?"

And we must make answer. We must not shadowbox with this Apollyn of our age, this monster of racialism. We must grapple valiantly and now, but under God's guidance, with this power of darkness in whatever place it lurks. We must affirm here our unswerving loyalty to that truth in Christ which makes us free, beginning in our schools of learning, our Church Agencies and institutions, our churches, and our hearts.

In affirming this allegiance we need to rise therefore above the mandates of our Courts to a higher perspective and see that we stand as a Church under the sovereign judgments of Almighty God. It is He who has made us Brothers, and it is He who would set us in right relationship in His good time with each other and with Himself.

It is not only the eyes of The Methodist Church, but the eyes of 20 centuries that look down upon us at this moment wondering wistfully whether we possess the love and grace to fulfill our Christian destiny as we ought, or whether we shall totter under the irrevocable judgment, "Mene, Mene, tekel, upharsin: Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting." God forbid! Who knows but what this General Conference has come to the Kingdom for just a time as this?

I move, Mr. Chairman, the adoption of this amendment.

Against Amendment—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, replied as follows:—

The Committee finds nothing here inconsistent with its statement. In fact, it feels that it is already covered, and that additional verbiage

which is repetitious in form weakens rather than strengthens the statement. We therefore are not in a position to accept.

Amendment—John W. McKelvey—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of John W. McKelvey (Philadelphia—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference was not adopted.

Question—Thomas O. Prewitt

Thomas O. Prewitt (Mississippi—SE) asked the following question:—

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Parlin, Members of The Conference: I would like to inquire of the Chairman of this Committee if, when this Report is adopted, it will be mandatory on all ministers to observe the principles here involved?

Just one further word before he answers the question. At the beginning of the paragraphs numbered 1, 2, 3, and so on, it says, "In this spirit we recommend . . ." The Committee seems to be recommending to this Conference. If this Report is adopted will it be just recommended to the ministers of the Church and others, or will it become a mandatory thing? I think The Conference ought to know that before we vote.

Reply—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, replied, as follows:—

Being a lawyer I struggled with the word "mandatory."

Further Question—Thomas O. Prewitt

Thomas O. Prewitt (Mississippi—SE) asked a further question, as follows:—

"Will it be a requirement?"

Reply—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, replied as follows:—

No. I would say, speaking now as a lawyer, that a recommendation of this General Conference is what it means. We are not a military Church. We cannot order our members. The order is the "*Discipline*," under which our preachers serve. This comes to them as a recommendation of this body, and their conscience and the "*Discipline*" must be their mandatory guides.

Question—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, asked the following question:—

"Is the question answered, Dr. Prewitt?"

Reply—Thomas O. Prewitt

Thomas O. Perwitt (Mississippi—SE) replied, as follows:—

My reasons for asking this question are that I think this does come in the realm of conscience. In that realm nobody has any power over anybody else's conscience. If that is the intent of this Report, then I think that would cast a new light on it, for me. But if it is not, I would have to vote against the Report.

Previous Question Ordered On Entire Report—Henry M. Cox (*) Ordered

Henry Miot Cox (*) (Nebraska—SC) moved the Previous Question on the entire Report. The motion for the Previous Question, being duly seconded, prevailed, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of The General Conference, and the Previous Question was ordered.

Charles C. Parlin (*) Closes Debate—Report Adopted

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, in closing the debate for Standing Committee, stated that the Report has been before The General Conference for two days, and must be understood, and that he commended it to The General Conference for their action.

Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, Subject, "The Methodist Church and Race," DCA No. 5, page 198, columns 2 and 3 was adopted, as amended. For Report see page 1692.

Report In Discipline of 1956—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, duly seconded, prevailed, directing that Report No. 1 of the Committee be printed in the 1956 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

No. 1 Sifting Committee Resolution—Bruce L. Middaugh—Adopted

Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Sifting Committee, presented the following Resolution (DB-60), with the request that, if seconded, Gaither P. Warfield (Virginia—SE) be permitted to speak to the same for three minutes:—

Whereas, The Methodist Church has always been sensitive to humanitarian need and suffering; and

Whereas, Methodists have a Denominational responsibility in the plight of thousands of Chinese refugees who have fled in recent years their homeland; and

Whereas, the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 in its present form has not brought adequate relief to this particular group;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That The General Conference of The Methodist Church assembled at Minneapolis, Minnesota, respectfully requests the Congress of the United States at its present session to revise the above-mentioned legislation so as to make available at least 5000 additional United States visas under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 for Chinese refugees residing in Hong Kong and other consular areas in the Far East.

(Signed) Gaither P. Warfield,
Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief

The Resolution, being duly seconded, Gaither P. Warfield (Virginia—SE), Director Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, spoke as follows:—

Members of The Conference: The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief had not planned to bring to this General Conference any statement regarding our Refugee Program. Our Church has responded so magnificently to our appeal that it now looks as if we shall attain our goal of assisting 5000 persons to enter this country.

An emergency, however, has arisen since this General Conference has assembled, which we believe deserves your attention. On Monday of this week the Department of State was forced to refuse any additional assurance for Chinese Refugees.

The present Refugee Relief Act of 1953 permits the granting of 5000 visas to such Refugees, in two categories. The first category of visas of 3000 was cut off early in this year. Four thousand visas under the total of 5000 have already been granted; 12,832 assurances have been sent to the consular offices overseas; 17,796 applicants have applied for migration.

Unless some revision of the present law permitting re-distribution of unused quotas is adopted, thousands of worthy Chinese will be denied a visa.

The Methodist Church has always had a tremendous stake in the thousands of Chinese Refugees who have fled their Communist homeland. They now eke out a precarious existence in Hong Kong, Singapore and other communities of the Far East. Bishop Ralph Ward and other Methodist leaders from this part of the world inform us that a large number of Methodists with sterling qualities are in these groups. They deserve our support.

Tomorrow the Sub-Committee on Refugees and Escapees of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate will meet in hearings to revise the present law. We do not ask for any increase in the number of visas. We simply ask through this Resolution a re-assignment of unused quotas, so that our Chinese brethren will not be forgotten. We believe this Resolution, if accepted by you, will play a determining role in assisting these Chinese. Therefore, we ask your support.

The Resolution, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted. See Appendix, page 1399.

Order of the Day—Report 1, Conferences—“Constitutional Amendment Providing For Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction to Another”—C. Cooper Bell—Leonard D. Slutz (*)—Nolan B. Harmon—Lance Webb

(Note:—For No. 2 see page 481.)

The Order of the Day having arrived, consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, “Constitutional Amendment Providing for Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction to Another,” Calendar No. 43, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 2, C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences presented Report No. 1 to The General Conference, with the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I do not think that in all of my life have I stood before this or any other group of human beings with a higher note of thanksgiving to God than is in my heart at this moment.

Just this morning your Committee on Conferences met for an hour. God has been with us. God has worked a miracle. In The Conference as I stand before you today there is no North, there is no South, there is no East, there is no West, there is no Northeast, Central or anything else. We have stood there united as the servants of Almighty God.

I sincerely say to you that if you will pass these suggestions from this Committee as we have done, and in the spirit in which we have done, we shall go away from here a united Methodist Church, stronger than ever before.

In that Committee for now the better part of a week, every phase of this proposition has been before us. Hour after hour has been spent in discussing it. And I want to say to you that if that Committee could but be the symbol of The Methodist Church, we stand upon a rock, that no power on earth can cause a schism in our Church. We are here the children of Almighty God.

I want to say that it is the general feeling of this Committee that the positions to which we have arrived we are accrediting to the presence of the Holy Spirit. We have not done it. We have prayed for an understanding of the mind of God, and we believe God has revealed that mind.

I ask you today to consider these Reports in the same spirit that we are presenting them to you, united in a marvelous way.

Before the Chairman of the Sub-Committees reads one or two items to you, let me call your attention to this: On these Amendments that are before you, printed in the *Advocate*, you will see that there the vote was unanimous. There is another Amendment that will be proposed this morning. It was unanimous with only one refraining vote.

You will notice in that second Report on the Commission that we are suggesting to you and recommending that you establish, the vote there was 68 in the affirmative, only 8 in the negative and only 2 not voting.

We stand together as the servants of The Methodist Church, with the nail-pierced hands of the Son of God, and my prediction is that

when you have voted the Reports we shall all encircle the Cross of Christ as a band of Brothers and Sisters and go out as a united Methodist Church to win the world for Jesus Christ. I feel that that is our spirit.

I am very happy to present to you at this moment Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), who is a member of our Committee and the Chairman of a Sub-Committee, who will present these Constitutional Amendments. After he has read them to you, I should like for you to hear from him, from Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), and then from Lance Webb (Ohio—NC) of the Ohio Conference.

I am happy, sir, to present to you Mr. Slutz, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee that dealt with the Constitutional Amendments.

Rules Suspended—Leonard D. Slutz (*)—Adopted

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) moved a suspension of the Rules of Order to provide for the addition of three amendments prepared by the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, and to be added at this time to the printed Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing for Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction to Another," Calendar No. 43, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 2.

The motion to suspend the Rules of Order, being duly seconded, was adopted by The General Conference by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Amendments—Leonard D. Slutz (*) Presented

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) read Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing for Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction to Another," Calendar No. 43, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 2, and presented the following three amendments, the previous suspension of the Rules of Order permitting their presentation at this time, namely:—

First—Section "b," paragraphs 2 and 3:—Delete the word "*those*" found in line 3 of said paragraphs 2 and 3, and substituting therefor the words, "**Annual Conference members,**" so that the amended first sentence of paragraphs 2 and 3 will read,

"2. The remainder of the Jurisdiction from which transfer is to be made, by a two-thirds majority of the total **Annual Conference Members** present and voting."

"3. The Jurisdiction to which transfer is to be made, by a two-thirds majority of **Annual Conference members** present and voting."

Second—Add to Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, the following paragraph:—

"Whenever 25 per cent of the membership of the Central Jurisdiction have been transferred by this process to another Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions, the Bishop of the Area from which the largest number have been transferred shall be transferred to the Jurisdiction which has received the largest number by such transfer, and the representation of the Central Jurisdiction on the Boards and Agencies of the Church shall thereafter be proportionately reduced."

Before presenting the third Constitutional Amendment to be added to Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing for Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction to Another," Calendar No. 43, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 2, Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), made the following statement:—

Now I trust that you understand what is before us. May I say as briefly as I can what we have endeavored to do by this proposed Amendment is to make possible what every member of our Committee earnestly and sincerely desired. That is to make possible the voluntary integration of our Church on all levels. We are often branded, erroneously, as a segregated Church. We are not a segregated Church. The governing body of our Church is certainly integrated. The most important part of our Church, the Local Church and its membership, has no legal restriction whatsoever on membership by any person who wants to serve the Lord God and Jesus Christ.

Now we have had two structural stages where some of our critics have claimed that we were segregated. Relatively unimportant as they are, they have become symbols. This proposal makes possible the transfer of any Local Church, when it desires to transfer, to another Annual Conference that is willing to accept it. Nobody is compelled or forced to transfer, but he has the right to do so, and that is all that we as a General Conference enacting the laws of the Church can possibly do, is to provide legally the right to transfer where it is desired.

Then, second, we propose that on the Jurisdictional level it is possible for Annual Conferences to transfer from one Jurisdiction to another so that where there is that willingness the door is open.

We have debated this at great length, we have reached a unanimous Report recommending the adoption of this Resolution, and I move its concurrence by this General Conference. It requires a two-thirds vote.

Information Requested—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, requested information from Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), as follows:—

May I ask for the information of the Chair is this request on the entire Report or just this section of the Report? You now, if the Chair understands it, by the vote of the body have been permitted to add these proposed Constitutional Changes to Report No. 1, which is found on page 244 DCA, in order that they may become a part of the entire Report and therefore open for any discussion which may be desired. If that is the correct situation, then this is a part of the entire Report.

Information Given—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) gave the information, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, it was my thought that perhaps we should adopt this Amendment first and then the other, but perhaps it would be well if we at least had both of them before us and then we could adopt them separately. The addition to our Report is at the top of the mimeographed sheet and is another proposed Constitutional Amendment. I will present it and then both will be before the body. It would be my thought that we would adopt them separately, but at least they will both be before you for your action.

Procedure In Hands of Conference—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

If the Chair may say so, the procedure of adoption is then in the hands of this body. I am simply trying to get this matter before you in a parliamentary correct position.

Third Amendment—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) then presented Constitutional Amendment (c) to become a part of Report No. 1 Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing for Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction to Another," Calendar No. 43, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 2, and which reads as follows:—

(c) Article I of Division Two, Section VIII of the Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by adding at the end thereof a new Paragraph as follows:—

Abolition of the Central Jurisdiction

The Central Jurisdiction shall be abolished when all of the Annual Conferences now comprising it have transferred to and have been accepted by another Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions in accordance with the voluntary procedure of Article V of this section. Each remaining Bishop of the Central Jurisdiction shall thereupon be transferred to the Jurisdiction to which the majority of the membership of his Area have transferred, and the Central Jurisdiction shall then be dissolved.

so that Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 43, as amended, will read as follows:—

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES**Report No. 1**

Subject: Constitutional Amendment Providing For Transfer Of Churches Or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction To Another.

Adopted April 30, 1956.

Memorial Serial Number, or Numbers, 2495, 2498, 2507, 2508,

2509, 2540, 3048, 3456, 3458, 3486, 3607, 3636.

Total membership of this Committee, 87.

Number present when this Report was acted on, 78.

Number voting for adoption of this Report, 78.

Number voting against the adoption of this Report, 0.

Number not voting, 0.

The Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by adding a new Article to be known as Article V of Division Two, Section VIII and to read as follows:

(a) A Local Church may transfer from one Annual Conference to another in which it is geographically located upon approval by a 2 3 vote of those present and voting in each of the following:

1. The Quarterly Conference of the Local Church.
2. A Church Conference of the Local Church.
3. Each of the two Annual Conferences involved.

The vote shall be certified by the Secretaries of the specified Conferences to the Bishops having supervision of the Annual Conferences involved, and upon their announcement of the required majorities the transfer shall immediately be effective.

(b) An Annual Conference may transfer from one Jurisdiction to another upon approval by:

1. The Annual Conference desiring transfer, by a 2 3 majority of those present and voting. The Secretary of the Conference shall certify the vote to the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction of which the Conference has been a part.
2. The remainder of the Jurisdiction from which transfer to be made, by a 2/3 majority of the total of ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS present and voting. The vote shall be taken in the other Annual Conferences of the Jurisdiction and certified by their Secretaries to the College of Bishops which shall determine whether 2/3 of the total vote in the Jurisdiction is favorable.
3. The Jurisdiction to which transfer is to be made, by a 2 3 majority of the total of ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS present and voting. The vote shall be taken in the various Annual Conferences of the Jurisdiction and certified by their Secretaries to the College of Bishops which shall determine whether 2/3 of the total vote in the Jurisdiction is favorable.

Upon announcement by the two Colleges of Bishops of the required majorities the transfer shall immediately be effective. Transfers under the provisions of this Article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to changes of boundaries of Conferences.

“Whenever 25 per cent of the membership of the Central Jurisdiction have been transferred by this process to another Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions, the Bishop of the Area from which the largest number have been transferred shall be transferred to the Jurisdiction which has received the largest number by such transfer, and the representation of the Central Jurisdiction on the Boards and Agencies of the Church shall thereafter be proportionately reduced.”

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C. COOPER BELL, Chairman
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), Secretary

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) moved the adoption of Report No. 1, as amended, of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences. The motion was duly seconded.

Nolan B. Harmon Speaks to Report

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) spoke in favor of the Report as follows:—

Bishop and Brethren: The presentation of this Amendment and its support by the Delegation from the Southeastern Jurisdiction and other places is a proof of that which has been stated time and again regarding the Jurisdictional System of The Methodist Church. That was not formulated, not drawn up with any idea of criticism behind it. It was drawn up to enable minorities to develop themselves, to express their lives better in their particular regions. And it was developed with the thought that there would be better administration in these geographic Jurisdictions than might be possible under a huge monolithic General Conference such as this.

But it was a Southern Plan. It was debated through the years, always with the feeling that at the heart of any possible union between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South there must be this Regional Plan.

There were two Jurisdictions thought of in 1920. There had been four in 1916. There came to be six in 1938. All this, with no idea of criticism, was in the plan in its formulation except those casual arguments and questions which do become involved in all the discussions of American life.

When the Plan had been finally accepted, the 19 Annual Conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church were thought of. How were they to fit in the geographic plan? Now, they were Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Some of them stretched into the South.

There were two Plans. One was to let each Conference go into its own Region and that is the plan we have right now, if you wish it, or to let the group be allocated as a Jurisdiction to elect their own Bishops, Board Members, have their own representation, and that latter plan seemed best.

Then there began the storm against the idea of a Central Jurisdiction which has come to a fierce focus in this General Conference.

It has always been said that whatever the Brethren of this Central Jurisdiction want to do, whatever the Church might want to do, ought to be arranged, and so there are those of us who are this morning presenting this Amendment which, if voted upon by two thirds of

The General Conference, then goes to the Annual Conferences as being supported, enabling whatever churches and congregations wish to join, to join.

Although I think we can all support it, wherever a people, wherever a group of congregations or Conferences wish to be united, no one can gainsay that in any degree; and wherever congregations do not wish to be united—or Conferences—no hope can come from any pressure to make that come about; and so we feel giving this leeway we may find a consummation which will be something to put the Church upon a more even keel, certainly stop all the criticism of those who say you are pressing off one group in one particular place.

Now, your Annual Conferences are basic bodies, and these Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction have had a noble record and they have given magnificent leadership, and they are men we have been proud to march with in all the churches and all the Committees and activities, and we still shall do so. They do what they think to be right. The Conferences joining them will do what they think to be right, always with the feeling that whatever is for the building of God's Kingdom, that it must and can be done.

And so we do commend to you this Amendment. It is not easy to get an Amendment through a General Conference. It will not be easy to get it through 141 Annual Conferences.

In every Annual Conference there are men who ask questions and make speeches and who will want to know this and want to know that, even as we will, but at least we do hope that we can all together work forward to this end.

And if you appoint a Study Commission it will watch with interest how this Amendment is progressing, will reflect from the various Conferences and from the different Jurisdictions what they feel and it may be that this very Jurisdictional pattern may be improved, for I wish to say to you now that the Jurisdictional Structure, the geographic, will not be changed, I do not believe, in this Methodism of ours. And indeed, Dr. John McKay, one of the great leaders of the Protestant world, once said to me that he believed that the coming world Church would have to be put together upon something like Methodism's regional plan.

We have done wonderful things, Brethren, in these seventeen years. There have been tensions, and those tensions, because The Methodist Church more than any other Church is widely distributed over America and reflects the heart of America in its every pulse beat.

The great Methodist faults that we have then are the great American faults and the great Methodist virtues—and thank God we have them, too—are the great American virtues, a part of this country, reflects its ties and now in this crucial time let's be together as Methodists and do what we can to help each other, and where we can shake hands and be in fellowship, let's do that looking forward to increasing His Kingdom and through our help build a better Christian world.

Speaks to Report—Lance Webb

Lance Webb (Ohio—NC) spoke in favor of Report as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: It is my privilege to say a word concerning the spirit with which these Amendments to the Constitution were adopted by our Committee and are

presented by us for adoption, for recommendation to the Annual Conferences.

We feel that we always need to distinguish clearly the difference between principles of spirit and methods of carrying these principles into action.

As Methodist Christians, we do believe in Christian Brotherhood, that all of us, whatever color, or nation, are God's children, but how shall we work and live together in this great family of God?

Well, obviously, there are differences in ideas and customs even within our great Church, and our ideas and customs must continually be brought into the searching scrutiny of the spirit of Christ.

For me to say my method is the only way is to make an idol out of a method and thereby to shut out the spirit of Christ-like love. It is for this great reason that many of us believe that the three Amendments to our Constitution will help us to live and work together in the spirit of love without condemning or castigating each other, each other's methods especially.

These Amendments take out the rigid structure and substitute a permissive structure, so that there will neither be forced segregation as in the past, nor forced integration as there would be if we were right now to abolish the Central Jurisdiction.

Neither forced integration nor forced segregation are in harmony with the spirit of Christ, which does not depend upon force but on love.

We have always had some voluntary segregation. Groups with natural interests and common backgrounds voluntarily segregate themselves at least in some of their actions. For instance, some of the largest colored churches in America today are not forced but voluntary, and are in all sections of the land.

Now, here is what these three Amendments imply as I understand them.

If all or any of the churches and Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction desire to continue they may do so just as they are. If Local Churches desire to be transferred to another Annual Conference the way is open.

In Ohio we are ready and have been ready to welcome the churches of the Lexington Conference, but we are not going to abolish the Lexington Conference by fiat and by force, make them join us. The same will be true of the Jurisdictional System. If enough of the Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction desire to continue in the Central Jurisdiction the way is open. They may do so. No stigma will be attached either way.

But in the other Jurisdictions, we who are in the other Jurisdictions, do not desire to force them to join us. The emphasis, therefore, here—and this is the point that we wish to keep before us as we try to carry this back to our home churches and home Conferences—the emphasis here is a voluntary method on the spirit of positive, affirmative love, that each other do what we believe best, but does not attempt to force any one.

And it is in this spirit that we as your Committee on Conferences unanimously recommend this second Amendment. And I really believe that if we had been able to see the implications of it, we would unanimously have supported these Amendments. It is in this spirit, therefore, that we call upon you to join with us in making our Church a church united in the Love of Christ, and in the work of his Kingdom that shall never end.

Thank you.

Questions of Charles A. Stuck ()—Answers Leonard D. Slutz (*)*

Charles A. Stuck (*) (North Arkansas—SC) asked some questions for clarification and Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) answered them as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I am only asking for a clarification. In this Report No. 1 there seems to be no time limit involved, and it occurs to me that there might be an obstruction made by delaying action of a Conference or Conferences. I wonder if Dr. Slutz could enlighten me on that, please sir.

Leonard D. Slutz (*) I take it that the point is that an Annual Conference might not vote either way.

Charles C. Stuck (*) That is right.

Leonard D. Slutz (*) That is a possibility. I hadn't thought that an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church would do that, but if someone wanted to suggest an Amendment that the vote shall be taken in the other Annual Conferences at their first session after the adoption of this Amendment, after the matter has been submitted, or something of that sort—

Charles C. Stuck (*) Mr. Chairman, I am not a lawyer nor a preacher. I ask that you, please, sir, have the Sub-Committee Chairman prepare that, if they agree to it.

Leonard D. Slutz (*) I think perhaps we can agree on that in just a moment.

Charles C. Stuck (*) Thank you, sir.

Motion to Defer—C. Anderson Davis—Not Adopted

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), moved to defer action on the Amendment, "Abolishing the Central Jurisdiction" until Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System," Calendar No. 44, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 3 and page 245, column 1, shall have been considered and acted on.

The motion, being duly seconded, C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) spoke to the same as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, the reason for this Amendment—No. 1, it precedes the study, if the Study Commission is to be adopted by this Conference.

No. 2, if all the Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction should be taken into other Jurisdictions, it would be segregation in just another form, which is, I consider, just as detrimental as the Central Jurisdiction.

No. 3, to take a few Conferences and put them into other Jurisdictions without some definite plans and time limit for the whole Jurisdiction would serve to leave a very weak Jurisdiction in the Church. By that I mean within the next five years, if five Annual Conferences of the Central Jurisdiction were put into other Jurisdictions without a time limit for the others, it would leave a very weak Jurisdiction for a period of years.

I feel that this Amendment should go to the Study Commission for certain plans, and that is why I am asking it be deferred until

after we consider the second part of this Report which considers a Study Commission.

Against Deferring Lynn J. Radcliffe—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio-NC) spoke to the pending motion to defer, as follows:—

I am opposed to the motion to defer. I am opposed to all delaying action. I am opposed to a policy of study and wait. I believe we are ready for action now. I believe that this No. 1 Report is a statesmanlike attempt by Methodism to do something about this situation. I believe it will be a great value to have a Study Commission, that the Study Commission at the end of four years will have the experience of this experiment. But if we wait four years before we do anything, we will not be making progress. I hope this motion to defer will be defeated and that the motion of the Committee will be adopted. I should like to speak, then, Mr. Chairman, a word or two with regard to the main provision.

Question—Bishop Fred P. Corson—Answer Lynn J. Radcliffe

Bishop Fred P. Corson, the Presiding Officer, asked the following question:—

BISHOP CORSON: What is that, Dr. Radcliffe? What question did you ask?

LYNN J. RADCLIFFE: I am speaking, Mr. Chairman, and I am speaking against this motion which is before us which opens up the entire subject. I believe that as we take action and do not support this motion to defer that we shall be doing two things. We shall not only be providing for justice which is the unspoken demand of every heart, but we shall also be speaking for the spirit of love and togetherness. The time has come when we recognize that there is no North or South on this issue.

I regretted yesterday that some words were spoken in the spirit of acrimony. Jesus Christ sought to establish upon the earth a new society, a fellowship. The remnant of Israel spoken of by the Prophet Isaiah, had not succeeded, but the fellowship of Christ shall succeed.

I believe, Mr. Chairman, that if we delay action and merely pass pious platitudes, we shall be in danger of rightful criticism, but if we adopt this Report, take the available next step, start forward to build a Church in which there is no segregation but in which the possibility of voluntary integration is opened up, we shall be doing a statesmanlike and Christian thing.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Now, let us keep before us the parliamentary situation. It is a motion to defer consideration until you have acted on the Committee Report No. 2. We are under the question of deferring.

For Report—Merrill W. Lindsey

Merrill W. Lindsey (Upper Mississippi—C) spoke in favor of the Report, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of this General Conference: I am against segregation and everything that it implies, because I believe that it is the most diabolic, satanic, pusillanimous, nefarious thing that ever happened.

Mr. Chairman, we know that these issues shall bring about a disruption in our organization but I believe that we, too, must give and take in these issues as a Jurisdiction. We want to be Christians and citizens. We want no more and don't plan to settle for any less.

I further believe, and it has been stated, that the Central Jurisdiction will give us indigenous leadership, but let us keep in mind the Church was not created to give any group a job, but to bring the Kingdom.

I hate to disagree with my brethren from the Central Jurisdiction relative to the weakening of it or taking from us the strength of the Jurisdiction; but, Brethren, we are not interested in giving any Jurisdiction any strength but in giving the Kingdom strength.

Now, may I say just a word relative to the Jurisdictional System? In the first place, I think that the Jurisdictional System as it is has weaknesses, because it limits the scope of election for the Episcopacy and does not allow the infiltration of new ideas into various Areas of our Church.

Again, I think that with as much at stake as we have today, we are not going to be successful in eating our pie and having it, too. We are going to have to give and take in these issues, and I believe that the Committee has done an excellent job in bringing forward a statesmanlike document that the Church can accept and lift its head with dignity and say that we are working toward perfection. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I think that the Committee should be commended for the fine work that it has done.

For Deferring—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York-NE) spoke in favor of the motion of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) to defer action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences until Report No. 2 had been presented, considered and acted on, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Quadrennial Conference: I am for doing anything which will permit you to submit this matter to the Church. I am opposed to the Reports as presented because they take away from the Church the opportunity of speaking on this question. Therefore, I am for deferring, because I want to present a substitute which will permit us to send down to the Church an Amendment to the Constitution which will give the Church an opportunity to speak about this great question. These Reports which have been presented do not give the Church that opportunity.

It was the Church which created the Central Jurisdiction. It was the Church which accepted the principle of segregation. It is, therefore, the Church which should be given the opportunity to speak against segregation and to express its opinion upon segregation,

against segregation and in favor of abolishing the Central Jurisdiction and placing the Conferences now within the Central Jurisdiction in the remaining Jurisdictions under the Plan of Union. I, therefore, am in favor of deferring.

For Deferring—Miss Thelma Stevens ()*

Miss Thelma Stevens (*) (Newark—NE) spoke in support of the motion of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) to defer action on the pending Amendment until Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences had been considered and acted on, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak in support of the motion to defer this Amendment. I would like to make two or three statements very briefly.

In the first place, I think this General Conference may not recognize the fact that there are great dangers in adopting an Amendment of this type without adequate study. In the first place, I think we know that there are nineteen Conferences in the Central Jurisdiction. About fourteen of those Conferences are within the bounds of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. When we begin the process of emasculating the Central Jurisdiction, it will go over a long period of years and will be an unfair placing of that Jurisdiction in terms of its total leadership. That is one very important matter that should be considered.

The second thing is I think we recognize this Amendment as another delaying tactic to keep this General Conference from making its clear-cut statement on the fact that The Methodist Church has arrived at that period in its history—

Point of Order—Henry Miot Cox (*)

Henry Miot Cox (*) (Nebraska—SC) raised the following Point of Order:—

"I do not believe that the speaker has the right to the floor. I believe she is not a member of The Conference."

Ruling—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows on the Point of Order:—

"I think, though, as one of the Secretaries, she has been seated, and can speak sir."

Point of Order—Henry Miot Cox (*)

Henry Miot Cox (*) (Nebraska—SC) made the further Point of Order that the right to the floor is accorded only to persons where legislation affects that person.

Ruling—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"I think Miss Stevens would say it affected the work of the Woman's

Society of Christian Service, which she represents."

Speech Resumed—Miss Thelma Stevens ()*

Miss Thelma Stevens (*) (Newark—NE) continued her speech, as follows:—

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I simply want to remind The Conference that this is a time in the history of the world when this General Conference must not delay its statement of unequivocal determination to move away from segregation in every form. Any delaying tactics must be avoided.

I am one person in this room who would welcome more than any other person, I think, the need to abolish the Central Jurisdiction. This Amendment will not do the thing that needs to be done by The Methodist Church.

I hope, Mr. Chairman, that this body will not adopt this Amendment but that it will refer to a Commission that will be properly directed and instructed to take steps immediately to do away with any form of segregation in The Methodist Church. Thank you.

Previous Question—Charles W. Woodward (*)—Ordered

Charles W. Woodward (*) (Baltimore—NE) moved the Previous Question on the motion to defer. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, and the Previous Question was ordered.

C. Cooper Bell Closes Debate

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia-SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, closed the debate on the pending motion to defer, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, I want to say to you that there is nothing said in these statements that was not said time and time again in the Committee on Conferences. We looked at it from every angle. The composite judgment of every person voting in that Committee, which was unanimous, all the Jurisdictions, was that we take them up in the order as suggested to you. We sincerely hope that you will stand with your Committee on that.

Motion to Defer—C. Anderson Davis—Not Adopted

The motion of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) to defer action on the Amendment "Abolishing The Central Jurisdiction" until Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences had been considered and acted upon, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Recess

The time for the Recess period having arrived, The General Conference recessed for ten minutes.

Reconvene—Bishop Fred P. Corson—James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop Fred P. Corson, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference to order at the end of the Recess period, and announced Hymn No. 364, "More Love To Thee, O Christ."

Under the direction James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, The General Conference joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Presented—Bishop J. W. E. Bowen—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, presented Bishop John W. E. Bowen, of the Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction, for a privileged matter.

Presented—Choir Claflin College—Hubert V. Manning—John H. Chadwell (*)

Bishop John W. E. Bowen presented the Choir of Claflin College of Orangeburg, South Carolina; the newly elected President of the same, Hubert V. Manning (South Carolina—C); and the Director of the Choir, John H. Chadwell (*) to The General Conference.

Presented—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, presented John H. Chadwell (*), Director, and the Choir of Claflin College, to The General Conference, for their musical program.

Claflin Choir Sings—John H. Chadwell ()*

The Choir of Claflin College, Orangeburg, South Carolina, under the direction of John H. Chadwell (*) rendered the following program of three spirituals:—

"Yonder Come Day" by Frederick Hall (*)

"Religion Is A Fortune" by Noble Kane (*)

"Medley of Spirituals" by John H. Chadwell (*)

Thanks—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, expressed the thanks of The General Conference to Director John H. Chadwell (*) and the Claflin College Choir for their inspiring music so ably rendered.

Parliamentary Situation—Report No. 1 Conferences—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

May the Chair remind The Conference of the parliamentary situation. You are under the consideration of the entire Report, Report 1, of the Committee on Conferences.

For Report—Thurman L. Dodson ()*

Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington—C) spoke in favor of the adoption of the pending Report, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I want to speak in favor of this motion that is now before us, on the adoption of these Constitutional Amendments. I want to say that we appreciate all of the shortcomings of this Resolution, as far as it goes. We are not being fooled at all by it. We realize that this Amendment does not abolish segregation in The Methodist Church. But it does move in a direction toward which this great Church of ours ought to move.

Those of us in the Central Jurisdiction realize that when we take great steps like this, there are some temporary setbacks. But those of us also know that we ought to be willing and certainly we are ready to take our chances on the floor in these other Jurisdictions on the basis of worth and merit.

We believe that these Amendments do go a long way in eradicating from our Constitutional setup a rigidity which ought not to be there; that it does provide a fluidity which ought to be in a great Church which is as complex and heterogeneous as this Church is.

Those of us who have stood for integration in the school system know that in great places like New York, where integration has been the watchword for years, there is segregation in great centers like Harlem. And of course no amount of integration is going to obviate that sort of situation.

But we come to this situation where it is imperative in these times that this great Church should take some move in a direction toward integration. We regard this as a move in the right direction.

Further than that, the psychological impact of this movement on the part of this great Church will have a great influence upon a certain part of our country, where they are seeking and striving for leadership. I do not take the position that some of our friends do, and that some of the religious and political leaders of the South take. I believe there is a great majority in the Southland who are striving hard to find the right way, and they need an authoritative voice from a great Church like this to help them point the way.

I believe that this Amendment furnishes that vehicle with all of its limitations, with all of its shortcomings. I am hoping, therefore, that those of us who have had some misgivings about how it will affect the Central Jurisdiction will realize that the Central Jurisdiction is not asleep, that we know all the pitfalls that might lie inherent in it. But we are for it because we believe that it is a step forward under God.

I am hoping that this Conference will give the majority that it needs, and that under the impact of the publicity that will go out from this Conference, the world will know that The Methodist Church, the great Methodist Church, is on its way toward an integrated society.

We cannot expect these things overnight. I do not speak for gradualism, but I do know that the tenets of that great hymn are true. Cardinal Newman said in his great hymn, "I do not ask to see the distant scene. One step is enough for me."

We are asking now that under God we take this one step.

For Report No. 1—Robert S. Mosby

Robert S. Mosby (West Texas—C) spoke in favor of the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

Bishop and Brethren, may I congratulate the Committee on seeing, because there is something in the Book which says a lot of folks have eyes and cannot see. May I congratulate us on having ears, so that we might be able to appreciate what the Committee has seen and what they have said for us.

I congratulate also The General Conference, my General Conference and yours, for the compliment that it is being accepted, in realizing that yesterday has no right to stand in the way of tomorrow.

We appreciate greatly the fact that we are on our way. And I speak with Brother Dodson when I say I see tomorrow unfolding before us, with that new sort of sentiment and understanding and feeling that will help us to walk together and not be afraid as we walk.

Too many times we have found that geographically we do not belong to The Methodist Church; we belong to a segment. But today we feel that we belong to the Church. God bless the Church for giving us this chance to feel again that Methodism is worthy of a growing positivism which belongs to the Negro, who belongs to the Church. We are part of the Church. We believe that we have something to do in the Church; not Central Jurisdiction, but Church. We believe that we belong in the Church.

Fifty years ago as a boy I joined the Church. Thirty-seven years I have been preaching in the Church. All up and down this country I have been going forward for Methodism, my Church, and today I am proud of my Church. God bless my Church!

May I ask you in the name of the Man who walks across the Calvaries of the world, even now, in the frontiers and valleys and forests and plains, that the preacher this morning told us about, in His Name, to follow in your vote on these Amendments to the Constitution, or these Constitutional additions, or these Constitutional changes—I don't care what you call them, but I ask you to vote for them.

Amendment—Delete Accepted Amendment—Merrill C. Johnson—Not Adopted

Merrill C Johnson (New York—NE) moved to amend the Report by deleting the additional Paragraph, accepted by common consent this morning, and which reads as follows:—

“Whenever 25 per cent of the membership of the Central Jurisdiction have been transferred by this process to another Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions, the Bishop of the Area from which the largest number have been transferred shall be transferred to the Jurisdiction which has received the largest number by such transfer, and the representation of the Central Jurisdiction on the Boards and Agencies of the Church shall thereafter be proportionately reduced.”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

I have the feeling that this is a rider to the proposed Amendment of the Constitution, which we have had before us for study, and which I desire wholeheartedly to support. But if this is presented as part of the proposed Amendment and fails of the necessary number of approvals by Annual Conference, we shall have defeated the possibility of speeding the process by which a local church or an Annual Conference can be integrated into the Church.

I should like the Committee to have the opportunity at another time to propose this as another Amendment, which can be accepted or rejected by the Conferences.

Against Deletion—D. Trigg James, Sr.

G. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston—SE) spoke against the motion to amend by deletion, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I am speaking against the motion to amend by deleting this portion of the Report, accepted and placed in it this morning. I presume that The Conference is aware of the fact that certain yieldings have been necessary in order to come by an Amendment that has a chance of passing by a two-thirds majority in the various sections of the Church.

This Amendment has been placed here to spell out simply and practically what obviously could take place within the Quadrennium that is before us. Obviously the members of the Central Jurisdiction do not want a type of discrimination in reverse, and this Amendment purely provides that as the membership of the Central Jurisdiction is transferred to other Jurisdictions, they then shall have recognition for appointment and election to the various Boards and offices of the Church upon the basis of merit and not upon the basis of race.

Therefore the remaining members of the Central Jurisdiction in that Jurisdiction, following any transfers, would certainly want not to have representation in excess of the proportion which is now provided in the Constitution of the Church.

I hope, therefore, because of the fact of the implications throughout the entire Church, that this move to amend this Report will lose.

Motion to Delete—Merrill C. Johnson—Not Adopted

The motion of Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) to amend the Report by deletion, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Clarifying Question—Allen B. Rice—Answers—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

Allen B. Rice (Northwest Indiana—NC) requested information for The General Conference, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I simply want to ask a question from the clarification standpoint. It seems to me this Paragraph needs to be more specifically spelled out, and I wanted to ask, I think Mr. Slutz, about such statements as "25 per cent of the membership," and "the largest number," and so forth. It seems to me those ought to be spelled out in terms of the Clergy and Lay Membership of The Conference, or some specific way that that is handled.

I also want to say I was in some doubt about the last portion of it, where it says that their representation shall be proportionately reduced. It seems to me if they were to be proportionately reduced it should be added somewhere. But they seem to think they are going to take their chance on that basis. However, I would like to ask regarding those matters of ambiguity.

Answers—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) gave the information requested, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, the Committee was already prepared to suggest two editorial changes. One is the one you were talking about. We did not feel it was necessary, but so that it would be absolutely clear and so there would be no misunderstanding we suggest this editorial change on the mimeographed sheet, the lower portion of it, below the line, "Whenever 25 per cent of," insert the words "LOCAL CHURCH," so that it will read, "Whenever 25 per cent of the LOCAL CHURCH membership of the Central Jurisdiction . . ."

so that the amended paragraph will read as follows:—

"Whenever 25 per cent of the LOCAL CHURCH membership of the Central Jurisdiction have been transferred by this process to another Jurisdiction or Jurisdictions, the Bishop of the Area from which the largest number have been transferred shall be transferred to the Jurisdiction which has received the largest number by such transfer, and the representation of the Central Jurisdiction on the Boards and Agencies of the Church shall thereafter be proportionally reduced."

Amendment By Common Consent—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) asked common consent for the insertion of the following paragraph (DB-61):—

"The vote on approval of transfer, under either Sub-paragraph (a) or (b), and of the Abolition of the Central Jurisdiction under Sub-paragraph (c), shall be taken by each Annual Conference at its first session after the matter is submitted to it."

said insertion to immediately precede the last paragraph of Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing For Transfer Of Churches Or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction To Another," Calendar No. 43, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 2, said last paragraph of the printed Report beginning with the words,

"Upon announcement by the two Colleges of Bishops . . ."

Changes Made By Common Consent

No objection being raised by any member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, or of any member of The General Conference, the above two suggested changes proposed by Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) were incorporated into Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences.

Further Explanation—Leonard D. Slutz () (Ohio—NC)*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) made further explanations, as follows:—

I want to answer the question the brother asked, if I may. He asked about the matter of proportionate reduction. We felt it was impossible for us to predict exactly the course that our Church is going to follow in this matter. The brother from the Central Jurisdiction said that they were not too concerned, that if there might be some under-representation for a year or two or three until the next General Conference, that was an unimportant matter to them.

There are many, many details of this process that we are going to have to work with in the future. That is one of the things that the Study Commission that is proposed in our next Report will deal with but we feel that the important thing is to adopt this fundamental step, and then, more important than that, is what you and I and every other Methodist will do after we go home.

Substitute Proposed—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved as a substitute for Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing For Transfer Of Churches Or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction To Another," Calendar No. 43, DCA No. 4, page 244, column 2, and also for Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System," Calendar No. 44, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 3, and page 245, column 1, the following (DB-62) :—

"Be It Resolved, That we submit to the Annual Conferences of the Church, an Amendment to the Constitution, which if adopted would abolish the Central Jurisdiction, and place the Annual Conferences in that Jurisdiction in such remaining Jurisdictions as will be agreeable to those Jurisdictions and to the Annual Conferences of the former Central Jurisdiction."

The motion to substitute, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: We have now reached a point when we are proposing to do something which will not abolish segregation in The Methodist Church, as one of the speakers has very frankly and fairly admitted. This will in a sense

salve our consciences and permit us to go back to the Jurisdictions of the Church and say that we have done a great thing.

In my opinion we will not have done a great thing so far as abolishing segregation in the Church because we will not have given the Church itself, which created segregation, an opportunity to speak and to adopt an Amendment which if ratified would abolish the Central Jurisdiction and then would provide for the transferring of the Annual Conferences in that Jurisdiction to the remaining Jurisdictions.

I think we ought to face this question fairly and frankly. I am not interested in speaking here to please any particular section of the Church. I realize the men who have framed these Reports have great astuteness and great ability to do a thing which will seem to abolish segregation in the Church but which will not actually do it. The only body which can abolish segregation in The Methodist Church is the Church itself through the Annual Conferences adopting and confirming an Amendment to the Constitution.

I want us to send down that Amendment to the Constitution to the Annual Conferences in order to give them a chance to speak. I have already from this platform stated my reasons for doing that. I would not be able to go away from this Conference with a clear conscience unless I presented definitely to The General Conference this proposition which will give you a chance to speak on the proposition which I present.

If you vote my proposition down you prevent the Church from voting upon this question. If you vote for my substitute you may offend certain members of certain Jurisdictions but you will, in my opinion, have done your duty to the Church as a whole, and it is of the Church as a whole I am thinking and it is for the Church as a whole I am pleading. It should not be disfranchised. I want us to take such action that henceforth the words "Christian" and "Methodism" will be synonymous.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Now let the Chair state the parliamentary situation. This is a Substitute for the entire Report. According to your Rule, it will be necessary for you to perfect the main Report before you can consider the Substitute. Therefore, we are not on the Substitute now but we are on the process of perfecting the main Report.

Information Requested—William B. Robinson—Answers—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio—NC) raised the following questions, which were answered by Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC):—

Some of us are not perfectly clear concerning the mimeographed sheet, the additional Paragraph of Report No. 1. It seems to us as it was explained by Mr. Slutz a bit ago that whenever 25% of the Local Church membership of the Central Jurisdiction has been transferred it would mean that churches numbering 90,000 members, if I am correct in my mathematics.

Now we are not clear as to the implication there. I wonder if we could have a bit more explanation. If there are 360,000 members in the Central Jurisdiction, then the transfer would occur after 90,000 members have been transferred. Is that what you want?

Answer—Leonard D. Slutz () :*

If the figure of 360,000 is correct your mathematics is perfect.

Question—William B. Robinson :

Thank you. Well, it seems to us that it ought to be changed so that it would be when 25% of the Conferences involved rather than 25% of the membership of the church.

Answer—Leonard D. Slutz () :*

No. It was definitely our motion that it be 25% of the Local Church membership, of the people that might come from a Conference here and a Conference there, but I think if you read it through it can be followed.

Question—William B. Robinson :

May I ask a further question? Might it not leave a large number of churches with a very few Bishops supervising them if large Churches were to go and small churches were to remain?

Answer—Leonard D. Slutz () :*

It would certainly necessitate some readjustment of Areas, perhaps Conferences and Districts, and we recognize that there are many problems that might have to be faced. That is one reason the Study Commission is recommended so it can study those problems and work out the best possible way of handling it.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, stated that we are now on the main motion.

*Further Information Requested—Phillip C. Edwards—
Leonard D. Slutz (*)*

Philip C. Edwards (Baltimore—NE) raised a question which was answered by Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I am asking a question of Mr. Slutz, a point of clarification in regard to the addition given just a few moments ago which pertains to the time at which an Annual Conference would be asked to vote on these Amendments. I believe his statement said the Annual Conference would vote at its first session after the Amendments were submitted.

I believe the procedure for amending the Constitution indicates if this Amendment is voted by this General Conference The Council of Bishops shall certify that the vote has been properly taken. Are we to understand that as soon as that certification has been made these

Amendments will then be before the Annual Conferences? If that is the case, it may mean that The Council of Bishops would take such action and give such certification at this session, and then Annual Conferences convening, some of them within two or three weeks upon adjournment of this General Conference, would be expected to vote on these Amendments. Is that what this addition calls for?

Leonard D. Slutz (*) No, sir, it is not. This addition has nothing to do with the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment, which proceeds in the usual way. The proposal as I read it was this: the vote on approval of transfer under either Sub-paragraph (a) or (b), that is not the vote on the Constitutional Amendment. That is the vote on approval of transfer, either of a Local Church or of an Annual Conference, shall be taken by each Annual Conference at its first session after the matter is submitted to it. Of course you have an additional safeguard there, after the matter has been submitted to it, so I think it is pretty clear.

Amendment—Olin Y. Shute—Accepted—C. Cooper Bell

Olin Y. Shute (Newark—NE) moved to amend the Constitutional Amendment relating to the Abolition of the Central Jurisdiction by deleting the words "*and have been accepted by another Jurisdiction or,*" and substituting therefor the word, "**OTHER.**" so that the amended Paragraph will read as follows (DB-63):—

Abolition Of The Central Jurisdiction

The Central Jurisdiction shall be abolished when all of the Annual Conferences now comprising it have transferred to **OTHER** Jurisdictions in accordance with the voluntary procedure of Article V of this Section. Each remaining Bishop of the Central Jurisdiction shall thereupon be transferred to the Jurisdiction to which the majority of the membership of his Area have transferred, and the Central Jurisdiction shall then be dissolved.

The proposed amendment of Olin Y. Shute (Newark—NE) was accepted by C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Previous Question—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Ordered

Motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, ordering the Previous Questions on all that is before The General Conference.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Now we will have to permit the Substitute to be perfected and then voted on, then vote on the Previous Question on the main motion at which time we will give the Chairman his opportunity to speak.

So the Substitute is now before us made by Brother Smith.

We are on the substitute now.

Against Substitute—Wiley C. Newman.

Wiley C. Newman (Memphis—SE) spoke against the substitute offered by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), as follows:—

I think we are under some misapprehensions about each other which directly affects our vote on the main question and on the Amendments. It seems to be assumed by Brother Smith and others that everybody in the South is opposed to giving our Negro Brethren brotherhood, dignity and recognition. That is not true.

Many of us have for years in the midst of the deep South preached and pleaded for Christian relationships on the battlefield where it was dangerous to hold and express such convictions.

It is comparatively easy, requires no heroism to speak boldly in this Conference, but if one wishes to win heroism let him go where the problem is acute and take a Christian stand.

Another misapprehension I think lies in the fear that the proposal of this Committee is a delaying action concocted by the South. It is not. We have no desire to delay action.

Let us clear our minds on what it is we are seeking to achieve. Are we seeking integration or Brotherhood?

If we are seeking brotherhood, we who live and work and run the risk in the South believe with all our hearts that this proposed Amendment to our Constitution will clear the way for us to work for it, to bring it about much more quickly than it could ever be done under coercion.

We are not seeking to escape our responsibility, and we are not afraid, but we believe this is the surest and the quickest way to achieve the purposes that this body obviously has at its heart. We hope that we can go back to our churches with a strong vigorous united approach of this General Conference to the whole question.

Information Requested—Miss Georgia Harkness ()—
Given—Leonard D. Slutz (*)*

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) raised a question for information and Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) answered it as follows:—

My question bears both upon the Substitute and upon the main motion.

The answer to it is very crucial to the way in which I shall vote, and I believe an answer to it may be illuminating for the House.

The question is:

If we adopt this Resolution proposed on the mimeographed sheet, does it become permanent and for all time our mode of eliminating the Central Jurisdiction? If it is a step, I am happy to vote for it.

If, on the other hand, it is a step which will preclude taking other steps four years or eight years hence, I cannot vote for it.

May I have clarification?

Answer—Leonard Slutz () :*

Mr. Chairman, nothing this General Conference can do can be permanent and forever. Every Amendment to our Constitution or law can be re-examined at the next session of The General Conference.

We have recommended the appointment of a Study Commission which we anticipate will come in with many recommendations for further steps, but this in our honest judgment is the fastest and longest step we can take now.

Substitute Motion—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

On being put to the vote of The General Conference, the motion of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) to substitute his Resolution on the Abolishment of the Central Jurisdiction by Constitutional Amendment, was not adopted.

Debate Closed—C. Cooper Bell—Report No. 1 Adopted

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, closed the debate for the Committee, with the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, all the opportunity that I wish to take is to thank this General Conference for your fine reception of this, if I understand your mind correctly.

Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Constitutional Amendment Providing For Transfer Of Churches Or Annual Conferences From One Jurisdiction To Another," Calendar No. 43, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 2 was adopted as amended, with only two votes being cast against the adoption of the Report. For Report see Appendix, page 1403.

The General Conference stood and applauded the action in the adoption of the Report.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

May I say that my colleagues are very careful to be sure that two-thirds of this body voted in favor of that amendment. Will the body permit the Chair to state that two-thirds did vote for that Amendment.

Form of Constitutional Amendment No. 9 Relating to Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences—C. Cooper Bell—Adopted

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: Just a moment before we pass to No. 2. As we have it now, this is in the form of three Amendments. It occurs to us that it will help tremendously before the Annual Conferences to expedite this, if you will give your approval by letting the three be three divisions of one Amendment to be sent down to be voted on in the Annual Conferences.

and moved that the form of the proposed Amendment No. 9 to the Constitution of The Methodist Church shall consist of the three divisions (a), (b) and (c), as set forth in Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, just adopted, being considered as the three divisions of one Amendment.

The motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

Report No. 2 Conferences—"Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System"—

C. Cooper Bell—John R. Wilkins—Ralph W. Sockman—Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (*)

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Subject, "Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System," Calendar No. 44, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 3, and page 245, column 1, and made the following statement:—

Chairman and Members of The Conference, I certainly wish to reiterate the wonderful spirit in which you did receive our first Report.

I sincerely believe the spirit that is in this Committee on Conferences is the spirit of God, and that Spirit is here in this General Conference at this moment. And it is in this spirit that we are submitting to you this second Report.

May I say to you, sir, in just a moment, for your Committee there was a large number of Memorials, quite a number of them bearing on the idea of abolishing the Central Jurisdiction, or the Jurisdictional system, quite a number on the retention of the system, including the Central Jurisdiction; also a number of Memorials suggesting A Study Commission.

We divided these out to Sub-Committees who analyzed them and brought before the whole Committee a complete and a fair interpretation of the spirit involved in these Memorials and then in the Resolutions that you yourselves have submitted to that Committee.

In every step carefulness has been taken by your Committee to give every viewpoint in our Church a fair consideration, and as a result of that then, a special Committee of Six—they were composed of John R. Wilkins of the Western Jurisdiction, Ralph W. Sockman of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, Charles Ray Goff of the North Central Jurisdiction, Robert E. Goodrich Jr., of the South Central Jurisdiction, Edwin L. Jones Sr. (*), of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and Prince A. Taylor, Jr., of the Central Jurisdiction.

We are proud, sir, that we are submitting to you a Report that had the recommendation and the approval of these majestic minds and spirits in our Church. And they have come before us with their Report that we are submitting.

I call your attention again to the fact that the vote on this was 68 to concur in this Resolution; eight against it and two not voting. It was all but a unanimous vote, only ten out of the number either against it or refraining from voting.

We have looked at this from every angle and we believe it has not only approval of our Conference, but that it is the mind of Christ. There is no idea here to set up a Commission that will tell this Committee to do this, or tell that Committee to do that because your Committee realizes there are various problems in the Jurisdictional system beyond the Central Jurisdiction, many that I might name if I chose to do it here this morning.

And we want to come here and create a Commission that we are submitting to you that will follow the course of what we have done here this morning, then look the whole matter in the face and with the best minds, I trust, of our Church and the warmest hearts, we shall come to The General Conference and present to you a finding that will augment the spirit of unity and progress of The Methodist Church.

I am very happy to present to you the Chairman of this Special Committee, John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) who will read it for you.

After that, will you suffer the Committee to have Ralph W. Sockman (New York—NE) Edwin L. Jones, Sr., (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) to speak to the Report?

Amendment John R. Wilkins—Adopted

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Sub-Committee which prepared Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, moved that the period (.) following the word "Bishops" in line twelve (12) DCA No. 6, page 245, column 1, be changed to a comma (,) and the following words added, "**who shall convene this Commission within six months following the adjournment of The General Conference,**" so that the sentence in lines ten-twelve inclusive shall read:—

"There shall be a Convenor appointed by The Council of Bishops, who shall convene this Commission within six months following the adjournment of The General Conference."

No objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference, the amendment became a part of Report No. 2 of the Standing Committee on Conferences.

By unanimous common consent the six paragraphs of the Preamble of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 3, were not read. John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) read the remainder of Report No. 2.

Statement—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Stand-

ing Legislative Committee on Conferences, then made the following statement:—

Now, the figures there indicate the constituency of such Commission, if the above proposed method is approved, and these are based upon 1955 membership figures which were secured from the Board of Evangelism in Nashville this past month, would make a total of 70.

Just a brief word. We have tried to make a fair and thorough study of all of the Resolutions and Memorials on this Subject. We have tried to secure a blending of the best proposals and recommendations from each of them. There has been a real sincere inter-change of thinking.

We believe it is another avenue and channel for progress in our Church, and that it will give some expression to the hopes and dreams of this General Conference and make possible creative work for a greater and more effective Church in the future.

Mr. Chairman, I move its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

For Report—Ralph W. Sockman

Ralph W. Sockman (New York—NE) spoke in favor of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, Members of The General Conference: I did not ask the privilege of making this speech and you will be glad to know that I have no speech to make. But I am happy to respond to the request of a Chairman whom I feel to have served us so magnificently that I want to hold up his hands. I believe there is Old Testament precedent of holding up the hands of Moses. I asked Bishop Short whom I consider to be the best authority on the Old Testament in our Council of Bishops. The two persons were Aaron and Hur. Aaron has spoken. I am now Hur.

I feel that though my mind has no speech, my heart has a gratefulness. We have an old saying, a Chinese proverb, I think, that the longest journey begins with the first step. We have taken, I think, this morning in dramatic fashion that first step, but we have a long journey ahead of us.

Already on this floor there have been raised questions which will have to be answered. I think that this matter of racial discrimination is so far bigger than any Jurisdictional solution, so far broader than any sectional application, that we must now set ourselves to working out the spirit of the movement we have taken this morning, 'til it touches every church, every locality North and South, and every Conference.

Our hearts are in this movement. We must now put our heads into it. I think that this Commission, as we proposed it and if it follows those directions suggested to it, implementing the spirit of love, will have a task that demands the best minds of our Church for the next quadrennium.

I believe, and I say it with humility, we are taking a step this morning which we shall be proud to tell our grandchildren about in building a Church in which our grandchildren will grow up.

For Report—Edwin L. Jones, Sr. ()*

Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)

spoke in favor of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, Members of The General Conference: When I left home ten days ago, I had what I thought was an unchangeable determination to oppose anything that would tamper with the organizational structure of our Church. But as I sat together with five other members of this Sub-Committee, representing every geographical section of our country, starting with, it looked like, diametrically opposed ideas, something happened. Humbly I think the Spirit of God moved in that group.

We came to an unanimous agreement. Perhaps the reason I am asked to stand here and speak to you this morning is that you can see the vast differences that were apparent in that Committee to begin with—Dr. Sockman and a bricklayer—but we did reach an agreement.

Forty-one years ago, my wife and I (she sits in the fourth section of the gallery) were married. We took the solemn promise that it would be until death do us part; and it would be for better or worse. I got the better, she got the worse.

There have been some times of disagreement; there have been times when things had to be—there had to be an agreement of mind. She didn't run home to mama, neither did we seek the divorce courts. I will tell you what we did do. Hand in hand, we knelt at the mercy seat and found what God's will was for us to do. I can truthfully say that we are happier, that we are more deeply married today than we were when we first married.

Friends, I think that is a true parable. Seventeen years ago, this Church was married in a three-way sort of Union, coming from a three-way sort of Union.

The point I am making is the honeymoon is over. Hard facts of living and working together in a changing world are putting and have put terrific strains on us in certain areas. None of us wants to seek the divorce courts. None of us wants to do what a good brother from New York inadvertently said he would do. We know that there must be faults in this structure that was set up seventeen years ago.

Therefore, we do need a Commission that would study and assess calmly, expertly and thoroughly, our Jurisdictional Structure. Some of us believe that we have not used the Jurisdictional Structure to the best advantage in our Church. We think it can be improved. We think its results would be marvelous if it were used to a greater extent. Such a study must be directed so that it will be unbiased. It must not be swayed by Court decisions or by the NAACP or by State legislatures or by the lights of the White Cross or by anybody outside the Church.

The Study Commission must be so directed that it will seek primarily and unequivocally to find out what God's will is for us to do in and through our great Methodist Church.

Statement Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Just before someone from the floor speaks, will you instruct the Chair as to what is your desire? You have ordered an Order of the

Day for twelve o'clock. Do you wish to call that up or do you wish to continue this discussion? Someone will have to move it, if you do.

Motion For Order of Day—Charles V. Adams (*)

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE) moved that we now proceed to vote for members of The Judicial Council, and then continue discussion of the pending Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“Very well; that is the motion. It really doesn't need to be put, because you have already an Order of the Day for the election for twelve o'clock. Unless someone makes another motion, I will proceed on that assumption.”

Motion to Continue—Embree H. Blackard—Not Adopted

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) moved to proceed with consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, until it is completed. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“Are you ready to vote? This is a matter of postponing an Order of the Day.”

Statement—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference, I just call to your attention that the Committee of Chairmen this morning considered our procedure. They thought that even though we were in the midst of debate on one of these Reports, that at 12:00 o'clock, unless it was very apparent that it could be completed in a few moments, we would be in a better position if we went ahead with the election, which was the Order of the Day, and call this matter up as a pending matter in the next session, which will be tonight.

Motion to Postpone Order of Day—Not Adopted

The motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) to postpone the Order of the Day, and continue consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the

Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson—Gavel Used

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

You will permit the Chair to make a brief statement. This has been a wonderful session for our Church and for the Kingdom of God. It has been something that all of us have prayed for. Many of us thought that perhaps it could not happen as it has, but God's Spirit has been here this morning. It has been in our hearts. What we have done I believe will greatly advance our opportunities to bring God's Kingdom in true Brotherhood among our people.

Let me say also that I presided this morning with a gavel that Francis Asbury used, back in old St. George's Church. It has great sentiment for me because I love that church, and because I think it is a wonderful shrine of Methodism. But more than that this day, the first Negro licensed to preach in The Methodist Church was licensed to preach in St. George's Church. So the using of the gavel has had great sentiment for me and for this session today.

I think before we take the vote we should stand and sing together, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and have Bishop Shaw pray for us.

Hymn No. 416—James R. Houghton ()*

Under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of Hymn No. 416, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Prayer—Bishop Alexander K. Shaw

Bishop Alexander K. Shaw, Retired, led in prayer, as follows:—

Thou heavenly Father, we come to Thee with a spirit of thanksgiving and of joy on account of the marvelous spirit that has been manifest among us here this morning. We thank thee for thy Church and its farflung battle lines to the ends of the earth. We thank thee for the progress that is being made and certainly for the future that is before us.

O bind us together, and come and remain in this world, so that the great thing for which our Master died, so that Thy Kingdom may come, Thy will may be done, on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Privileged Matter—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, asked a privileged question, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, just a matter of privilege for the Committee. We are not preparing to make a motion. We just wonder if you would like for us to continue this after this vote for The Judicial Council.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, replied, as follows:—

May the Chair make a statement. There is another Order of the Day which was fixed for this morning, namely, National Family Life. I think Bishop Werner probably has set that up with the thought that it would be held this morning. That ought to be in your mind when you decide whether we are to proceed with the Order, or whether we are to take this up, take up this Order which has been completed for the morning.

Withdraws—Noah W. Moore, Jr.

Noah W. Moore, Jr. (Delaware—C) who had been nominated by The Council of Bishops for membership on The Judicial Council, as a matter of high personal privilege, requested that he be permitted to withdraw his name from the voting. By common consent this was done.

First Ballot Judicial Council Members—Voting Procedure for Assistant Secretaries—Lud H. Estes—Adopted

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, duly seconded, prevailed, granting the Secretarial Staff seated on the platform, the privilege of voting there, instead of having to return to their seats in their Annual Conference Delegations.

Election Procedure—Lud H. Estes—Luther W. Wells ()*

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, outlined the procedure of voting.

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, gave further directions concerning the voting process.

Statement Re Harry A. Hanson—Henry A. Lacy ()*

Henry A. Lacy (*) (Delhi—OS) as a matter of high privilege stated that Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS) is now living in Oklahoma, and would be available to attend meetings of The Judicial Council.

Number to Be Elected—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson—Lud H. Estes

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, requested the Secretary to state the number of Ministers and Laymen to be voted for.

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, announced that the Delegates were to vote for four Ministers and three Laymen.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, requested Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas—SC), a member of The Judicial Council, to make a clarifying statement:—

Statement—Marvin A. Childers ()*

Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas—SC), a member of The Judicial Council, made the following statement:—

There are two members of The Council whose terms would extend four years more, until 1960, except for the fact that they are 70 years of age and have to retire at this time. Dr. Spaughey and Judge Noble would each have four years more. So two are to be elected, one Minister and one Layman, to fill out those unexpired terms. Then there would be three Ministers and two Laymen to be elected for full eight-year terms.

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, made a statement, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: The law as it stands means that The Council of Bishops has to nominate to you four persons for each vacancy that occurs in The Judicial Council. There is nothing in the law that has to do with the Classes. That is unfortunate but it is true.

Therefore we did nominate 16 Ministers and 12 Laymen. Under the law I think it is necessary for you to vote for four Ministers and for three Laymen. You will then have to decide, after that vote is taken, which of those persons are to go into Classes. The law simply does not provide for it; it is unfortunate but it is a fact.

Ballot Spread—Luther W. Wells ()*

Under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, the first ballot for members of The Judicial Council was spread.

Other Business—Rule 11

Under the provisions of Rule 11 of the Rules of Order, "Voting Procedure," which reads as follows:—

Rule 11. VOTING PROCEDURE

Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by The Conference. An "aye" and "no" vote if taken, shall be by signed ballot. A count vote may be ordered on call of any member supported by one-third of the members present and voting, in which case the Delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted.

No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or

when the Previous Question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the Report of the Secretaries on a count vote, or an "aye" and "no" vote. The count shall be made by Members seated next to the aisles, who shall be designated by the Secretary of The General Conference, and whose names shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate*.

The election of the Trustees of Drew University and the Board of Governors for Westminster Theological Seminary was taken up and completed, during the taking of the first ballot for members of The Judicial Council.

Trustees of Drew University—Henry Lyle Lambdin

Henry Lyle Lambdin (Newark—NE) presented the names of those persons to be elected as Trustees of Drew University of Madison, New Jersey (DB-64), and moved their election, as follows:—

Class of 1968

Ministers

William H. Alderson (New York East—NE)
Harold W. Griffis (Troy—NE)
Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE)
Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE)
John M. Pearson (New York—NE)
J. Edgar Washabaugh (Newark—NE)

Laymen

Robert R. Diefendorf (Newark—NE)
Guy G. Gabrielson (Newark—SE)
N. J. MacDonald (Newark—NE)
Edwin W. Orr, Jr. (Newark—NE)
Charles C. Parlin (Newark—NE)

To fill vacancies in Class of 1960

Rev. William F. Dunkle, Jr. (Peninsula—NE)
Everett R. Filley (New York East—NE)
Rev. Eric M. North (New York East—NE)

To fill vacancies in Class of 1964

Philip H. Haselton (*) (Newark—NE)
Rev. F. LaMont Henninger (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
Rev. Robert H. Parker (Baltimore—NE)

The motion to elect, being duly seconded, prevailed, and Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, declared, those named to serve as Trustees of Drew University have been duly elected as Trustees of Drew University of Madison, New Jersey.

Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary—Norman L. Trott

Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE) presented the names of the nominees who are to serve as the Board of Governors

of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, and on his motion, duly seconded, which prevailed, they were declared duly elected by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, as follows (DB-64) :—

Ministers

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson (NE)
 Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE)
 Bishop Paul N. Garber (SE)
 John E. Hanifan (West Virginia—NE)
 John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh—NE)
 Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore—NE)
 Frank L. Shafer (West Virginia—NE)
 Bishop James H. Straughn (NE)
 J. Vincent Watchorn (Philadelphia—NE)
 James M. McIntosh (Erie—NE)
 J. Leas Green (Peninsula—NE)
 Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
 Albert P. Shirkey (Baltimore—NE)
 John B. Jones (Baltimore—NE)
 Howard M. Amoss (Baltimore—NE)

Laymen

F. Murray Benson (Baltimore—NE)
 George W. Culberson (Pittsburgh—NE)
 Nathaniel M. Harrison (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Reginald G. Mowbray (Baltimore—NE)
 Lynde H. Ryman (Peninsula—NE)
 Frank E. Masland (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
 Hurst R. Anderson (Baltimore—NE)
 Thomas G. Pullen (Baltimore—NE)
 Theodore R. McKeldin (Baltimore—NE)
 Ranah F. Camalier (Baltimore—NE)
 J. Ernest Wilkins (Lexington—C)
 James G. Law (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
 George P. Chandler (Peninsula—NE)

Ex Officio

Bishop of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction:—
 Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

President of Westminster Theological Seminary:—Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE)

Election Judicial Council Members—Question of—Bishop Fred P. Corson—W. Ralph Ward—Answer, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

The election of the Trustees of Drew University and of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary, having been completed, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, inquired if the taking of the first ballot for members of The Judicial Council had been completed, and if there were any questions relating thereto.

W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) raised the following questions:—

Mr. Chairman, I believe this election is a very important matter. I

confess to being one member of this body who is a little uncertain about it. I would like to ask the privilege that the Presiding Chairman announce clearly to this body how many are to be elected both in the Clergy and in the Laity and whether or not a ballot is invalid if it contains more or less than that number.

Statement—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, made the following reply:

I will ask the Secretary of The Council of Bishops, who has just made a statement referring to those questions, to make the statement again.

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, replied, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: You are to vote for four Ministers; you are to vote for three Laymen.

I take it your Secretary will have to indicate answers in the matter of whether the ballot is valid if it has less than seven names; that is, less than four Ministers or more; less than three Laymen or more.

Directions—Secretary-Designate Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate, gave the following directions concerning the validity of ballots:—

Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that if more than four or less than four are voted for the Ministerial group the ballot will be void. If more than three or less than three are voted for the Laymen the ballot for the Laymen will be void.

Term of Office—G. Alfred Brown

Motion of G. Alfred Brown (Central Texas—SC), duly seconded, prevailed that the first three Ministers elected, be elected for a term of eight years; that the first two Laymen elected, be elected for a term of eight years; that the last Minister and Layman elected, be elected for a term of four years.

Jurisdictional Representation—Frank M. Templin—Bishop Fred P. Corson—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC) requested information, as follows:—

“In Paragraph 901 of the *Discipline* the closing sentence ends, ‘Provided, however, that as a result of the election each Jurisdiction shall be represented on The Council.’ How is this done, and how is this related to the balloting?”

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, requested Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to express an opinion on this matter:

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: It would be presumptuous for the Secretary of The Council of Bishops to express an opinion involving The Judicial Council. Unfortunately, the law as written calls for you to vote as indicated; namely, for four Ministers and three Laymen. It also has a requirement that mathematically it might not be possible to reach a decision on the first ballot.

There is no good trying to debate this now because sooner or later this law will have to be considered and re-written. At present you will have to vote, and if on the vote it comes out that you do not have all Jurisdictions represented, I presume you will have to reconsider the matter and vote until you do.

Ballot Closed—Sealed—Charles S. Kendall

Under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, the Tellers collected the votes and Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, declared the ballot to be closed.

Motion of Charles S. Kendall (Southern California—Arizona—W), duly seconded, prevailed directing the Tellers to seal the ballot: to count it before the evening session, and to report the results on the call of the Presiding Officer of the evening session.

Reference Paragraph 2028—W. McFerrin Stowe

Motion of W. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma—SC), duly seconded, prevailed, referring Paragraph 2028 on "Religion and the Public Schools" in the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, to the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, for their consideration of and action on, and subsequent report to The General Conference.

Evening Session—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, called the attention of the members of The General Conference to the business session ordered for tonight at 7:45 P. M.

Nos. 11, 12, 13 Presiding Officer—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin—Bishop Hazen G. Werner—Bishop Newell S. Booth—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Of-

ficers, presented Reports Nos. 11, 12 and 13 designating the following Presiding Officers for the sessions of Thursday, May 3, 1956:—Thursday morning, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin; Thursday afternoon, Bishop Hazen G. Werner; Thursday evening, Bishop Newell S. Booth. The three Reports were received and ordered to record. For Reports see Appendix, page 1255.

Constitutional Amendments—Time of Voting—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, made the following important announcement:—

Some confusion has arisen in regard as to when the Constitutional Amendments will be available for the consideration of and action on by the Annual Conferences, as many of the Annual Conferences will be meeting very shortly after the adjournment of The General Conference.

The Constitutional Amendments will be sent down in ample time and you are to take action on them **AFTER** you have received the Amendments from the Secretary of The General Conference.

Announcements—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate of The General Conference, made several announcements.

Thanks—Bishop Fred P. Corson

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer for this session, thanked the members of The General Conference for their unfailing courtesy to the Chair this morning in conducting the business of The General Conference.

Closing—Benediction—Bishop James H. Straughn

The morning session of Eighth Day, Wednesday, May 2, 1956 The General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned at 12:35 P.M., with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop James H. Straughn, Retired, and further consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System," *DCA* No. 6, page 244, column 3, and page 245, column 1, pending.

EIGHTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1956

EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke—James R. Houghton (*)

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the evening session of the Eighth Day, Wednesday, May 2, 1956, in the Municipal Auditorium at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the Pittsburgh Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, in the Chair, with the further consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Commission To Study and Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System," DCA No. 6, page 244, column 3 and page 245, column 1, pending.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, stated that James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, would announce the Hymn, after which the Choir of Claflin College, Greensboro, South Carolina, would sing for The General Conference.

Hymn No. 72—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 72, "This Is My Father's World." The General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Claflin College Choir—James R. Houghton (*)—John H. Chadwell (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, presented the Choir of Claflin College, Greensboro, South Carolina, and their Director John H. Chadwell (*), stating that they had come at their own expense, to sing for The General Conference.

Claflin College Choir Sings—John H. Chadwell ()*

Under the leadership of Director John H. Chadwell (*) the Choir of Claflin College, Greensboro, South Carolina, rendered the following selections:—

"O Magnify The Lord With Me" by Ed Lynn

"O God I Call Upon Thy Name," Senfl

"A Spiritual—Ezekiel Saw De Wheel," by Dawson

Thanks—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, expressed

the thanks of The General Conference to John H. Chadwell (*) and to the Choir of Claflin College, Greensboro, South Carolina, for their coming without expense to The General Conference to sing for the same, and for the fine music they had so ably rendered.

Prayer—Bishop James C. Baker

Bishop James C. Baker, Retired, led in prayer.

Statement—Ruling—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement and ruling:—

The Chair seeks the guidance of the House. It is my understanding that the ballot that was cast this morning has been counted. Does it meet with your pleasure to hear the result of the ballot and cast another, or what is your pleasure?

Those who will agree to this Order, will you signify by lifting the hand. Of a contrary mind?

It will be done.

Results First Ballot—Judicial Council—Luther W. Wells (*)—A. Wesley Pugh—J. Ernest Wilkins (*)

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, presented the results of the first ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, as follows:—(DB-65)

Ministers

Total votes cast 721; defective 11; Total good votes 710; necessary for a choice 356.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC)	470
Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania-NE)	326
R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas-SC)	283
Harold H. Hughes (Virginia-SE)	279
J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas-SC)	243
Harry A. Hanson (North India-OS)	166
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia-SE)	161
John Owen Smith (South Carolina-SE)	159
H. Hughes Wagner (New England-NE)	158
Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin-NC)	153
Ben H. Christner (Colorado-W)	104
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas-SC)	97
Walter G. Williams (Colorado-W)	91
Dallas L. Browning (Indiana-NC)	56
Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska-SC)	52
Ray Wilson (Detroit-NC)	32
Noah W. Moore, Jr. (Delaware-C)	20

Laymen

Total votes cast 721; defective 11; Total good votes 714; necessary for a choice 358.

J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington—C)	462
Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (Saint Louis-SC)	244
Paul R. Ervin (Western North Carolina-SE)	232
Leon E. Hickman (Pittsburgh-NC)	206
F. Murray Benson (Baltimore-NE)	203
Donald A. Odell (Southern California-Arizona-W)	179
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (Rock River-NC)	171
William G. Brown (Holston-SE)	163
Robert D. Blue (North Iowa-NC)	116
Lester C. Cecil (Ohio-NC)	86
Edward F. McFaddin (Little Rock-SC)	50
Charles G. Howard (Oregon-W)	39

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, declared that A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Minister, and J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington—C), Layman, each having received more than the required number of votes, had been elected members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, terms of office to expire 1964.

Second Ballot for Members Judicial Council—Luther W. Wells (*)

The second ballot for members of The Judicial Council was spread, with Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers in charge, who made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest, when we pass out the ballots, before you mark them for the ones that you wish to vote for on the next ballot, you strike off the names of those we have elected so you will not go and vote for them and void your ballot.

Then I would suggest that since he has asked that his name be left off, you strike off the name of Noah W. Moore, Jr., in the Ministerial group; and when you mark your ballot, it will be for three Ministerial candidates and two Lay.

Voting having been completed, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, declared the second ballot closed for members of The Judicial Council. The votes were collected by the Tellers, under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, and the Tellers retired to count the same.

No. 4, Report Committee of Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: This morning our

Committee of Chairmen had a meeting following the regular business session and we decided to ask The Conference to allow Bishop Hazen G. Werner to bring in his brief Report, which he says will be quite brief, on the Commission on Family Life. This was intended to come in in the session early this morning but by an inadvertence it got pushed aside. I think in courtesy to him we ought to follow that and then take up the pending Report immediately following.

Therefore, I move that Bishop Hazen G. Werner be given time for the presentation of the Report of the Commission on Family Life, and that it be followed by consideration of and action on the pending Report No. 2 of the Committee on Conferences. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Report National Family Life Committee—Bishop Hazen G. Werner—Lance Webb

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, of the Ohio Area, North Central Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the National Family Life Committee, presented the Report of the Committee (DB-66), and on motion of Lance Webb (Ohio—NC), duly seconded, the Report was received and ordered to record. For Report see Appendix, page 1853.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

May the Chair state the parliamentary condition. If I understand correctly, there was a Report pending, Calendar No. 44, found on page 244, in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The Chairman of the Committee is Dr. C. Cooper Bell. Are you prepared to continue?

No. 2, Conferences—C. Cooper Bell

The continuing Order of the Day having arrived, consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences. Subject, "Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System," *DCA* No. 6, page 244, column 3, and page 245, column 1, C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, was recognized and made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, Members of The Conference: Just a privilege statement for the Committee. You will notice that in the number voting on this Report, the number present when this Report was adopted was 78. The number voting for adoption, 68. Those voting against, 8. The number not voting, 2.

This afternoon as we met to consider various matters, we had what I think was the finest love feast in that Committee that I have been in in many and many a day. The spirit there was truly moved by the Spirit of Christ. Several of the brethren who voted against this Report, or had abstained from voting stood upon the floor of the Con-

ference and said that in light of what we did this morning, to count them as voting for it tonight.

I think that is a wonderful spirit, and God is moving with us.

Amendment—G. Stanley Frazer—Not Adopted

G. Stanley Frazer (Alabama—SE) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, DCA No. 6, page 244, column 3 and page 245, column 1, by deleting the first seven paragraphs of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences (DB-67) which read as follows:—

The Committee recommends the following Resolution for adoption:

In response to the numerous Memorials and Resolutions before this General Conference requesting a study of the Structure of the Jurisdictional System, and to implement the recommendations contained in the Episcopal Addresses of 1952 and 1956;

"In our world, our nation, and our Church, however, racial discrimination and segregation do exist. As sincere followers of our Lord it is our business to help free our world and our nation from these evils. But it is more immediately our imperative duty to confess our failure to achieve God's will in Methodism and then resolutely to set about achieving a Christian Brotherhood in the Church that will be free from racial discrimination and segregation . . .

"The Union of the three branches of Methodism has strengthened our fellowship through understanding and united devotion to a common task. We believe that within the organizational framework of the United Church are to be found effective procedures for the development of Christian Brotherhood.

"Notable advances have been made under our present organizational structure. However, seventeen eventful years have passed since the long-to-be-remembered day when three separate bodies of Methodism dedicated themselves to be one Church. New issues have arisen and new duties confront the Church.

"The Council of Bishops, therefore, recommends that a Commission large enough to be truly representative of all our people be constituted by this General Conference for the purpose of studying the Jurisdictional Structure of the Church, its philosophy and its effectiveness and that it report its findings with recommendations to the 1960 session of The General Conference. Through this medium we believe that a way can be charted to advance the Church steadily toward the fulfillment of the Christian imperative for racial relations."

We hereby recommend that The General Conference of 1956 create a "Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System."

and substituting therefor the following:—

In response to the numerous Memorials and Resolutions before this General Conference requesting a study of the Jurisdictional System, we hereby recommend that The General Conference of 1956 create a Commission to Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System Of The Methodist Church.

so that Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conference, as amended, will read as follows:—

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Report No. 2

Subject: Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System.

Adopted April 30, 1956.

Memorial Serial Number, or Numbers, Bosley Resolution. Frazer Resolution and 2532, 2542, 3087, 3093, 3192, 3196, 3197, 3198, 3215, 3449, 3460, 3479, 3487, 3488, 3625, 3628.

Total membership of this Committee, 87.

Number present when this Report was acted on, 78.

Number voting for adoption of this Report, 68.

Number voting against the adoption of this Report, 8.

Number not voting, 2.

In response to the numerous Memorials and Resolutions before this General Conference requesting A Study of the Jurisdictional System, we hereby recommend that The General Conference of 1956 create a Commission to Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System of The Methodist Church.

A. This Commission shall be composed of one Minister and one Lay person from each Jurisdiction for each 500,000 church members or major fraction thereof, with a minimum of three Ministers and three Lay persons from each Jurisdiction. Members of the Commission shall be elected by this General Conference upon nomination by The Council of Bishops after consultation between the Bishops and the Chairmen of the Annual Conference Delegations within their respective Jurisdictions. Officers of the Commission shall be elected by the Commission from the above named and elected members. The membership shall also include twelve Bishops, two from each Jurisdiction and twelve additional Laymen, two from each Jurisdiction, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference. There shall be a Convenor appointed by The Council of Bishops, who shall convene this Commission within six months following the adjournment of The General Conference. Vacancies occurring during the Quadrennium shall be filled by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs.

B. The responsibilities and authority, of this Commission shall be as follows:

1. To make a thorough study of our Jurisdictional system, with special reference to its philosophy, its effectiveness, its weaknesses and its relationship to the future of The Methodist Church.
2. To carry on studies and conduct hearings in all the Jurisdictions on racial segregation in The Methodist Church and all other problems related to the Jurisdictional System.
3. To develop courses of action directed toward greater Inter-Racial Brotherhood and the Spirit of Christian love.
4. In the performance of its duties this Commission shall draw upon the resources of other Agencies of The Methodist Church to assist in such research.
5. To distribute to the churches such facts and information during the

Quadrennium as may be deemed helpful to the work of this Commission and of value to the Church.

6. To report its findings and recommendations to The General Conference of 1960, and which Report shall be printed and distributed to the Delegates of said General Conference at least three months prior to the convening of The Conference.

C. That the Memorials and Resolutions presented to and/or adopted by this General Conference dealing with the structure of the Jurisdictional System may be referred to this Commission.

D. It is recommended that this Legislation be referred to the Council on World Service and Finance for adequate financing for the work of this Commission during the Quadrennium of 1956-1960.

	Bishops	Laymen
NE— 8	2	2
SE—10	2	2
NC— 8	2	2
SC— 8	2	2
C— 6	2	2
W— 6	2	2
46	12	12 = 70

C. COOPER BELL, Chairman
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), Secretary

The motion to thus amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, "Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System," being duly seconded, G. Stanley Frazer (Alabama—SE) spoke to it as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: I am sure that all of us are very anxious to continue the splendid spirit that was displayed in this Conference this morning. I was thrilled in listening to this great Choir, and to note that the gifted leader is from the city where I live, Montgomery, Ala. It proves that it is not only an inhabited place, but I trust that our presence among you will indicate that it is also civilized.

As a member of this Committee, and one of the two not voting, I think all of us felt there was a sincere warmth in all of our deliberations. I have worked with other members in trying to reach an agreement that would be fair and acceptable to our people in all the Jurisdictions. I believe that all of us were seeking a genuine approach to this problem. That is the deep concern of every one of us, not as a delaying action to postpone whatever should be done but an honest attempt to understand them and to find that answer consistent with Christian conscience. And to create an unbiased, undirected Commission evenly balanced, in no sense sectional, one that is uninstructed and holding a reasonable promise of success in the framework of the procedure proposed.

I regretted in our meeting the other afternoon that in the last hours of the meeting the Committee on Conferences inserted the words from the Episcopal Addresses of 1952 and 1956, and also other words. I have always read the Episcopal Addresses with a great deal of pleasure, and I have commended them to my people, and certainly I have

spoken always most favorably of them, when my own Bishop had prepared them.

However, I do believe that in the insertions here, that whether consciously or otherwise we have directed this Commission. I believe that the function of our Committee is to deal with the Structure of the Church. Here we are undertaking to say in this Commission: You are to set apart, achieving a Christian Brotherhood within the Church, a Brotherhood that will be free from racial discrimination and segregation, and you are to implement this recommendation by every means at your disposal. You are to make a study of the Jurisdictional System, you are to conduct hearings in all of the Jurisdictions and to develop courses of action. But all of this must lead to one final verdict.

To attempt to create a biased condition, to appraise all of the facts in the case is as a Judge using his high office to influence a verdict in advance of the evidence to be submitted. It is contrary to the accepted basic principles of American jurisprudence. I do trust that we will not instruct this Commission. I believe that we are all anxious to move forward in the broad plains of understanding. I believe that we can have confidence in one another.

Let us give our support to a Commission that is uninstructed, one without any bars, one that is free to gather all of the facts as they really exist, in the belief that during the Quadrennium that is before us, The Methodist Church under God may become the leader in a great campaign of understanding and goodwill and helpfulness.

Against Amendment—Lester W. Auman

Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) spoke against the proposed amendment of G. Stanley Frazer (Alabama—SE) as follows:—

I rise to oppose this amendment and to support the Report in its entirety. In the months preceding The General Conference two schools of thought developed. One school felt we should have just A Study Commission. The other school felt that we should make a strong pronouncement against the Central Jurisdiction, the principle of it, and take some very definite action toward its abolition.

No doubt both of these schools of thought were equally sincere. Now, we come in this Report to a middle ground between these two schools of thought; both have had to give way somewhat in order to get a Report that might meet the approval of the entire General Conference, but I for one believe that this preamble is definitely needed to give some direction to the work of this proposed Commission. How can we object to including in this Report the quotations from our Episcopal Addresses of the last two quadrenniums? We need to keep in mind just how an Episcopal Address is written. It must be reduced, so to speak, to the lowest common denominator. Only those things upon which all the Bishops agree can be put into this address.

Now, far be it from me to try to read or interpret the mind of our Bishops to this General Conference. If I attempt it, I may get spanked; but I have been spanked before.

I more than suspect many of our Bishops, if they were able to speak their own mind, would go much further than this pronouncement recommending this Commission to Study; but I say it is very significant that when Bishop Oxnam tells us they have sixty-seven voices and sixty-seven different opinions on most every subject, it is very

significant that sixty-seven of our Bishops should have gotten together to recommend this Study Commission with a united voice.

I think when we take this back to our churches we need to be able to tell our churches that this proposal has the backing of our Bishops, and we need this in the Preamble.

I do not see how anybody can object to having this in the Report. Certainly we cannot, we who profess to be Christians can hardly object to this. We fellow-workers with St. Paul who said God has made of one blood all races of men that dwell together on the face of the earth, we who are worshippers of a God who so loved the world, the whole world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever—white man, black man, yellow man, brown man—believe in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

The world is moving forward in race relations, in government and in sports, and the Christian Church in general, and The Methodist Church in particular cannot afford to lag behind the world of sports and the world of government. We need during this General Conference to make use of every opportunity to send out to the world this word. We recognize there are weaknesses in our own structural system. We are determined to endeavor to take steps to clean our own house and we believe in and intend to practice the principles of Christian Brotherhood.

Amendment—G. Stanley Frazer—Not Adopted

The amendment of G. Stanley Frazer (Alabama—SE) to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, on being put to a vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

For Report—Harold A. Bosley

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) spoke in favor of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

I should like to speak my wholehearted support of the proposed Report. I am sure it accomplishes everything I had hoped to accomplish by the Resolution which I presented earlier in The Conference and accomplishes other things in addition that deserve to be accomplished. I am more than happy with it. I would like to keep The Conference's attention though on one very serious thing about it, and that is that while it will certainly keep an eye on the whole problem of segregation as it exists in our Church, there are other problems that will come within the instant and immediate purview of this Commission. It has a broad general task to undertake to give us a critique of a new instrument of government in the light of seventeen years' experience with it, and we have no reason to think that the Commission is going to run itself or bring in comfortable answers.

I am all in favor of it and in favor of what it may do to, for and through us. Thank you.

Previous Question Moved—Charles P. Bowles

Charles P. Bowles (Western North Carolina—SE) moved the Previous Question on the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Roy R. Roudebush ()—Accepted—C. Cooper Bell*

Before the vote on the Previous Question was put, Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC) asked for information concerning the interpretation of paragraph seven, at the bottom of page 244, column 3, *DCA* No. 2, which reads as follows:—

“We hereby recommend that The General Conference of 1956 create a ‘Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System.’”

and moved to amend by deleting the word “*create*,” in line one, and to substitute therefor the words, “**authorize the creation of**,” so that the paragraph as amended, will read:—

“We hereby recommend that The General Conference of 1956 **authorize the creation of** a Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System.”

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, accepted the change in the wording of the paragraph for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Previous Question Ordered—Charles P. Bowles

The motion of Charles P. Bowles (Western North Carolina—SE) for the Previous Question on the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Rules Suspended—A. Wesley Pugh—Report No. 2 Adopted

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, that the Rules of Order be suspended for the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences.

Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Subject, “Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System,” *DCA* No. 6, page 244, column 3 and page 245, column 1, on being put to the vote of The General Conference was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1406.

No. 2, Conferences Referred—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, referring Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences to the Council on World Service and Finance, for their consideration, action on and their report back to The General Conference.

No. 2, Co-ordinating Council—Chester A. McPheeters—Amended—Edwin R. Garrison—Paul G. James (*)

The Order of the Day having arrived, Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) presented Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, *DCA* No. 3, page 111, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 112, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 113, columns 1, 2 and 3, and requested that Edwin R. Garrison (North Indiana—NC) and Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) join him on the platform.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) moved to amend the first paragraph under "Suggested Legislation," *DCA* No. 3, page 111, column 3 by deleting the words, "*Beginning with,*" in line two, and substituting therefor the word, "**emphasizing,**" and deleting the word, "*in,*" in line three, and substituting therefor the word, "**on,**" so that the amended paragraph will read:—

"To Replace Paragraph 761, 5

"The Week of Dedication shall be observed annually **emphasizing** Ash Wednesday and culminating **on** the first Sunday in Lent, which shall be designated as the Day of Dedication."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, was adopted.

Motion of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, adopting the second paragraph under "Suggested Legislation," *DCA* No. 3, page 111, column 3, entitled, "World Order Sunday," and adding the following new paragraph to Paragraph 246-9, 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:—

"World Order Sunday shall be observed annually in each local church on the Sunday of or immediately preceding November 11th," so that amended Paragraph 246-9 will read as follows:—

Each local church may provide for the promotion of world peace through a Church Committee on World Peace, which shall report to the Official Board.

World Order Sunday shall be observed annually in each local church on the Sunday of or immediately preceding November 11th.

Special Days—Chester A. McPheeters—Amended

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) next presented that part of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council dealing with "Special Days," DCA No. 3, page 111, columns 2 and 3, and also in different form, DCA No. 5, page 258, columns 1 and 2, and moved the adoption of this part of Report No. 2. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked if "Children's Day" had been restored to its original position and situation in The Methodist Church.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) stated that Report No. 2 does not restore "Children's Day" to its original place and situation in The Methodist Church.

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) then moved to amend Report No. 2 by restoring "Children's Day" to its original place in the schedule of Special Days of The Methodist Church.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the proposed amendment, as follows:—

"Now, Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: This was for many years a historic and important day in Methodism. It was a day when special attention was called to the importance of children in the Church and to the importance of taking up a collection, as I remember it, to assist those men and women to secure a higher education. I regret exceedingly that this important day has been pushed aside and no longer stands out among the great Sundays of our year in the way it used to stand out. I think it ought to stand out and it is for this reason that I make the amendment to the Report. I trust it may receive your support in the name of the boys and girls and for the sake of many members of the Church who desire that this day be restored and who have memorialized The General Conference, as I understand it, so to do."

Against Amendment—J. Earl Moreland ()*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I would like, as Chairman of the Committee on Education, first of all, to say this matter came before us, both in 1952 and in 1956, and the Board unanimously agreed this year—I can't recall the vote in 1952—not to do what is now being proposed. So I think that it might be proper for this to be said at this point. I doubt that any member of the Board of Education, either the Staff or the Committee—though I would not undertake to speak for all members of the Committee, except the vote was taken that way—would oppose this amendment in every way.

Second, I think it should be said that we have come to a recognition in these seventeen years of the manner of observance of these days. I do believe that the Committee recommendation is a statesmanlike recommendation that will solve most of our problems that have to do with these Special Days.

I trust the amendment will be defeated and that this entire plan presented by Dr. McPheeters will be accepted."

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following statement for the Co-ordinating Council:—

Mr. Chairman, may I call to your attention that the Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June, is the day for the taking of the offering to the Scholarship Fund, if that question was raised. Children's Day has been placed under the third category and is the first Sunday in National Family Week, which is nationally observed.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

On being put to the vote of The General Conference, the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), was not adopted.

Amendment—Commitment Day—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, by designating the second Sunday in December for the observance of Commitment Day, sponsored by the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, and by transferring it from category "4, Days to Be Observed as Ordered by the Jurisdictional and/or The Annual Conference," to category "3. Days to Be Observed on a Church-Wide Basis—Without Offering."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Commitment day has been growing since the Board of Temperance has sponsored it. Last year they had to increase the number of orders for the Commitment Day cards. A survey indicates that it was observed in about 60 per cent of the churches. In the light of the Episcopal Address, we think it is important to continue it and have it in the Calendar as one of those days.

Thank you, sir."

For Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke in favor of the amendment, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I hope that this amendment will prevail. One of the most important ques-

tions before this country today is the abolition of the American liquor traffic which is our number one enemy, and the securing of more men and women and boys and girls who will become total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquor.

It is very well that we set aside a day when this important matter shall be presented to the Church, to the boys and girls and adult members of the Church in a special way.

Anything which we can do here which will strike a blow at the liquor traffic and which will lend our support to total abstinence from drinking liquor is something we ought to do.

If we neglect to do that every brewery and every distiller who is carrying on this iniquitous traffic will laugh and say, 'Ah well, The Methodist Church must be taking a reactionary step on this great question.'

There was a day, my friends, when the liquor traffic feared The Methodist Church. I am sorry to say it no longer fears The Methodist Church as it once did, but let us neglect no opportunity to let the breweries and the distillers of this country who are enemies of all that is good in the country, let them know that we are not taking any reactionary step but are determined to outlaw their traffic again as we did back a number of years ago."

Against Amendment—W. Kenneth Goodson

W. Kenneth Goodson (Western North Carolina—SE) spoke against the adoption of the proposed amendment, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, the amendment that has been suggested asks that we take it out of the category coming now under the supervision of the Annual Conference and put it in that category of days to be observed on a Church-wide basis without an offering.

I assume that there is no difference of feeling among us that Commitment Day should be observed around the Church, but in some Annual Conferences it is observed with an offering. And so I would hope that the amendment would be defeated and it might remain as it is, so that in the Annual Conferences where offerings are received such a procedure may continue.

For Amendment—Verner S. Mumbulo

Verner S. Mumbulo (Detroit—NC) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment, as follows:—

"I have no speech, Mr. Bishop, except to say I hope this amendment will prevail with or without an offering. I think that we are facing an issue in this connection which ought to be assisted by the feeling, by the action of this great Conference to give as much standing to Commitment Sunday across our Church as it is possible to do.

If you could have stood as I did a few weeks ago and seen a fine businessman come to my study and upon his knees ask that he might have one of the Commitment Cards to sign, and if you could have knelt and prayed as I did that day, you would have realized, as many of you Members of this Conference do, what it means to have a great Church behind you, which believes in commitment to total abstinence, and who puts this great thing with all the power and all the pressure

and with all the love of the Church behind it to its people once a year.

I hope we will put this day back into the dignity, if I may use that expression, of General Conference order."

For Amendment—Charles I. Carpenter

Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment, from the standpoint of a Chaplain in the Armed Forces, as follows:—

"Gentlemen, I represent you in the Armed Forces.

We have no bigger problem than the question of youth and liquor. It is time The Methodist Church took a stand with all of the firmness that it possibly can on this subject.

By relegating this day to a day that is a decision of an Annual Conference or a Jurisdictional Conference is not enough. It should be one of the days ordered by The General Conference.

Our youths are too important, gentlemen. I live with them. I work with them. There is not a thing too great for us to do, to do everything possible to try to get youths to make a decision to stay away from alcoholic beverage in every form, and this is one thing we can do—and should!"

For Amendment—B. Clyde Clark ()*

B. Clyde Clark (*) (Oklahoma—SC) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment, as follows:—

"I am very much in favor of this. Now, on the liquor question, we just heard from a man in our Armed Forces, is something that we ought to be very much interested in. And you know, what we do as a General Conference here, I think will have some influence on our young people. You know, too many of our young people are now getting to indulge in some kind of alcoholic beverage, and I am in hopes that we as a General Conference will put our approval on this, taking a collection and take it publicly—or they could ask for some money to support it—so I am very much in favor of this and hope we will adopt it."

Previous Question—Asbury Smith—Ordered

Motion of Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE), duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, ordering the Previous Question on the pending amendment.

Closes Debate—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) closed the debate for the Co-ordinating Council, with the following statement:—

Certainly no member of this Committee or Co-ordinating Council disagrees with anything that has been said in favor of temperance and abstinence and all the rest. The location of this Day in this

category does not particularly degrade it. This is the order of The General Conference of four years ago and is in our *Discipline* in this fashion.

There is a wide variety of the use of the Day, and the Co-ordinating Council felt that possibly we should allow Conferences and Jurisdictions to make their decisions.

We favor some kind of a Commitment Day or we would not have put it in. Where it goes is not the matter of importance. These Days are just as important as the Days with offerings in The Methodist Church, and we offer it as such. Therefore, we would say that it should follow in this order. We leave it to you, however.

Amendment—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

The proposed amendment of G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Information Requested—Amendment Proposed—G. Lemuel Fenn—Chester A. McPheeters—Amendment Withdrawn

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) requested the following information:—

Mr. Chairman, there are several Days called for on which to take Special Offerings. I notice that in total the number of those to be observed in the Church School and in the Church add up to six—if somebody will check it to see for sure if that is right. Is that right?

I want to make a point of information, please, on the matter of where an amendment should be made—referring this matter back to the proper Commission, to work on reducing the number of Sundays on which special offerings are to be made. Should that be made in connection with this Report, or should such an amendment be made when Report No. 8 of the Council on World Service and Finance comes before us? Should it be made now or should it be made then?

The information requested not being forthcoming at this moment, G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) moved that the section of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, dealing with "Special Days," be referred back to the Co-ordinating Council for their consideration on the matter of combining Special Days to be observed on a Church-wide basis with an offering, so that fewer Special Days will be established.

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Before the motion to refer could be seconded, Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following statement:—

I raise a question, Mr. Chairman. The Co-ordinating Council does not have a quorum of its membership here now. If you want action at this time to control this quadrennium it will pretty nearly have to be done here. I don't know how we could possibly get our group together and get a vote on it.

Further Question—G. Lemuel Fenn

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) made a further statement, as follows:—

My thought, Mr. Chairman was, I would not like to make a motion saying that we are going to combine this or that without the opportunity for a Commission to give the whole matter proper consideration because certainly nobody wishes to damage any of these causes or to cause them to have less income, but the number of Special Days with Offering is increasing, and I wanted to make a motion in the direction of decreasing them. I am not prepared to make a motion which would state that we combine this one and this one in order to have fewer, but I thought the matter might be referred to the Co-ordinating Council.

Clarifying Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters made a clarifying statement, as follows:—

May I make a statement on that?

This Report—and you will look at it better on page 258 *DCA* than you will on page 111 *DCA* if you do not mind—is a result of varied attempts the Co-ordinating Council has been making for four years to bring us down to the minimum of Special Days.

We have been in touch with every Agency. We have asked the Council of Secretaries to assist us and we have just brought it in in this form so that you would see, the Church can see that there are six Sundays with offerings; otherwise, people have said there are too many. They have talked in terms of a dozen, but we have six Sundays with offerings, and this is the Report as a result of a quadrennium of study in attempting to reduce.

Motion to Refer Withdrawn—G. Lemuel Fenn

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) stated that with this explanation he would withdraw his motion to refer Report No. 2 back to the Co-ordinating Council.

Suggestion Re Universal Bible Sunday—Lemuel K. Lord—Approved

Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE) moved that The General Conference suggest to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America that Universal Bible Sunday be observed on a Sunday not in the Advent Season.

The motion, being duly seconded, Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"I think Bible Sunday is a Sunday that is very important in the Church Year and one that we all want to observe. I do think for those who think the Advent season is a season that is also very important that this interrupts the Advent program. Therefore, I think it would be good for Christendom to so order our Program that Universal Bible Sunday would be observed upon another occasion."

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following statement for the Co-ordinating Council:—

Mr. Chairman, as I understand, Dr. Lord's suggestion would be that this merely be suggested to the American Bible Society. There is nothing we can do about it as far as change is concerned. I don't quite see how we would amend this Report because you do not change this Day as far as we are concerned and we would have no right to change this Day, I would think. But you could make the suggestion, and it has been made.

Suggestion Adopted

The suggestion of Lemuel K. Lord (New England) that The General Conference of The Methodist Church suggest to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America that Universal Bible Sunday be observed on a Sunday not in the Advent Season, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was approved and adopted.

Information Sought—Paul V. Shearer ()—Chester A. McPheeters*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) raised the following question:—

I would like to ask a question of Chairman McPheeters; namely, on page 111 *DCA* is the proposed legislation following Special Days mandatory or in the nature of a recommendation?

Depending upon the answer of that question will be another question.

Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) answered the question, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, we are establishing Special Days and in the adoption of the two items to which I think you refer we have established and defined these Days.

Further Question—Paul V. Shearer ()*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) asked a further question, as follows:—

I am particularly concerned as to the matter in reference to observance of Days with offerings and the problem at hand is that some of our churches are operating under a Unified Budget. Are we going to be technically in violation of the *Discipline* if we do not take an offering on these specified Days?

Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) answered the question, as follows:—

I would have no authority to make a decision at that point. I think possibly within your own conscience you might feel something about it. I don't know.

Further Question—Paul V. Shearer ()*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) raised a further question, as follows:—

The problem of course is that we have worked out down at Washington, for example, to present a Unified Budget and we are doing it this year. Now we come up against the specific legislation of The General Conference.

Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) replied, as follows:—

I would think, Mr. Chairman, in a Unified Budget, as I know churches do, if you would allocate certain amounts for these Days, for these funds, you would meet the spirit of the law.

Amendment—Alva I. Cox, Sr.—Not Adopted

Alva I. Cox, Sr., (North-East Ohio—NC) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, DCA No. 6, page 258, columns 1 and 2, Sections 1 and 2 under the heading "Special Days to Be Observed with Offering," by deleting the headings of Sections 1 and 2, which read as follows:—

"1. *Days to Be Observed on a Church-wide Basis—With Offering,*" and

"2. *Days to Be Observed in the Church School—With Offering,*" and

combining Sections 1 and 2, to become Section 1, with the following title, "Special Days to Be Observed With Offering," renumbering paragraph 3 as 2, and paragraph 4 as 3, so that the amended Section will read

1. Special Days to Be Observed With Offering

Week of Dedication

The first five days of Lent including the first Lenten Sunday.

World Wide Communion Sunday

First Sunday in October

Race Relations Sunday

Second Sunday in February

Methodist Student Day

Second Sunday in June

World Service Sunday

Fourth Sunday of each month

Church School Rally Day

Sunday to be designated by the Annual Conference

2. Days to Be Observed on a Church-Wide Basis—Without Offering

Student Recognition Day	First Sunday after Christmas
Children's Day	First Sunday in National Family Week
Laymen's Day	Third Sunday in October
World Order Sunday	The Sunday of or preceding November 11th
Universal Bible Sunday	Second Sunday in December

3. Days to Be Observed as Ordered by the Jurisdictional and/or The Annual Conference.

The Sunday of Commitment
Retired Ministers' Sunday
Hospital and Homes Week
Rural Life Sunday

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC) spoke to the proposed amendment, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, there are two or three points to be considered. Some of us have been working awfully hard not only in the direction of achieving Unified Budgets in local churches but also to achieve that sense of unity inside the Church that would get us over talking about Church and Sunday School, Church and Church School, etc. Therefore, it seems to me unfortunate to talk about these two offerings, one to be observed in the Church, the other in the Church School.

I call attention to the fact that the *Discipline*, Par. 233 now says that Race Relations Day and Methodist Student Day shall be observed in each Local Church. It does not say Church School.

There is a very practical matter so far as I am concerned. I have a very personal interest in the matter of the Church School Rally Day. I know that in the churches of our Conference for the most part where the offering is received it is received not only among the Church School classes but envelopes are distributed and an offering taken at a Sunday morning worship service. I certainly would not want to have this acted upon in such wise that would make impossible members of the Official Board and others who are not members of Church School classes making a contribution to this very important aspect of the Church's work.

Reply—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) replied as follows:—

I would like to suggest that the Paragraph which was read concerning Race Relations of course was as read, but it appears in the section on the Church Schools and that is the reason that we listed it here.

How would many churches take care of the Church School Rally Day if you listed all of these under the one heading? I raise that question. However, I would see no objection if we can state it inclusively.

Further Remarks—Alva I. Cox, Sr.

Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC) spoke in support of his proposed amendment, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, it would seem to me that if we just struck out those caps under 2, "*DAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL*," it would then read, "*SPECIAL DAYS TO BE OBSERVED WITH OFFERING*" and any local church could make its own decision then as to whether it gave the entire church family an opportunity to participate in any of them or all of them, and many churches do that with Race Relations Day, Student Day, and even in some churches the fourth Sunday is observed regularly not only in the Church School but throughout the church.

Question—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, inquired of The General Conference, as follows:—

Does the Conference accept this change as the Committee does?

(Calls of "No" from the Conference.)

Against Amendment—Ralph W. Sockman

Ralph W. Sockman (New York—NE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC), as follows:—

Am I to understand this would practically call upon the churches to observe about ten Special Collections if we fulfilled the spirit of this? Dr. McPheeters said that the churches could decide whether it would be done by the Church School or the Church, but what is your understanding? This is sort of an obligation put upon our consciences or our churches. Some of us have a hard time adjusting our preaching to 10 or 20 Special Days a year anyway and to have collections would make it worse.

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) spoke to the proposed amendment of Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC), as follows:—

I think I would agree with Dr. Sockman heartily that our arrangement is a better arrangement, but we would not want to be obstinate about it, however. If you do combine the two as suggested by Dr. Cox, you are then setting one Sunday each month for World Service Sunday, which would add about 11 extra Sundays per year if you want to do that. That is the reason I said we would not object.

Previous Question—Marshall T. Steel—Ordered

Motion of Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC), duly seconded, prevailed, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of The General Conference, ordering the Previous Question on all before The General Conference.

Information—Russell E. Clay—Marshall T. Steel

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W) raised the question as to whether the Previous Question was ordered on the proposed amendment of Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC) or on the entire Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council.

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC) stated that his motion for the Previous Question was on the proposed amendment of Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC).

Closes Debate—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) closed the debate for the Co-ordinating Council, with the following statement:—

After hearing your suggestions and your debate, the Chairman, and I believe the Committee on the platform and I believe the Council would still be convinced that our arrangement would be much more simple for the entire Church and I would trust that we might adopt it as it is here presented.

Information Desired—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) raised the following question and requested information concerning it:—

This is an inquiry. The other day I asked a question and you told me to wait until this matter came up. It is about the Day of Dedication and I truly am looking for information. I want to know what principle is followed or involved when a Program which is adopted either during a Quadrennial Program in the Advance or the Crusade or whatever turns out to be a good Program, thereby becomes established and a permanent feature of our Benevolence Program. How do you decide that it continues to go on as a Special External Addendum to our Benevolence Work and does not become a part of our continuing, perpetuated, established Benevolence Work which we call World Service?

In other words, why is it the Day of Dedication, with all its emphasis, all of its missionary values which we all admire and like, could not be incorporated by a Co-ordinating Council doing the co-ordinating, and put it back under a World Service aegis?

Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) answered the question as follows:—

That was brought to our attention, but we also considered other items, and agreed and felt that the Week of Dedication with all of its message, all of its spirit, needed to be lifted and high-lighted, and therefore should remain as A Special Day, rather than letting it be lost within the total World Service emphasis of the Church.

Information Requested—James P. Brawley ()*

James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C) asked the following question:—

My question is this: Race Relations Sunday is listed as A Special Day under "Observance in the Sunday School." Does that mean it is stricken from the Church-wide Observance as listed in the *Discipline*?

Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) answered the question, as follows:—

I attempted to point out that the *Discipline* now lists Race Relations Sunday under the section on Church School. Therefore we listed it here. That is the way the *Discipline* now lists it and defines it; although the *Discipline* does say on a Church-wide basis it still lists it under section on the Church School.

Inquiry—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, asked James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C) if this answered his question?

Reply—James P. Brawley ()*

James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C) asked further information, as follows:—

No. I don't understand whether or not it is still to be observed on a Church-wide basis.

Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) replied as follows:—

It would be exactly as it has been the past quadrennium.

Question Answered—James P. Brawley ()*

James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C) stated that this was the information he was seeking.

Information Re Children's Day—Harold S. Swales

Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) requested information concerning Children's Day, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I request information. Does this, if we pass it, affect the *Discipline*, which says: "The first Sunday of National Family Week, or some other day selected by the Annual Conference, may be designated as Children's Day?"

If we pass this Report does it mean that we are taking away from the Annual Conference the right to select some other day for Children's Day?

Reply—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) answered the question, as follows:—

I would think that an Annual Conference could make that decision, although the general Church would be observing the day, as listed here.

Information Re Golden Cross Sunday—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), a member of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes, requested information concerning the place of Golden Cross Sunday, as follows:—

As a member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Church, a number of us are concerned about the Golden Cross Sunday, which is now in the *Discipline*—

Was that an oversight that that was not included, or what about that? That is now in the *Discipline*.

Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) answered the question, as follows:—

It was not included because it was only rather sectionally observed and we thought the Annual Conference could determine that.

Parliamentary Status—John W. Chittum ()*

John W. Chittum (*) (North-East Ohio—NC) asked for information, as follows:

I would like to ask for information, sir, about what the status is. Was the amendment proposed by Dr. Cox accepted, or is that the first item to be voted upon under the Previous Question?

Ruling—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, replied:—

The Chair is of the opinion that is the first item to be voted upon.

Information Re Race Relations Sunday—Henry L. Dickason ()*

Henry L. Dickason (*) (East Tennessee—C) requested information concerning Race Relations Sunday, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I thought from this record that Race Relations Sunday is listed under the Church School. According to our *Discipline* we cannot find it, as was stated by the Chairman—that this is under Sunday School. Paragraph 1350: "As a means of educating the Church in regard to better Race Relations and the needs of Negro Schools, Race Relations Sunday shall be observed in all the congregations."

Reference is Paragraph 233, No. 3, which says: "Race Relations Sunday shall be observed in every Local Church" not the Sunday School.

Explanation—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) gave the requested information, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I will just simply state what we said a moment ago, that this does say exactly as our brother has read it, but this appears to us to be under the section on the Church School, under the Board of Education. We are not attempting to confine this to the Church School. That is not our attempt at all. We just listed it to get it into a category and possibly if it needs to be shifted it can be. However, you are not going to do that now.

Discipline Cited—Bruce L. Middaugh

Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE) called attention to Paragraph 233 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:—

"Par. 233. The following Special Days shall be observed in the Church School."

and called attention to Item 3, Race Relations Sunday.

Questions—John O. Gross—Answers—Chester A. McPheeters

John O. Gross (Kentucky—SE) asked some questions, which were answered by Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), as follows:—

My question relates to the item just raised by Dr. Middaugh. I would like to ask Dr. McPheeters if Paragraph 233, Sub-Paragraphs 3 and 4, as now in the *Discipline* will remain as they are and may be interpreted as they now stand?

Chester A. McPheeters: We have nothing to do with those Paragraphs.

John O. Gross: Oh, yes. You have given legislation and have interpreted Race Relations and Methodist Student Day to be under Paragraph 233.

Chester A. McPheeters: Using the line, "The following Special Days shall be observed in the Church School." While that has been true, practically speaking, the Days have been observed by the local churches in the congregation.

John O. Gross: My question is, will these Paragraphs be changed or will we be permitted to continue the practices that have been built up through the years in the observance of these two Days?

Chester A. McPheeters: It was our intention that we should continue what has been practiced.

John O. Gross: Thank you.

Discipline Cited Re Golden Cross Sunday—Embree H. Blackard

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) called attention to the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 1569-1, which provides for Golden Cross Enrollment Sunday.

Information Re Layman's Day—R. Edwin Kimbrough

R. Edwin Kimbrough (North Alabama—SE) requested information concerning Layman's Day, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I am a freshman member of this body, and thus loath to speak. I have been waiting for someone to raise this point. I should like to inquire of the Chairman, Dr. McPheeters, concerning Layman's Day. The Co-ordinating Council recommends that it be observed on a Church-wide basis without offering.

I should like to ask him this: Do members of the Co-ordinating Council know that Layman's Day is observed by many Annual Conferences on a day not recommended, and that an offering is taken? If they are aware of this fact why do they not place Layman's Day under category 4, if it is true as you say that by placing an item or A Special Day under category 4 it is not degrading?

Answer—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) answered as follows:—

This has been cleared with the Board of Lay Activities. I think there are a few churches who do as you say, but generally the Layman's Day is without offering.

Amendment Read—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

At the request of Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W) Document Secretary, read the proposed amendment of Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC), as follows:—

Page 258, strike out in the box on that page the item of No. 2 and the sentence in capital letters, "*DAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL—WITH OFFERING*," and include the next four items, Race Relations Sunday, Methodist Student Day, World Service Sunday, and Church School Rally Day, under the paragraph numbered 1. Remember the other two paragraphs 3 and 4 as paragraphs 2 and 3.

Amendment—Alva I. Cox, Sr.—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Special Days Section—Adopted

The "Special Days" section of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, DCA No. 6, page 258, columns 1 and 2, and also found in DCA No. 3, page 111, columns 2 and 3, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Organizational Structure—General Agency Membership—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) presented the section, "Organizational Structure," DCA No. 3, page 111, bottom of column 3, and "1. General Agency Membership," DCA No. 3, page 112, top of column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, both paragraphs were adopted.

Tenure Presented—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) presented Item No. "2. Tenure" found on page 112, column 1, DCA No. 3, and stated that the word "twelve" had been substituted for the word "eight" in line three, of Paragraph 1104, *Discipline* of 1952. The Methodist Church, so that the amended Paragraph 1104 will read:—

"Tenure on any Division Board, Commission, or Council except The Council of Bishops and The Judicial Council, shall be limited to twelve consecutive years; *provided*, however, that this limitation shall take effect from The General Conference of 1952 and shall not be retroactive.

"In order to provide for continuing Divisions, Boards, Commissions, and Councils, it is recommended that each nominating and electing body give special attention to rotation of its representatives on these Agencies."

Amend by Deletion—Graham S. Eubank—Not Adopted

Graham S. Eubank (North Carolina—SE) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, by deleting the entire Section "2. Tenure," of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, DCA No. 3, page 112, column 1, and which reads as follows:—

2. Tenure

The 1952 General Conference adopted an eight-year limit for the members serving on General Boards and Agencies, beginning with 1952. (Par. 1104). The Council has received complaints from some General Boards and Agencies with respect to this limitation. Careful consideration has been given to the feeling existing in some of the General Boards that the wisdom and experience needed, particularly in the handling of funds and investments, is adversely affected by the eight-year rule.

Your Council, therefore, recommends that the word "eight" in Par. 1104 be changed to "twelve"; and that in order to provide for continuing Divisions, Boards, Commissions, and Councils, it is recommended that each nominating and electing body give special attention to rotation of its representatives on these Agencies.

Change Paragraph 1104

Line 3 substitute "twelve" for "eight" and add

In order to provide for continuing Divisions, Boards, Commissions, and Councils, it is recommended that each nominating and electing body give special attention to rotation of its representatives on these agencies.

So that the Paragraph shall read:

"Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or Council except The Council of Bishops and The Judicial Council, shall be limited to twelve consecutive years; *provided*, however, that this limitation shall take effect from The General Conference of 1952 and shall not be retroactive.

In order to provide for continuing Divisions, Boards, Commissions, and Councils, it is recommended that each nominating and electing body give special attention to rotation of its representatives on these Agencies."

The motion to amend by deleting, being duly seconded, Graham S. Eubank (North Carolina—SE) spoke to the same as follows:—

The reason why I am making this motion is because if when we examine the number of members of the General Boards and Agencies of the Church we find that we do not have a great number of our people on these Boards. With a Church as large as ours I am quite confident that we have adequate leadership, Ministerial and Lay, to take their places when the law requires that some people be retired from those Boards.

Now, I believe that should we increase from eight to twelve, the next General Conference in 1960 will be seeking to add four more years to it. I believe in the leadership of our Church, that we have it in quantity and quality to meet the needs of Methodism on the General Boards and Agencies, regardless of what those needs may be.

For Amendment—W. Sproule Boyd

W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) spoke in favor of the proposed motion of deletion, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I would like to speak in support of this amendment. I believe that on every level of our Church life, from the local congregation on up to The General Conference of the Church and the General Boards, one of the problems is to integrate people into the life of the Church by finding places of service. I feel that in a Church with over nine million members, there are vast resources of leadership that we do not touch. I think that in eight years a person on a General Board can render a service and I believe it would be well thereafter to find the available persons who could replace him on that Board.

I have been a member of a Board for four years, not a very good member, I am sure. But I think, even if I should be on that Board another four years, which probably is doubtful, at the end of that four years that would be enough.

Against Amendment—Eugene L. Smith

Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE), General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, spoke against the proposed motion of Graham S. Eubank (North Carolina—SE) to delete Section 2 Tenure of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, as follows:—

I speak as a Secretary of an Agency which is very vitally involved in this question before us. There is a precedent within many local churches and many Annual Conferences for the rotation of membership of Boards, and with this I am personally in hearty agreement. However, this particular question before us calls in effect for the rotation of Trustees, which is a slightly different matter, and at this point a very important matter. In actual fact, the action to limit the tenure of membership on a Board to eight years is to concentrate power in the hands of us who are Secretaries in a way which I do not think that this General Conference wants to do. I do not want that much power.

It takes time in a Division which operates in the complex and intricate matters of your Division of World Missions for men to become so acquainted and oriented that they can effectively participate in the real decisions of that Division. I cherish that effective participation on the part of all of our membership. I report to you accurately that if a man comes on eight years and is off in eight years, it will not be possible to get the real participation of the representatives of the Jurisdiction and the Members-at-Large on the level that it ought to be. The limitation to eight years is in effect, therefore, an undemocratic limitation.

Twelve years gives us that much more time to bring men into the real places of decision in the life of the Board.

I also speak with very great concern about the stewardship of the largest endowment funds in The Methodist Church. I as a clergyman simply do not have enough know-how to know how to handle the large endowments in your Division of World Missions if you require us to bring men onto the Finance Committee and then take them off within eight years.

Now, it has been suggested in support of the eight-year limitation that it might be possible to have the accumulated experience in the specialty of Church Finance by having the Co-opted Members remain on for more than eight years. But this I think is not the real desire of The General Conference. If your Co-opted Members who are not Members of the Board remain on for more than eight years have the weight of seniority and experience, what you are doing is concentrating power in the hands of men who are not members of the Board and, therefore, by the law of the Church in a sense are isolated from the spiritual concerns that must dominate the financial decisions. It is a much sounder stewardship of the largest endowment funds of the Church. It provides for much more adequate participation in the real decisions that are made within the Boards, if you will extend the membership for twelve years.

For Amendment—Allen Whitfield ()*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) spoke in favor of the motion to amend by deletion, as follows:—

I speak in support of this amendment to keep the term of the Members of the Boards at eight years. The speaker who has just concluded his remarks made special emphasis of the point that it is necessary to secure continuity for a longer period than eight years in order to maintain the proper investment advice for the funds that are in the hands of these Boards. I would point out that the Report of the Co-ordinating Council makes no such limitation to the men who are dealing with the financial aspects of the General Boards. Therefore, his argument does not direct itself to the Report of the Co-ordinating Council in question.

Now, in addition, Members of The Conference, I want to point out that it becomes extremely difficult for this Church to bring to the top leadership of the Church young men and women, if you establish a system which does not permit a rotation in a shorter period than twelve years.

It is my judgment that there are enough men who are devoted Christian men in The Methodist Church to furnish a breadth of experience in connection with all matters that will come to the attention of these Boards, and the one great advantage of rotation is simply this: While it is true that there may be some loss in continuity, it is also true that the established order which may be in error will have a chance to be corrected by a rotation system which will bring to the Board Programs some new ideas, new personalities, and new Programs.

Against Amendment—George H. Atkinson ()*

George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada—W) spoke against the motion to delete "Item 2, Tenure," as follows:—

I rise to ask that you please defeat this amendment. I listened to the last speaker with respect, but as a practical matter I do not believe his views are good.

Having served on the National Board of Missions for some two terms now, I have had a good chance to examine and check on the way it goes. Prior to going on that, my ideas were the same as many of the Laymen here, that the new members should take over, and so forth. But what we have found on the Board of Missions is this: that in the previous days the Staff was so deeply entrenched, their ideas were already fixed. You got to a meeting and practically were given the minutes of the meeting for you to approve by the time you got there, and the new members coming for the first time—simply that is all they could do.

Now, we have been several years working out a system where the experienced Lay Members and experienced Ministerial Members could get into the workings of the Boards and really have some effect on their policies. I don't want sixteen years. I don't want twenty years, but I do think if you have a rotating system of twelve years that you give the Lay members and the Ministerial members of these Boards a chance to understand what is going on and actually to do them some good.

If you start holding this to the eight-year rule, you will simply

turn it back to the Staffs and all these people do is go and vote for what they suggest. He doesn't know enough to make any changes.

Previous Question—Paul V. Shearer (*)—Ordered

On motion of Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC), the Previous Question, on the pending motion to delete "Item 2. Tenure," was ordered by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Closes Debate—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) closed the debate for the Co-ordinating Council, on the pending motion to delete "Item 2, Tenure," with the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, up until a few years ago there was no limited tenure on the membership of any of our General Agencies and Boards, at least established by The General Conference. It was felt at that time, after careful study, that there should be some limit.

Now, you can make the limit in one of two ways. You can make it by age, or you can make it by years of service. The recommendation to The General Conference of 1952 was to make the limit eight years of service on any Board or Agency.

During this quadrennium, the Co-ordinating Council was approached with the suggestion by one of its Boards to change, if they found a rotating plan, to change their Board. One-half every four years was not good. Therefore, the Co-ordinating Council has come to you with this suggestion that we set a twelve-year limit. There should be some limit—and so we set a twelve-year limit. Thus, a rotating plan would mean one-third each Quadrennium.

I call your attention to the fact that as you vote—and you are voting to delete, I understand, the Paragraph I didn't read in the proper place, the one which follows "Change Paragraph 1104," so that Paragraph shall read: "Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or Council except The Council of Bishops and The Judicial Council, shall be limited to twelve consecutive years; *provided*, however, that this limitation shall take effect from The General Conference of 1952 and shall not be retroactive," and so on—I trust that you will pass this, because we believe it is best for the Church and best for the Boards.

Questions—Dwight E. Walter (*)—Answers—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio—NC) asked the following question:—

As I understood the motion that we are now voting on, it was to delete Paragraph 1104, and I wonder if that is to delete the Paragraph as it now stands, or is it to cut out this amendment?

Ruling—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

As the Chair understands it, it is to eliminate the Paragraph under "Tenure." Is the Chairman in agreement?

Amendment Read—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

At the request of Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Document Secretary, read the proposed amendment of Graham S. Eubank (North Carolina—SE), as follows:—

The amendment by Graham S. Eubanks reads: I move the deletion of paragraph No. 2, Tenure, page 112 of *The Christian Advocate* report No. II of the Co-ordinating Council.

Further Question—Dwight E. Walter ()*

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio—NC) raised a second question, as follows:—

Then, as I understand, it will not change the *Discipline* as it now stands if this amendment is adopted.

Ruling—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

It would be the Chairman's understanding that your opinion is correct, sir.

Motion to Delete—Graham S. Eubank—Not Adopted

The motion of Graham S. Eubank (North Carolina—SE) to amend Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, by deleting "Item 2, Tenure," found on page 112, column 1, *DCA* No. 3, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Item 2, Tenure—Adopted

The Section of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, embracing "Item 2, Tenure," on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Motion to Adjourn—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Adopted

Motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, that after the necessary announcements, and hearing the results of the Second Ballot for members of The Judicial Council, we adjourn, with further consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, pending.

Saturday Evening Program—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee, of The General Conference Commis-

sion on Entertainment and Program, was recognized, and made an announcement concerning the seating arrangements for Saturday night's Program, May 5, 1956 for the Youth Night Program, under the supervision of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

Nomination of Members on Commission on Jurisdictional System—Bishop Roy H. Short

Bishop Roy H. Short, for The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced the Jurisdictional places of meeting for the Annual Conference Delegation leaders, the Minister and the Layman first elected in each Annual Conference, on tomorrow evening, following adjournment, for the purpose of considering and selecting the members from each Jurisdiction for membership on the "Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System," provided for in the adoption this evening of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences authorizing the creation of such a Commission.

Results Second Ballot Judicial Council Members—Luther W. Wells (*)—Lester A. Welliver

The results of the Second Ballot for members of the Judicial Council was reported by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, as follows:—(DA-68)

Ministers

Total votes cast, 759; Void, 4; Total good votes, 755; Necessary for a choice, 378.

Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania—NE)	405
R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC)	341
Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE)	311
J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas—SC)	266
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)	144
John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)	130
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)	117
H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)	110
Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)	78
Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)	68
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)	49
Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W)	44
Dallas L. Browning (Indiana—NC)	29
Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)	26
Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)	11

Laymen

Total votes cast, 759; Void, 6; Total good votes, 753; Necessary for a choice, 377.

There was no Lay election.

The result is as follows:—

Paul R. Ervin (Western North Carolina—SE)	272
Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (Saint Louis—SC)	269
Leon E. Hickman (Pittsburgh—NE)	173
F. Murray Benson (Baltimore—NE)	147
Donald A. Odell (Southern California—Arizona—W)	134
William G. Brown (Holston—SE)	116
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (Rock River—NC)	104
Robert D. Blue (North Iowa—NC)	82
Lester C. Cecil (Ohio—NC)	40
Edward F. McFaddin (Little Rock—SC)	29
Charles G. Howard (Oregon—W)	22

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, announced that Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania—NE) having received the required number of votes, had been elected a Ministerial Member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church from the Northeastern Jurisdiction, term of office to expire 1964.

Motion for Third Ballot—Richard W. Campbell ()—Out of Order*

Richard W. Campbell (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE) moved that we take a Third Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Ruling—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, ruled that, The General Conference being under an order to adjourn, the motion for a Third Ballot was out of order at this time.

Announcements

Announcements of various kinds were made.

Thanks—Gavel—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, the Presiding Officer, expressed his thanks to his colleagues of The Council of Bishops, for their unfailing support, and to The General Conference for its courtesy and generosity, and stated that the gavel he was using at this evening's session, came from the Old White House, and belonged to Brother Begley of Bluefield, West Virginia.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop Hiram A. Boaz

Bishop Hiram A. Boaz, Retired, pronounced the Benediction, and The General Conference of The Methodist Church adjourned its evening session of the Eighth Day, Wednesday, May 2, 1956, at 10:10 P.M., with further consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, pending.

NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Pursuant to adjournment the General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the Ninth Day, Thursday, May 3, 1956, in the Municipal Auditorium of Minneapolis, Minnesota, at 8:30 A.M. with Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, of the Jackson Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction in the Chair, and further consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council pending.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, announced that Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, would conduct the Devotional Service of the morning.

Devotional Service—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, conducted the Devotional Service, as follows:—

Invocation—Hymn—Prayer—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy—James R. Houghton ()*

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy offered a short invocation and announced Hymn No. 20, "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing." Under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, The General Conference, standing, joined in the singing of the Hymn, after which Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy led in prayer, at the close of which The General Conference joined with Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy in the Lord's Prayer.

Devotional Address—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy—Hymn—Benediction

Using as the basis of his message the words found in Deuteronomy 2:3, "You have wandered in this wilderness, turn northward." Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy brought the message of the morning from the theme, "God Speaks to Us," and its conclusion led in prayer.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy announced Hymn No. 264, "March On, O Soul, With Strength." The General Conference, standing, joined in the singing of the Hymn under the

direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy then pronounced the Benediction.

No. 5 Journal—Nathan R. Graham (*)

Nathan R. Graham (*) (Florida—SE) presented Report No. 4 of the Standing Administrative Committee on the Journal (DB-69) and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

“The Journal for Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening, May 2nd., has been examined, and found to be correct.”

(Signed) Nathan R. Graham (*)

No. 9 Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented the following two matters, and action was taken, separately on each, as indicated:—

First—Bishop Richard C. Raines—Bishop Hyungki J. Lew

Requested recognition of Bishop Richard C. Raines for a privileged matter.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, recognized Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction, who presented to Bishop Hyungki J. Lew of the Methodist Church of Korea, a moving picture film, entitled, “Report Korea,” made by the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church, depicting the use made of the funds contributed to the Bishops’ Appeal for Korea, and of others for the rebuilding of churches and Methodist institutions in the land of Korea.

In well chosen words Bishop Hyungki J. Lew, expressed the sincere appreciation of The Methodist Church of Korea for the gift of \$1,600,000 contributed through the Bishops’ Appeal for Korea, 70% of which was used for the rehabilitation of churches, schools, hospitals and other institutions, and 30% for general relief.

Second—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Louis Spilman ()—Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (*)*

Requested the recognition of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt for a privileged matter.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, recognized Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of the Saint Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, who made a special announcement concerning the approaching World Methodist Council to be

held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina early in September, 1956.

Louis Spilman (*) (Virginia—SE) and Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) made additional announcements concerning the same.

No. 7 Credentials—Elmer E. Mathews (*)

Elmer E. Mathews (*) (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted without reading, and ordered printed in the Journal. For Report see Appendix, page 1203.

No. 5 Committee of Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, presented the following matters separately, which were adopted, on his motion, said motion being duly seconded:—

1st. That time of this afternoon's session be set at 2:30 P.M., and the time of tonight's session be set at 7:45 P.M.

2nd. That there be one session held on Saturday, May 5, 1956, with the Recess Period at 11:00 A.M. and the time of adjournment at 2:30 P.M., and made the following statement concerning this session:—

"The time of the afternoon session needs no explanation. The session on Saturday does need some explanation. We have discovered that arrangements have been made for a great meeting here Saturday night, which requires that we relinquish our places here in the auditorium not later than 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock.

Having considered all of these possibilities and also our obligation to the Program Committee we felt rather than have a very abbreviated session in the afternoon it would be much better to have one long session; have a good breakfast and a little recess and coffee at 11:00 o'clock, and continue our session until 2:30, have just one session on Saturday."

3rd. That we set as the tentative date for final adjournment the end of the morning session of Monday, May 7, 1956, and made the following statement concerning this matter:—

"Now as to the time of adjournment. We are just as anxious to get away from here as anybody, I am sure. However, considering the fact that there are two very important Committees that are going to have to work a good deal of this afternoon yet, maybe this evening some, in order to get their Memorials work through into Reports to be presented here to this General Conference, we could not see how, under the limitations of a brief Saturday afternoon, we could get through the business of The Conference in the way you would like to do it, without feeling tremendous pressure, without feeling great

restrictions had been placed upon you, the delegated Members of The General Conference.

When we say 'at the end of the morning session' of course, we realize that gives some latitude. That could go on until the middle of the afternoon. But we feel that we ought to aim at least at that as our target date of adjournment. We do not feel, in justice to the great matters that are still before us, that it could be sooner than that."

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, at the request of the Committee, made the following statement:—

"Further, Mr. Chairman and fellow Delegates, the Committee on Chairmen have asked me to remind you that The Conference moves along only as rapidly as you will allow it to move. If you desire to consume an hour or so on a trivial amendment, I do not see how it can be prevented, without our moving restraints which you would not like. Therefore, the Committee feels that if an amendment is offered which is not of too great importance, that you try to move it along as rapidly as possible and not consume an hour or so on an amendment that could be settled in ten or fifteen minutes.

Further, may I request—and this is an official request from the Committee—that you confirm the following: The afternoon session, at 2:30 will be held as announced, but it will be necessary that we excuse two of our major Standing Legislative Committees from this session—the Committee on Conferences and the Committee on the State of the Church. They have a good deal of work yet to finish. If we let them have this afternoon, excuse them from The Conference session, they will finish their work by this evening. That is, they will feel that they are instructed to do so.

In view of that, as we go ahead with the work of The General Conference and allow them to continue in their Committees, when we come, if we do come to matters which are controversial or involve any serious debate or discussion, we should in fairness to them defer action upon those portions of Reports or total Reports in which they would like to be involved, so far as the debate and discussion and understanding of the issues are concerned.

With this understanding, I should like to move that we do excuse these two Committees from the afternoon session and that the business proceed somewhat as I have indicated."

Committees on Conferences and State of the Church— Excused—A. Wesley Pugh

On motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the members of Standing Legislative Committees on Conferences, and the State of the Church, were excused from this afternoon's session, with the *proviso* that if a vote was taken for Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church during the afternoon session, the members of each Committee would be permitted to vote at their respective places of meeting.

Question—N. J. Golding—Answer—A. Wesley Pugh

Nathaniel J. Golding (North Mississippi—SE) asked how would the voting for Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church be taken care of if these two Major Committees were excused?

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, answered:—

"Of course we would not presume to take a vote on The Judicial Council in the absence of these Committees, unless The Conference would permit them to be polled at their meeting place."

No. 6 Chairmen—Ratio of General Conference Membership—A. Wesley Pugh—Nolan B. Harmon—Referred

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, stated that the Committee had discussed the present ratio of membership in The General Conference in regard to the growth of The Methodist Church in the Annual Conferences, and presented Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) for a Resolution concerning the same.

Resolution Re Membership in General Conference—Nolan B. Harmon—A. Wesley Pugh

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) presented a Resolution (DB-69) touching the matter of membership in The General Conference, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was referred to the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

"Whereas, the Constitution of The Methodist Church provides that The General Conference shall be composed of not more than 800 delegates; and

Whereas, under the present Statutory Provision allowing The General Conference to determine the ratio of representation in The General Conference within the limits fixed by the Constitution, the ratio has been fixed as one Ministerial Delegate for every 70 Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference; and

Whereas it appears that it is entirely possible for the Church so to grow during the next four years that under the one Delegate for every 70 Members ratio, more Delegates may be elected than can be seated without creating a Conference whose membership shall be above the Constitutional limit;

We, the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen of The General Conference do hereby recommend that the ratio of representation of Delegates to Conference Membership be altered to 'one Ministerial Delegate for every 75 members of the electing Annual Conference'";

And you will understand, Brethren, that of course an equal number of Laymen will always be elected.

"And to effect this change we recommend that Paragraph 501 of the present *Discipline* be changed accordingly.

"Directive: In Paragraph 501, line 2, change word '70' to '75' so that the line as amended will read:—

"The General Conference shall be composed of one Ministerial Member for every seventy-five Ministerial Members of each Annual Conference."

Signed Nolan B. Harmon
A. Wesley Pugh

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin—Lud H. Estes

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement concerning the parliamentary situation:—

"Now we come to further business of this Conference, and I would like to state to you what appears to the Chair to be our situation:

You have a continuing Order on the election of Members of The Judicial Council.

You have a pending matter that was unfinished at the close of the session last evening.

You have an Order of the Day, consideration of the Report of the Council on World Service and Finance.

It would appear to the Chair that you may wish to continue your balloting first; dispose of the matters pending, second; and then take the Order of the Day."

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, that the order of procedure outlined by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, be approved.

Question Re Judicial Council—Louis Spilman (*)—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Louis Spilman (*) (Virginia—SE) raised the following question concerning each Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church being represented in the membership of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, with a request for a statement from Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church:—

"Mr. Chairman, I think there is a good deal of question that every Jurisdiction be represented on The Judicial Council. I would like to ask, as a matter of privilege, that Bishop Oxnam, make a statement concerning this particular point."

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, answered the question, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, a request from The Conference is of course a command. This is a little difficult; may I state the situation slowly, and I trust clearly.

The Judicial Council is composed of nine persons, five Ministers and four Laymen. There is a requirement, however, in the choice of these nine persons that each Jurisdiction be represented.

At this Conference because of retirement and death, and because of Classes expiring, it is necessary for you to elect seven persons. Of the seven, four are to be Ministers and three Laymen. You have now elected two Ministers and one Layman, which means that you have yet before you the necessity of electing two additional Laymen. At the present time your election has resulted in the following situation:

The Northeastern, the Southeastern, the North Central, and the Central Jurisdictions are represented. The Western and the South Central are not represented. In previous General Conferences, even though a person received a majority vote, he was not declared elected until the provision which calls for one person from each Jurisdiction had been met. The announcement however up to the moment has been an announcement of election. It would appear that the entire balloting would be invalidated unless in the choice of two additional Ministers and two additional Laymen, representation should come from the Western and the South Central Jurisdictions. This is simply a statement of fact.

Will you pardon one additional word? The law is so drawn that it would appear wise for The General Conference to think of future re-drafting. I mention this not to confuse. The Council of Bishops is required to nominate four persons for each vacancy. Suppose we were now nominating the entire Jurisdictional Council. Four times nine would be thirty-six. If The Council of Bishops sent you six nominations from each Jurisdiction, you would have the thirty-six. But it is mathematically possible for you to elect six of those persons from one Jurisdiction, and three from another, making nine, and therefore having four Jurisdictions unrepresented. You can see the mathematical problem that is involved here.

The legislation perhaps should be re-drafted. At the moment the situation is, four Jurisdictions are represented by your present choices; two must be represented if you are to follow the law. They are the Western and the South Central Jurisdictions."

Third Ballot Judicial Council—Luther W. Wells (*)

The Third Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church was spread, under the guidance of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers.

Second Ballot Read—Embree H. Blackard—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) requested that the results of the Second Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, announced last night, be read for the benefit of the Members of The General Conference.

Complying with the request, and for the information of

The General Conference, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ordered the reading of the Second Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, and the same was done by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballot and Tellers.

Dallas L. Browning Withdraws

Dallas L. Browning, Ministerial Nominee from Indiana—NC, requested that his name be withdrawn from the ballot, after he had expressed his appreciation to The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church for nominating him and to all those who had voted for him.

Question—Carl W. Haggard ()—Reply—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin*

Carl W. Haggard (*) (Kentucky—SE) asked for the following information:—

“I am asking for a point of information. On the two Jurisdictions that are not represented in our voting, are we to vote for both Ministerial and Lay Delegates for those two Jurisdictions, or just Ministerial, or just Lay?”

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, answered as follows:—

“Well, the Chair would say the only requirement is that there be at least one representative from each Jurisdiction, and it makes no difference whether that one be a Lay or a Clerical Member.”

Instructions—Luther W. Wells ()*

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, gave further instructions concerning the proper taking of the Third Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Excused Committee Members to Vote—Frank C. Love (*)

On motion of Frank C. Love (*) (Central New York—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, granting the privilege of voting for Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, to the excused members of the Standing Legislative Committees on Conferences and the State of the Church at their respective places of meeting, should the Fourth Ballot be taken during their absence from the seat of The General Conference.

Third Ballot Taken—Luther W. Wells (*)

The Third Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church was spread, the votes collected, and the Tellers retired to count the same, under the direction of

Luther W. Wells (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers.

Report No. 2—Co-ordinating Council—Resumed—Chester A. McPheeters

Consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council was resumed, the same having been under consideration at the time of adjournment of the session of Wednesday night, May 2, 1956, but not completed, with Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) presenting Report No. 2.

On the Platform—Edwin R. Garrison—Paul G. James ()
—James P. Stafford (*)*

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) asked that Edwin R. Garrison (North Indiana—NC), Paul G. James (*) (Iowa Des-Moines—NC), and James P. Stafford (*) (Mississippi—SE) come to the platform to assist in the presentation of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council.

Amendment by Common Consent—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) requested common consent, which was unanimously granted, to change the headings on "Special Days" found on page 258, DCA No. 6, columns 1 and 2, and which reads as follows:—

SPECIAL DAYS RECOMMENDED BY CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

1. DAYS TO BE OBSERVED ON A CHURCH WIDE BASIS— WITH OFFERING.

Week of Dedication	The first five days of Lent including the first Lenten Sunday
World Wide Communion Sunday	First Sunday in October

2. DAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL—WITH OFFERING.

Race Relations Sunday	Second Sunday in February
Methodist Student Day	Second Sunday in June
World Service Sunday	Fourth Sunday of each month
Church School Rally Day	Sunday to be designated by the Annual Conference

3. DAYS TO BE OBSERVED ON A CHURCH-WIDE BASIS— WITHOUT OFFERING.

Student Recognition Day	First Sunday after Christmas
Children's Day	First Sunday in National Family Week
Laymen's Day	Third Sunday in October
World Order Sunday	The Sunday of or preceding November 11th
Commitment Day	First Sunday in December
Universal Bible Sunday	Second Sunday in December

4. DAYS TO BE OBSERVED AS ORDERED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL AND/OR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Retired Ministers' Sunday
Hospital and Homes Week
Rural Life Sunday

so as to combine Headings Nos. 1 and 2, making Heading No. 3, No. 2, and Heading No. 4, No. 3, and wording them as follow (DB-70) :—

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Hospital and Homes Week
Rural Life Sunday

Questions—George H. Atkinson ()—Answer—Chester A. McPheeters*

George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada—W) raised the following questions:—

“Does this mean that the Fourth Sunday morning collection from every church must be given to World Service? You should clarify that matter, whether that is Sunday School alone or church. When you change this heading you leave that matter an uncertainty.”

Chester A. McPheeters:—It could be either, because in some churches they do both, but it could be either.

George H. Atkinson (*):—As determined by an individual church or Conference?

Chester A. McPheeters:—Apparently as determined by the church.”

Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) moved the adoption of "Item 3. M.C.O.R." *DCA* No. 3, page 112, column 1. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

4. Social Action Boards—Action Deferred—Chester A. McPheeters—W. Ralph Ward—Frank C. Love ()—Harold A. Bosley*

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) presented "Item 4. Social Action Boards," *DCA* No. 3, page 112, column 2, for the consideration of The General Conference.

W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) requested that action be deferred on this particular Item, until a Report from a Sub-Committee of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church touching the merger of the Social Action Boards on the Annual Conference level could be presented as an amendment.

Frank C. Love (*) (Central New York—NE) Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, stated the Sub-Committee was recommending a merger on the Local Church and Annual Conference level and approving the recommendation of the Co-ordinating Council for a further study on The General Conference level.

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, stated that the Committee would act on the Report of the Sub-Committee this afternoon, and suggested a withdrawal of "Item 4. Social Action Boards," from further consideration at this time.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) stated that "Item 4. Social Action Boards," *DCA* No. 3, page 112, column 2, would be withdrawn from consideration of and action on by The General Conference for the present.

5. Survey Recommendations—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

On motion of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), duly seconded, "Item 5. Survey Recommendations," *DCA* No. 3, page 112, columns 2 and 3, was adopted.

1. Acquisition of Property—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

Motion of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, adopting "No. 1. Acquisition of Prop-

erty," of the Section on "Property Matters and Methodist Foundation," *DCA* No. 3, page 112, column 3.

2. Methodist Foundation—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) presented Item 2, *DCA* No. 3, page 112, column 3 and page 113, column 1, entitled "2. Methodist Foundation," together with "Suggested Legislation," *DCA* No. 3, page 113, columns 1, 2, and 3, and moved their adoption. The motion to adopt, being duly seconded, Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) spoke to the Report as follows:—

"Now, Mr. Chairman, we come to No. 2, Methodist Foundation. For a number of years, there has been a growing interest in the creation of a Methodist Foundation. That interest has been stimulated by inquiries which have come from individuals desiring to arrange for the distribution of estates and from lawyers whose clients have asked to make such inquiries. For many years, the churches and Church Institutions have set up permanent endowment funds to support themselves and the causes which they represent. Annual Conferences have established Conference Foundations. Boards and Agencies have built up large endowment funds and Annuity Plans which have proved of great value to people in contributing and to the causes supported.

The inquiries which have come to the Council of World Service and Finance have indicated, however, that there are people who desire to do something on a larger scale for The Methodist Church than the Annual Conference and the more general scope than our Boards and Agencies. They have sought to give a substantial gift or to leave large bequests to The Methodist Church, in fact the Council on World Service and Finance now administers some moneys which have been given for such purpose.

The conviction has grown among leaders in this field that an Incorporated Foundation would serve the Church as no Annual Conference Foundation and no Board Permanent Fund or Endowment Fund could possibly do. Moreover, it is believed that a carefully planned Foundation would not only serve the Church, but it would actually attract larger gifts and bequests to the Church. Some instances are known where we believe gifts have been lost to the Church, because no such Foundation was found in existence. Even though these have been directed to other permanent funds within the Church, they have turned from the Church and have given large gifts and large bequests to more general philanthropic or religious institutions.

The General Conference of 1952 specifically requested the Coordinating Council to study and to bring a proposal to this General Conference. Our Council now would like to present that plan. It has been studied very carefully under a Committee led by Mr. Paul G. James (*), an attorney from Des Moines, Iowa. I call your attention to the recommendations which are here made and then the legislation, and it will be before you. Mr. James is here to answer questions which might arise concerning this Foundation.

Now, the legislation is here before you implementing these Recommendations. You have the formation of The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc., with selection of its Trustees within the Council on World Service and Finance.

You have paragraph 4, beginning with the objects and purposes for

which the Corporation is to be organized and a listing of the uses of the money as the income from the investments of this Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

This entire plan, Mr. Chairman, has the unanimous support of the Co-ordinating Council. We have had consultations with the Council on World Service and Finance and with other groups within the Church, as we have had our other consultations in presenting the program to you."

Question Raised—Pendleton Gaines ()—Answered—Paul G. James (*)*

Pendleton Gaines (*) (South Carolina—SE) raised the following question:—

"Mr. Chairman, a number of us who work for Methodist Institutions, Colleges, Hospitals, Children's Homes, Homes for the Aged, have been discussing this matter on the floor and off the floor of this Conference for several days. I wish to ask a question of Dr. McPheeters or his legal expert. As I understand it, this is sort of a holding company for the World Service and Finance Commission, or rather it legalizes the World Service in terms of a Foundation. Those of us that have to beg or borrow or steal or cajole a dime or a quarter or a dollar here and there for our colleges and hospitals in the Conferences realize that there is enough competition already on the Conference and Jurisdictional level.

In our Committee on Education, we wondered if this National Foundation would tend to propagandize or to come into Conferences and compete with philanthropic persons whom we are trying to charm and persuade to give money to Wofford College, our college, or any other particular college, or hospital, that might be concerned. We would like that question answered. Will this Foundation come down on the local level and actively solicit funds that might otherwise go to local institutions?"

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) gave the following answer, for the Co-ordinating Council:—

"Mr. Chairman and friends, it is not intended that The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc., be a competing Organization, but rather a co-operating Organization. It is not an attempt to take over as a Holding Company for the Council on World Service and Finance or any other body. The Council on World Service and Finance very graciously agreed, and it was an unanimous proposal from the Co-ordinating Council and the Council on World Service and Finance that their co-identity of the two Boards for the next quadrennium is submitted to you as a matter of economy of operation. They very graciously agreed that their Board would for the time being, with your approval, serve as the Board of Directors also of the Foundation, so that when they meet there will be no occasion for a duplication, no expense in connection with calling another Board together, and that their officers and their headquarters would be available to serve the Foundation, which would save a great deal of money until the Foundation gets on its feet. This idea of competing I understand, and I appreciate it. However, there are people in our Church who are interested in our colleges. There are people who are interested in our Homes. There are people who are interested in our Hospitals. There are other people who are interested in other phases of our Church activity.

We are not attempting to stake out areas of vested interests in the Methodist dollar. We are attempting to open avenues that will attract not only Methodist dollars who are interested in their wider field of service and who are interested in furnishing funds that will serve as emergency, places to which all of our Boards and Agencies and Institutions may turn in case of grave need. There are many people who wish to contribute to such a fund who do not feel themselves competent to determine where the need is greatest. And you will notice that in this declaration of objects and purposes, the Directors of the Foundation are directed to co-operate with all of our Agencies and Institutions in furthering their respective Programs."

Second Question—Pendleton Gaines ()—Answer—Paul G. James (*)*

Pendleton Gaines (*) (South Carolina—SE) asked this further question:—

"Mr. Chairman, that answers most of my question. One more brief question. The University and College Presidents with whom I have talked still wonder exactly how much active solicitation for this Foundation will take place on the Conference level."

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) replied, as follows:—

"That will have to be determined by the Board of Directors and the management of the affairs. I have this feeling, that the Board of Directors of this Foundation will be for the time being and until you change it the same Board of Directors as manages the Council on World Service and Finance. They will be elected and selected by The General Conference. I have faith that the Bishops and the Ministers and the Laymen selected and elected by this General Conference with their dedication to all of Methodism will carry on in the spirit of Methodism and it will not be a competitive but a co-operative enterprise, in which the interests of all will be guarded and faithfully served."

Questions—Frank C. Love ()—Answers—Paul G. James (*)*

Frank C. Love (*) (Central New York—NE) asked several questions, which were answered by Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC), as follows:—

"There are two questions I would like to ask. I haven't had time to study this in detail, but in the third paragraph, on page 13, in the first column, under 'Suggested Legislation,' the last sentence, 'but it shall not take any action contrary to or in conflict with any action or policy established by the Board of Directors of the Foundation,' I would like to ask the speaker whether there is any provision in any part of this proposed legislation or Constitution which shall direct that the action of such Board of Directors shall always be in conformance with the direction of The General Conference.

Paul G. James: Yes. This is a General Conference Commission or Board. I might say that we have the protection, as I suggested a moment ago, first that the Directors are selected by you. Second, in case of any conflict or overlapping, the Co-ordinating Council esta-

blished by you is vested with jurisdiction to iron out any such difficulties, and if the Co-ordinating Council is unable to resolve it, every Board, Agency and Institution of this Church is subject not only to regulation but to the death penalty from The General Conference.

So I assume that, from the standpoint of the dedication of the people whom you select and your general overall supervision, that the possibility of any over-reaching or breach of trust would never be considered.

Frank C. Love: Would there be any objection to inserting the words 'by The General Conference,' or 'by the Board of Directors of the Foundation'?

Paul G. James: Well, it says here in the next paragraph, subparagraph 2: 'The action of The General Conference shall be binding on The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.' That is the last sentence in 2.

Frank C. Love: Thank you. One further question. In the last column, under 4, paragraph 3, it states that the amount to be charged to the Council on World Service, and so forth, shall be determined by The General Conference.

Will we be submitted a tentative or proposed Budget for the expense of this Foundation before we leave here?

Paul G. James: If this plan is adopted it immediately becomes a matter that is subject to the financial control and limitations placed upon it by the Council on World Service and Finance, the same as the Budget is submitted for other organizations. I assume that the same procedure will be followed, that upon the adoption there will be a motion to refer it to the Council on World Service and Finance."

Against Methodist Foundation—Chester M. Alter ()*

Chester M. Alter (*) (Colorado—W) spoke against the adoption of the "Methodist Foundation" section, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, the question has been asked whether this Foundation would result in duplication in the solicitation of funds of many Agencies, Boards, Institutions, etc. The answer was given that that was not the desire or the purpose. But I call attention of the members of this Conference to Objective 1, bottom of column 1, page 113, which states specifically that one of the main objectives is competition. It says the Foundation shall prepare materials in co-operation with another Agency. (Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. Editor)

It says that the Foundation shall develop mailing lists. For what purpose? We all know; it is a good purpose. But my question is whether the Foundation should prepare mailing lists for that purpose.

To make personal visitations. We are asking for the appointment of a Director and a Staff to make visitations.

To employ such other means within Budget limitations as may be deemed necessary. To encourage the making of gifts.

I submit that The Methodist Church overall is a big organization. We have many kinds of activities. When we develop the same technique that the United States Government has developed, to put an umbrella over all of our individual responsibilities and assign those responsibilities to a top-side organization, then we are traveling a dangerous route.

I for one think that our individual members, church members, our individual Boards and Agencies should retain responsibility for their own welfare and their own destiny, rather than to assign the responsibility for our destiny to some big top-side organization. I am opposed to the formation of a Methodist Church Foundation."

Question—Chester A. Smith ()—Answer—Paul G. James (*)*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked the following question, which was answered by Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I desire to ask the Chairman one question before I proceed further. The questions is: Is this the same matter which was before The General Conference of 1952?

Paul G. James: This matter was presented in 1952. The General Conference approved a Methodist foundation, then reconsidered it the next morning and reversed their position and referred it to the Co-ordinating Council for study and recommendation to this General Conference."

Against Methodist Foundation—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) then spoke against the adoption of this Section of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman. That is my recollection of what happened.

The reason why The General Conference of 1952 reversed its previous action was this: It found out that they were proposing, the proponents of this matter, to create a Commission with a highly-salaried Secretary who had already been decided upon. They proposed to have a yearly Budget of, I think, \$85,000. When we found out that that was the setup, that that was what they were proposing to do, we reversed our action very properly, our previous action, and then in order to save the face of those who proposed the proposition we submitted it for study.

I am opposed to this proposition because of the fact that this creates another Commission. It creates another highly-paid and highly-salaried Secretary. He will duplicate, in my opinion, the work of the other Agencies of the Church which are seeking to secure gifts. He will travel throughout the Jurisdictions. There will be duplication of effort. He will interfere, if he does his duty and earns his money, \$10,000 or \$12,000 a year salary, as he probably will be paid, with a highly-paid Staff. It will probably result in \$65,000 or \$100,000 expenses every year.

Mr. Chairman, I think we ought not to create any more of these highly-paid Secretaries. We ought not to create any more of these Commissions and Boards which are certainly able to be taken care of with our present setup. I want to know before I vote on this matter how much it will cost. If it is going to cost \$100,000 a year I am opposed to it. We do not know how much it will cost. If we pass this proposition this morning and then submit to it the World Service Council, we are very largely in their hands. The safest way is to defeat this proposition now."

Delete Section on Methodist Foundation—K. Morgan Edwards (Adopted page 559.)

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to delete (DB-71) that Section of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, beginning on page 112, column 3, *DCA* No. 3, entitled "2. Methodist Foundation," and continuing to the end of the Report, embracing "Suggested Legislation," found on page 113, *DCA* No. 3, columns 1, 2, and 3, and which reads as follows:—

2. Methodist Foundation

"Pursuant to referral to it by the 1952 General Conference, your Co-ordinating Council has carefully considered this subject and adopted the following recommendations to The General Conference with respect to the establishment of a Methodist Church Foundation:

1. That a Methodist Foundation be established, to be known as 'The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.'

2. That such Foundation be incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois.

3. That the Directors of 'The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.,' be the same persons as the persons designated as members of 'The Council on World Service and Finance,' and they be directed to take the necessary legal steps to incorporate said Foundation accordingly.

4. That The General Conference of 1956 refer to the Co-ordinating Council for study during the quadrennium the matter of the composition and the manner of selection of the Directors of 'The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.,' to the end that the Co-ordinating Council recommend whether the presently recommended composition and manner of selection of the Directors of the Foundation be continued or be changed.

Suggested Legislation

The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

The Council on World Service and Finance shall authorize its Board of Directors to cause to be incorporated an organization to be known as "The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc." under the laws of the State of Illinois. The first Board of Directors shall be all of those persons who shall then be members of the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. shall hold an annual meeting, elect the usual Officers and transact such business as may be committed to it under this authorization. The Board of Directors shall elect an Executive Secretary who shall have general supervision of The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

There shall be an Executive Committee of The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. consisting of the Officers of the Foundation and six members to be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the President, or of a majority of the membership thereof, and shall act for the Foundation and exercise its powers in the interim between the meetings of the Foundation; but it shall not take any action contrary to or in conflict with any action or policy established by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

The objects and purposes for which the Corporation is to be organized are as follows:

To aid and give financial assistance to churches and to religious, charitable and educational philanthropies and religious, charitable and Educational Institutions of or related to The Methodist Church, including the Benevolent Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church; to aid in the support and maintenance of worship and religious services in Methodist churches; for the advancement and furtherance of interests and activities of The Methodist Church which are under the supervision of or are related to The Methodist Church, including the Benevolent Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church; to do things necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes hereinbefore enumerated; but this Corporation shall not engage in activities which are not either religious, charitable or educational in purpose, nor, shall it engage in any activities consisting of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

The Methodist Church is the Church formed by and pursuant to the Plan and The Declaration of Union of The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church, which Plan and Declaration of Union were unanimously adopted by the Uniting Conference at Kansas City, Missouri, May 10, 1939.

In pursuance of its objects and purposes The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. shall have the authority and responsibility to perform the following functions:

1. The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. shall prepare materials, in co-operation with the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, develop mailing lists, make personal visitations, and employ such other means within Budget limitations as may be deemed necessary to encourage the making of gifts, devises and bequests to The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. as a means of expressing the donors' continued interest in the support of the World Service Fund, one or more of the World Service Agencies, or any Agency, Institution, or project belonging to or related to a Local Church, a District, Annual Conference or The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

2. The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. is authorized to receive, invest and administer gifts, devises and/or bequests within such restrictions of investment policy and/or distribution of funds as may be imposed upon it by The General Conference so long as these restrictions do not countermand the expressed wishes of a donor in the administration of his/her specific gift. It shall have authority to decline any proffered gift (s) if in its judgment such declination would be in the best interests of The Methodist Church. When a testator or donor makes a devise, bequest, or gift to The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. without instructions for its use, the Board of Directors shall, with the Council on World Service and Finance, recommend quadrennially to The General Conference, for its action and determination, the Agency (ies), project (s), or object (s), which shall receive the income and/or principal from said undirected gift (s) and the amount or percentage of the income and/or principal to be distributed to each. The action of The General Conference shall be binding on The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

3. Receive from Annual Conference Boards of Trustees, Conference Foundations, Local Church Boards of Trustees, or any Agency, Institution or Organization connected with The General Conference, an

Annual Conference or a Local Church such capital funds as may be desired to be placed with the Foundation.

4. Co-operate with Local Churches, Annual Conferences, Agencies, Institutions and Organizations of The Methodist Church and their Committees on Wills and Legacies in such ways as may be deemed mutually helpful.

So far as practicable and to the extent deemed desirable by the Board of Directors of the Foundation, the treasury functions of The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. shall be performed by the Central Treasury of the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church.

Until such time as the funds of The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. are of sufficient amount to carry its own costs, the cost of Promotional Materials shall be a prior claim upon the World Service Fund as set forth in Paragraph 737-10 of the 1952 *Discipline* and the administrative costs shall be a prior claim on the General Administration Fund. The amount to be charged to the Council on World Service and Finance and the amount to be charged against the General Administration Fund shall be determined by The General Conference.

The officers shall be President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Executive Secretary, Recording Secretary-Treasurer, and such other Officers as the Board of Directors may deem desirable, and the Board of Directors shall fix and prescribe their duties. The members of The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. shall be those persons who shall be selected or appointed by The General Conference of The Methodist Church as members of the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church in such manner and at such time as may from time to time be determined by The General Conference. The Directors of The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. shall be those persons who shall be members of the Corporation from time to time elected or appointed as such as hereinabove provided."

Point of Order—R. F. Curl—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) raised the following Point of Order:—

"The Point of Order is that our Rules state that the speeches shall alternate, for and against a proposition. There have been two speeches against this proposal, and no speech in favor of it. I would like to make a speech in favor of it."

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Office, ruled, as follows:—

"Since that Report has been under consideration, a new motion has been made and seconded. Brother Edwards is entitled to speak, sir."

For Deletion—K. Morgan Edwards

The motion being duly seconded, K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona—W) spoke in support of his motion to delete "Section 2. Methodist Foundation," as follows:—

"I move the deletion of the Report of the Co-ordinating Council on page 112, column 3, beginning at numeral 2 and continuing to the end of the Report in column 3, page 113.

I am eminently in favor of the Foundation principle. I am the pastor of a church which has a Foundation with resources in excess of a million dollars. When you talk of the Foundation as a depository it is an excellent principle. However, I believe that the Boards and Agencies which are to be favored by this Foundation are already in a position to act as a depository for the trust funds which are to be invested and used.

I am opposed to the establishment of a Foundation as an agency of cultivation and promotion for two reasons: The first one has already been covered very adequately by other speakers. It is impossible to co-ordinate and correlate all of the Agencies suggested in this Report. We merely set up more machinery, additional expense.

The second and more serious reason, I think, was implied in the first speaker's statement, who asked a question. If we are to turn over to a distant Agency the cultivation of funds for causes with which they are not closely identified, and into which they have not lived their way, they will merely burn over the ground. I am not at all interested in protecting people of means from additional appeals, but I am desperately interested that we shall protect the generous impulses of these people from scattered cultivation. I believe that when we come in the interest of our colleges and theological seminaries and all the other Agencies that we shall find scorched earth.

It has already been called to your attention that this matter was before The General Conference four years ago. It was hastily adopted, and then a motion for reconsideration was given. After carefully weighing in the balance it was found wanting.

I believe it is time now for The General Conference to set this proposal aside and to recognize that it is thoroughly impractical to establish this kind of agency for the purposes outlined. I hope the Conference will delete the section on the Methodist Foundation."

Against Deletion and for Report—R. F. Curl

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) spoke against the motion to delete Section "2. Methodist Foundation," and for the adoption of this Section of the Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, as follows:—

"Speaking against the motion for deletion and in favor of the Report of the Co-ordinating Council.

Brethren, Sisters, come let us reason together.

Four years ago there was brought before The General Conference at San Francisco a Report from the Council on World Service and Finance recommending the formation of a Methodist Foundation. It was adopted by an overwhelming vote of The Conference. There began to be mutterings and statements that this Foundation would be in competition with our Boards and Institutions. That it was a dangerous thing, because it would drain away the support that ought to go to these Boards and Institutions.

The Council on World Service and Finance asked for the reconsideration of the legislation which had established the Foundation and asked for its referral to the Co-ordinating Council. The Council on World Service and Finance had given four years of study to the

principle of a Foundation. The Co-ordinating Council has given four years of very faithful study to the same subject. It comes with the same kind of recommendation after four years of study that the Council on World Service and Finance had brought to you four years ago. Let us look a moment or two at the purposes of this Foundation.

The purposes of this Foundation do not expect nor do they include any super-organization. The statement is clear and simple that it is to be presently constituted through the Council on World Service and Finance, so that there will be no extra cost for attendance upon meetings and the like, in the promotion of the Foundation.

In the second place, the Council on World Service and Finance is ready to propose a Budget for this Foundation, a very modest budget, \$25,000 for the Foundation, plus \$25,000 that is already in the Budget of the Council on World Service and Finance, for the cultivation of Wills and Bequests. There has not been, so far as I know, any criticism from any Board or Agency of the Church, of the Committee on Wills and Bequests, as it has sought to cultivate the leaving of money to our Institutions. It is expected that the Foundation would not be trying to secure gifts for itself, but gifts for The Methodist Church, the large proportion of which would certainly be directed gifts and administered for the specific process for which directed.

I hope that, as we think of the way in which the Co-ordinating Council, set up by The General Council of 1952, has considered this proposition, that we will vote to support a well-organized, a well-considered proposal which I think will be for the interest of every cause and institution in The Methodist Church."

Against Methodist Foundation—Charles V. Adams ()*

Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE) spoke against the adoption of the Section on the Methodist Foundation, as follows:—

"I am as amazed as any other member of the 1952 General Conference is amazed, at this Report as it has come back after it was rejected in the way it was rejected, as has been said, at San Francisco.

It was rejected not only because of the cost—that was staggering—but it was rejected, I am very sure, because of the principle at stake. As has been said, the World Service Commission now has the authority to go to the Church and ask for Endowments, for Wills, and so on. If your mail is the same as mine, you have had at least a half-dozen of these statements from the World Service Commission during this past year justifying the statement that has just been made.

Now, then, in the proposal that has come to us in this Report, there is, as has been brought out in this meeting, and I am not going to use part of my five minutes to restate it, this statement that they are to make personal supervision, personal visitation, personal appeals, plus all the other promotions that would be back of this kind of organized effort. We asked why this was to be done, and we were told that there are people who want to make large donations to The Methodist Church or to its Organizations, and have not felt that they could do it under the present setup.

This—is the same General Conference which has expressed to the Ford Foundation its sincere gratitude for the appropriation of many millions of dollars to the Organizations, the Hospitals, the Colleges, the Schools, of our Church. Certainly they did not make those appropriations without a careful investigation of the investment policies, the organizational setup, of the Schools, of the Colleges, and so on.

It would seem to me that it would be a poor idea for this General Conference to raise in the mind of the Ford Foundation or other large institutional givers, any doubt as to the way in which the money is handled by the folks into whose care it has been given. We have in the one Board in our Church a fund of plus 6 million dollars that has come in and is used for the pension of our missionaries. That came because of the devotion of a person and a family, and that relationship to that task.

I cannot think, Brethren, Sisters, that anybody who is interested in The Methodist Church will not be wanting to state to what cause their money is to go.

I want particularly to call your attention in Paragraph 3 of the proposed legislation, that the Foundation shall receive from Annual Conference Board of Trustees, Conference Foundation, Local Church Boards of Trustees, or any Agency, Institution, or Organization connected with The General Conference, an Annual Conference or a local church, such capital funds as may be desired to be placed with the Foundation.

That, I submit to you, is an overall Agency reaching into the very last organization, into the very last one of our churches.

I wonder if, for a moment, we could still our minds so we could get the echo of a thing that was said in the pageant on India, when the women's organization was set up, and where there was the first suggestion of centralized control of the funds of The Methodist Church. The statement was made that, 'You get the money. Let us administer it.'

The resounding reply from the women of the Church, 'the women will administer their funds,' is such, that I am hoping, Mr. Chairman and members of The Conference, that the women not only, but the men of this General Conference, shall so support this amendment as to delete this from the Report of the Co-ordinating Council, that it never again will be brought to a General Conference of The Methodist Church."

Questions—Henry M. Zimmerman ()—Answers—Paul G. James (*)—Recess—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin*

Henry M. Zimmerman (*) (Kentucky—SE) asked a series of questions, which were answered by Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) as follows:—

"I want to ask a question, Mr. Chairman.

I have been a member of The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church ever since 1940. This is my question, Mr. Chairman:

Is it intended that this Foundation replace the Board of Trustees? It was rumored to that effect, and we were assured by Bishop Charles Brashares that that is not the intention, but the Board of Trustees are incorporated to do these things. This Corporation shall receive and administer new trusts and funds, so far as may be legal, be it successors of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Protestant Church, and so on.

That is my first question.

My second question is that of course which has been raised. I wonder if this Conference realizes that this will cost \$50,000 per year; that they will have to raise 1 2/3 million dollars before the cost can be met. Is that correct?

Paul G. James: Mr. Chairman, Friends: Of course it is quite impossible to, either here or at San Francisco, meet the rumors and the stories that are circulated to try to defeat a Plan or Program submitted to The Conference. I would like to meet this suggestion here, and the inquiry, as to whether this is intended to replace the Board of Trustees.

The answer is obviously no.

The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, is incorporated in the State of Ohio. They serve, as I understand, the same function with respect to the corporate secular organization of The Methodist Church as the Board of Trustees of a Local Church. They are not and never will intend to be and have never exercised, the powers of a promotional body.

Henry M. Zimmerman: That is correct.

Paul G. James: It is not intended to supplant them. They will carry on as they have in the past, performing the service that is delegated to them by the *Discipline*.

Second, in answer to your question as to costs, that was the thing, as I understand, among some others, that I prefer as a Layman not to even remember. It occurred behind the scenes at San Francisco in which this was defeated, on statements in regard to astronomical figures of cost. We have worked on this faithfully for four years, not only in the Co-ordinating Council but with the wonderful advice and assistance and co-operation indispensable, of the members of the Council on World Service and Finance. It was for that reason that they have offered their services and their office and their Treasury Department in order to reduce the expense to a bare minimum. It is very fine of them to do that, and while even a year ago it seemed impossible that we could find our way through the welter of problems that confronted us, that were laid on the table for us to consider, giving no consideration, of course, to other matters that were not before us, by some amazing miracle we come before you with a unanimous Report.

If we have achieved nothing else from that in working for you, we are proud of that result, at least.

Now, the Protestant Episcopal Church has established a Foundation; the Presbyterian Church has established a Foundation. There is nothing in this that requires anyone to turn over any funds to The Methodist Foundation.

It is a Servicing Agency. There is nothing in the *Discipline* that requires any Annual Conference or Conference Claimants' Board, Preachers' Aid Society, to turn any funds into the Methodist Board of Pensions. But if they desire to do so and avail themselves of the services of that body in administering and investing and protecting their funds, they may do so. That is true here. That is purely permissive, and there are many funds held by Institutions in this Church; that is, we all know as a practical matter, are too small to be properly diversified and managed effectively.

If those Institutions desire the services of a Foundation in managing those funds for them, that service will be available, not mandatorily—they don't have to—it is merely a service that is rendered to our Institutions to help them protect and to get the largest possible return on their investment.

We are not requiring anyone to turn over anything, and I might say that the gentleman who read from Paragraph 1 on page 113 did

not read the rest of the paragraph. Now, if you will read from where he left off, you will get a little light, '... employ such means to encourage making gifts, devises and bequests to the Methodist Foundation, Inc.' and then he stopped there—but it says this: '... as a means of expressing the donor's continued interest in the support of the World Service Fund, one or more of the Agencies, World Service Agencies—'"

Time for Recess—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Bishop Franklin: Just a moment, please. We are within a moment of Recess. What is your will?

Henry W. Zimmerman: May I make this final statement, Bishop, please?

There is a great need for an effort to find the people who will put our institutions in their wills. That can be done. I have spoken to that proposition—

Bishop Franklin: Just a moment. We are at the time of Recess. What is the will of the Conference?"

Previous Question—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC) moved the Previous Question on all that is before The General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"The man has the floor. That motion is really out of order until we have the floor, but I have called for you to tell me what you want to do, whether you want to extend the time. If not, we will stand at Recess."

Recess—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, stated that The General Conference was at Recess for fifteen minutes.

Reconvene—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin—James R. Houghton (*)

At the end of the Recess period, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference of The Methodist Church to order, and announced Hymn No. 23, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, The General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of the Hymn.

Rust College Singers—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin—Bishop Willis J. King—James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, presented Bishop Willis J. King of the New Orleans Area, Central Jurisdiction, who in turn presented the Rust College A Cappella Choir of Holly Springs, Mississippi, which is in the New Orleans Area, with their Director, Miss Natalis Doxey (*) (Upper Mississippi—C), and Assistant Director L. Van Buren (*) (Upper Mississippi—C).

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, then presented the Rust College A Cappella Choir, with the statement that they had come at their own expense to sing for The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

The Rust College A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Miss Natalis Doxey (*), then rendered the following selections:—

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” by Luther Olds
 “Lord, Bring Dat Sinner Home,” by Graydon R. Clark
 “Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying,” by Christiansen

Thanks—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, expressed the thanks of The General Conference to the Rust College A Cappella Choir and their Director, Miss Natalis Doxey (*), for their presence and the inspiring music they had just rendered.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, stated the parliamentary situation to be as follows:—

“Now, the parliamentary situation is this: We had a brother in possession of the floor. We had an amendment or deletion up for discussion, and now there comes a continuing Order. There comes the result of the Third Ballot for The Judicial Council. If there is no objection, would you like for me to give the result of this Ballot that you may continue your balloting?”

I hear no objection, and here is the ballot. Will you listen well?”

Results Third Ballot Members Judicial Council—R. F. Curl—Donald A. Odell (*)—Elected

The results of the Third Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church were announced by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, as follows (DB-72):—

Ministerial members:—Total votes cast 733; Void 8; Total number of good votes 725; necessary to a choice, 363.

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) has received 414 votes and is elected, term of office to expire 1964.

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC)	414
J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas—SC)	282
Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)	226
Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE)	149
Walter L. Williams (Colorado—W)	110
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)	58
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)	45
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)	42
John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)	34
Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)	32
H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)	32
Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)	22
Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)	10

Lay members:—Total number of votes 733; Void 4; Total number good votes 729; necessary to a choice, 365.

Donald A. Odell (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W) has received 422 votes and is elected, term of office to expire 1964.

Donald A. Odell (Southern California-Arizona—W)	422
Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC)	351
Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)	216
Charles G. Howard (*) (Oregon—W)	118
Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)	101
F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE)	64
William G. Brown (*) (Holston—SE)	51
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC)	45
Edward F. McFaddin (*) (Little Rock—SC)	41
Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC)	35
Lester C. Cecil (*) (Ohio—NC)	19

Fourth Ballot Spread—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin—Luther W. Wells (*)

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, stated that the members of The General Conference were to elect one more Ministerial and one more Lay Member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Question—Louis Spilman ()—Answer—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin*

Louis Spilman (*) (Virginia—SE) inquired if all the six Jurisdictions were now represented on The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church?

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, stated that each of the six Jurisdictions now has membership on The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, and therefore the Members of The General Conference could vote for any of the remaining nominees in completing the full membership of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

The Fourth Ballot was spread for remaining Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church. Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, declared the ballot closed, and the votes were collected by the Tellers

under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, and the Tellers were excused to count the same.

Per Diem Payments—J. Wesley Hole (*)

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program moved that the members of The General Conference be paid on the basis of thirteen (13) full days of attendance.

The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program made the following statement relative to the *per diem* checks:—

“Now may I make just two statements concerning this, very briefly. Dr. Lugg requests that the *per diem* allowance be paid to the Principal Delegates, even in the event a Reserve was seated for a day or two in place of the Principal, and that the adjustment be made between the Principal and the Reserve Delegate. It is impossible for him in this brief time to prepare the checks and to find out exactly who was seated and for what length of time.

His office is prepared to distribute the Expense Blanks through the Pages to the Chairman of each Delegation. Will the Chairman of each Delegation please see that these Blanks are completed, on the basis of the instructions given on the Blanks, and returned to Dr. Lugg's office before you leave here at noon. If you will please co-operate with this request it will facilitate the work of his office. Thank you very much.”

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin—Report No. 2. Co-ordinating Council

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, stated the parliamentary situation to be as follows:—

“Our situation at this time is that we are on the consideration of the amendment which is to delete a part of this Report from the Co-ordinating Council.”

Statement—Henry M. Zimmerman (*)

Henry M. Zimmerman (*) (Kentucky—SE) made the following statement:—

“I begin my statement by asking if this Foundation would replace the Board of Trustees. May I say this, to this Conference: that if that is desirable and will tend to economize it will be agreeable with the Board of Trustees. We have no desire to perpetuate ourselves, but you would have to work pretty hard to meet or to equal the expenses that we have in a year. It was \$619 for last year, including that of a Secretary.

I think, and I started to say this, Bishop, in confidence, that there is a need for someone to look after the Wills of the people who want to leave something to our Institutions. But you are entering a very

competitive field with the Board of Education, the Board of Missions, and so on and so on. If you can find some way to do it, fine; do it, but I am afraid that now as it was set up it is too expensive an operation."

Substitute—Against Foundation—Robert D. Blue ()—Not Adopted*

Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC) moved as a substitute (DB-73) for the amendment of K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona—W) to delete paragraph "2. Methodist Foundation," of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, that paragraph 1 of the "Suggested Legislation," DCA No. 3, page 113, column 1, be deleted. It reads as follows:—

"The Council on World Service and Finance shall authorize its Board of Directors to cause to be incorporated an organization to be known as 'The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.' under the laws of the State of Illinois. The first Board of Directors shall be all of those persons who shall then be members of the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church."

The motion to substitute, being duly seconded, Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC) spoke as follows:—

"Gentlemen, it seems to me that the situation is this: that the difficulty we are struggling over here and struggled over four years ago, is the fact that if we set up a Foundation with power to get out mailing lists and propaganda and so forth, that we will be infringing upon the work of various Boards and Agencies. I am suspicious that at least half of the Delegates to this Conference are Trustees for one group or another. I believe that if we eliminate Paragraph 1, which provides for this promotion and cultivation and set up a great Trust Company that can administer Wills and Trusts as a Financial Institution, we can achieve the purpose that is suggested by this Report.

I speak with some experience in this matter. I am President of the Board of Trustees of Friendship Haven at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and President of the Foundation which that Institution has set up. I know as a matter of having written Wills for people who are interested in this sort of thing, that there is a demand for this type of organization.

Our stumbling block, as I have said, is the fact that we do not want to create another Organization which will be in competition with existing Organizations. If we can but get into our thinking the concept of a Financial Institution, a Trust Organization that has the ability to receive and administer funds, then we will be able to create an Institution which can be of great worth to the existing Agencies of the Church and to the benefit of the Church as a whole."

Against Methodist Foundation—J. Earl Moreland ()*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SR) spoke against the Methodist Foundation as follows:—

"First of all I wonder if we realize just what this represents? This is a monolithic organization, alien, as I understand it, to the whole history and traditions of The Methodist Church. I believe there is no place in The Methodist Church for such an organization that proposes to do what this one does with the Church. There are 1,966 organizations

counted thus far which raise and receive money, and we are not yet through counting.

May I suggest, for example, in the second place that this area is well covered by all the existing Boards, Organizations, Schools, Hospitals, Homes for Children, Homes for the Aged, by the Foundations for independent colleges which minister to our Methodist colleges in 38 States where independent colleges are organized and seeking funds through well-organized Foundations, by Boards of Missions in 138 Annual Conferences, Boards of Education, and so on. I will not take the time of this Conference to enumerate any further. I submit, sir, that this is covered by this point.

In the third place, I would like to raise a question which I believe—I may be wrong, but I discussed it with Presidents of Colleges and Universities almost all over the country, because we heard about this in advance. I could find no one who favors it; who would be wise enough, even in The General Conference if we were incorporated, to do this job. If a man comes to us, as is provided in Sections 1 and 2, and says, 'I have a million dollars to give to The Methodist Church,' who is wise enough to tell him where to put that money?

I would just like to ask that question. I would refuse membership on any such monolithic monstrosity. I certainly hope that we defeat this completely from beginning to end."

For Methodist Foundation—Ira B. Loud

Ira B. Loud (West Texas—C) spoke for the Report, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members: I rise, sir, to speak against the substitute and against the amendment and in favor of the Report as is, presented by the Co-ordinating Council. This is the reason:

We are representatives from a certain section of The Methodist Church which certainly stands in need of the kind of services which could be rendered by The Methodist Foundation. Our Annual Conferences are weaker, our Boards of Pensions pay only a meager pittance to our retired ministers, every college within our section is in need of support and such Church Extension is a grave need among us. I hope, sir, that after this has been studied by the Co-ordinating Council of The Methodist Church for the last quadrennium that this Conference will see fit to give support to the recommendation of the Co-ordinating Council, which will give us the opportunity to give a larger service in The Methodist Church."

Previous Question—W. Ralph Ward

W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) moved the Previous Question on all before The General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—Allen Whitfield ()—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin*

Before the motion for the Previous Question could be put to the vote of The General Conference, Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) asked the privilege of submitting an inquiry before the Previous Question is ordered.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows on this request:—

"I think it will be in order after the Previous Question. I would rule that after the Previous Question, if it is ordered, it will be in order, and I will recognize you after the Previous Question is voted up or down."

Previous Question Ordered

The motion of W. Ralph Ward for the Previous Question, on all before The General Conference, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of The General Conference.

Questions—Allen Whitfield ()—Answer—Paul G. James (*)*

In pursuance with the ruling of Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) made the following inquiries which were answered by Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) as follows:—

"Allen Whitfield: Could I inquire from the Chair or the individual presenting the Report of the Co-ordinating Council, as to whether or not the existing provisions of the *Discipline*, Paragraph 737, Sections 8 and 9, are a duplication of this proposed Agency?

In connection with this inquiry, I want to raise this particular question to illustrate in a hypothetical case: as a member of the Board of Social and Economic Relations, if a client of mine came into my office and wanted to give a substantial sum of money to endow that work, to what Agency of The Methodist Church would such a fund be given? Would it be given to the Board of Social Economic Relations, to the Trustees of The Methodist Church, to the World Service and Finance Commission, or to what Agency?

Paul G. James: My good friend, Allen Whitfield, I am afraid that if we entered into a legal discussion as to how to so place a bequest or a devise in a Will, to designate a specific Institution, we might be here a long, long time. The difficulty is that we frequently find clients who want not to designate, because they do not feel they are competent, they do not know the situation in general. They want to give their money where someone in a position of responsible authority can use it to plug a hole in the dyke, save an Institution, put it to uses in an emergency. They want some Agency in the Church that they can delegate that, to see that the money is used to the best possible advantage.

They do not feel capable of doing it. If they want to give it to a Methodist Hospital or to one of our colleges, it is very easy to designate it. If they don't, a Foundation can take care of it and use it to meet those emergencies in general situations.

Allen Whitfield: Then, Mr. Chairman, would it not be possible to accomplish all that is covered by this Report under the provision of Section 713 of the *Discipline* with a proviso that undesignated gifts shall be administered by the Trustees of The Methodist Church under the direction of The General Conference?

Paul G. James: Only in part, Mr. Whitfield. I am glad you asked that question.

The Trustees of The Methodist Church, as I pointed out, are related to The Methodist Church at large, the General Church, much as the Trustees of the Local Church are related to the Local Church. What we

need, as the Protestant Episcopal Church has recognized, and as the Presbyterian Churches recognize, is a great promotional body that will secure funds to use to meet emergencies and to fill great human needs, as a promotional organization visualizing areas of service to humanity that are not being served by specific boards."

Point of Order—Harold H. Hughes—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin—Well Taken

Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE) raised the Point of Order that the brethren involved were debating the issue.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ruled that the Point of Order was well taken.

Substitute of Robert D. Blue—Read—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

The members of The General Conference asking for a reading of the substitute of Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC), at the request of the Presiding Officer, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Secretary of Documents, read the proposed substitute, as follows:—

"I move as a substitute to the motion to delete paragraph 2 of the Report of the Co-ordinating Council by striking out paragraph one of the 'Suggested Legislation.'"

Question—Harry O. Ritter—Reply—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Harry O. Ritter (Kansas—SC) asked specifically where paragraph 1 could be found in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, stated:—

"It is Paragraph 1, on page 113, at the top of column 1."

Closes Debate—Paul G. James ()*

Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) closed the debate on the matter before The General Conference, with the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, in substance the purpose and purport of this motion to delete would strike from our recommendation and Report the authority proposed to be granted to the Foundation to co-operate with all of our Boards, Agencies and Institutions in promoting the common interests and concerns of the Church and help them in every way possible.

If they don't want that assistance, certainly nobody is going to push it down their throats, but it simply affords The Foundation the right to give such promotional aid and assistance from time to time as may be necessary. If they don't want any assistance from the General Church, or Foundation, in their promotion activity, then strike this out.

It is merely a voluntary service. We felt that the Foundation might be of some value to our Annual Conferences. If they don't want that service, we are certainly not going to force it upon anyone."

Question—K. Morgan Edwards—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona—W) asked the following question:—

"I am asking the question to be sure the House understands that if the motion to substitute prevails, we do not then vote on the motion to delete the amendment to delete, is that right?"

Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

"That takes the place of the motion to delete, as the Chair understands it."

Substitute—Robert D. Blue ()—Not Adopted*

The substitute of Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC) to strike out Paragraph 1 of the Suggested Legislation, found at the bottom of column 1, page 113, *DCA* No. 3, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment of Deletion—K. Morgan Edwards—Adopted

The proposed amendment of K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California-Arizona—W) to amend Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council by the deletion of section "2, Methodist Foundation," *DCA* No. 3, page 112, column 3 and page 113, column 1, and "Suggested Legislation," *DCA* No. 3, page 113, columns 1, 2 and 3, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

No. 2 Co-ordinating Council—Adopted As Amended

Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, *DCA* No. 3, page 111, columns 1, 2 and 3; (See also *DCA* No. 6, page 258, columns 1 and 2); page 112, columns 1, 2 and 3 down to "2. Methodist Foundation," in column 3 was adopted as amended, with the exception of Section "4. Social Action Boards," *DCA* No. 3, page 112, column 2, which was withdrawn, by common consent, to be considered and acted on at a later time when the Standing Committee on the State of the Church would report a proposed amendment to "Section 4. Social Action Boards." For Report see Appendix, page 1801.

No. 3—Co-ordinating Council—Chester A. McPheeters—Edwin R. Garrison—Adopted

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) presented Report

No. 3 of the Co-ordinating Council, DCA No. 4, page 151, columns 2 and 3, and requested that Edwin R. Garrison (North Indiana—NC) explain the proposed legislation, after he had moved the adoption of Report No. 3, which was duly seconded.

Legislation Explained—Edwin R. Garrison

Edwin R. Garrison (North Indiana—NC) explained the proposed legislation, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: We have presented this Report to you in order to give The General Conference an opportunity to make a clearcut decision concerning the number and the type of periodicals promoting the work of the General Agencies to be sent to the Local Church.

We ought to say in the very beginning that this is totally unrelated to the *New Christian Advocate* which you have already voted.

The General Conference in 1944 instructed the Council of Secretaries to bring a Report to The General Conference of 1948 outlining a plan to correlate the work of the Boards and to avoid duplication in the periodicals and materials that they were sending out.

They came to The General Conference of 1948 without any Report and early in the sessions of The Conference a Special Committee of 31 was set up, and it was that Committee that asked for the Survey and was granted that request.

In 1952 the Survey Report was received. As a result of the study at that time, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation was set up, and you would do well, I think, to review the provisions under which it operates, Paragraph 750. It provides that this Commission shall eliminate duplication, overlapping and competition between the Agencies.

We congratulate the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation for the large measure of progress that they have made. You noted that they have been sending out various free materials on a Calendar basis, and the overall impression of that is good. However, as a result of the action in 1952, setting up this Commission, the general impression went out through the Church that the Commission had been given a mandate to consolidate the Promotional Periodicals into one. It was not true that the mandate was given.

The Commission on Cultivation and Promotion has been unable to arrive at a recommendation for one Promotional Periodical, and as a result four years later we are spending twice as much for these materials as we did in 1952.

This paragraph which we propose mandates the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation to provide one Promotional Journal for the General Agencies to go to the Local Church.

It excepts *The Methodist Woman* and *The Methodist Layman* because, although they have promotional material in them, they are subscription magazines and are directed to the total membership of those respective bodies rather than to the leaders of the Local Church.

The third thing we would call to your attention about this proposed legislation is that it is permissive in its details. We believe that the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation is entirely competent to decide those details.

We do not attempt to say whether it should be a monthly or a quarterly, nor do we say precisely when they shall begin this work. We would assume that they would do it during this quadrennium, and we would assume they would continue the present periodicals until opportunity for transfer has been made.

This proposed journal would include such materials as are now found in *The Story*, in *The Pastor's Journal*, in *The Voice*, but not in the *Clipsheet*, in *Church and Campus*, and in *Shepherds*. *Shepherds* is excluded because they are not using World Service money for this, and they ought to be excepted, but the Council feels that their periodical is a part of the competitive unco-ordinated approach which we are trying to solve.

The members of the Co-ordinating Council will yield to no one in their respect and in their affection for the Secretaries upon whose backs the burdens of these Boards are placed. They will bear us witness, we believe, that in our own areas all of us are actively supporting their work, and we trust that they will feel perfectly free to speak as we consider this matter today, but we would be untrue to our stewardship as a Co-ordinating Council if we did not say to you that after our study we believe that the Church wants and needs one Promotional Journal and that if it is creatively published it will secure a wider readership than the combined publications do now, that it will better advertise the resource materials available from those Boards, and that it will end much of the hostility which is engendered for the Boards by the present competition.

We call your attention to the fact that is given to us in the Report of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation that in June, 1954, the establishment of a new periodical was authorized called '*The Story*.' They are now operating on a cost, we are informed, of about \$100,000 a year. When we saw this we thought that perhaps this was going to be the answer, but I would invite you to take out your pencils and figure on what has happened since then.

Church and Campus has cut its expenditures by \$6,000. *The Voice* under a drastically cut Budget has worked heroically. *The Pastor's Journal* expends approximately—this costs the Board approximately \$4,000 more now than it did then, and the Board of Evangelism spends three times as much now as it did in 1949 for *Shepherds*.

There is a total decrease in expenditures of these magazines that I have listed of approximately \$8,000, but we do not think that this is very significant in comparison with the \$100,000 that has been added.

Our Council believes that these Secretaries are realists, and that what they need is a mandate from the Church, and when they get it, that they will provide one Promotional Periodical for these General Agencies that will be an honor to themselves and a source of pride to the Church.

We have brought this to you in order to give The General Conference an opportunity to say what it wants. Do you want one Promotional Journal or do you want to send all these Agencies out with your blessing and say to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply'?"

Amendment—Ray W. Ragsdale—Not Adopted

(See page 546)

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to amend Report No. 3 of the Co-ordinating Council, by adding the following (DB-74) at the close of the Report No. 3, DCA No. 4, page 151, column 3:—

"or to any publication not subsidized in whole or in part by World Service Funds.

If any World Service Agency desires to publish a Promotional Program Periodical that requires World Service Funds, it shall secure the approval first of the Co-ordinating Council, and then of the Council on World Service and Finance."

so that paragraph as amended will read:—

"The Commission shall publish a free Local Church Program Journal for Pastors and Local Church Leaders. This Journal shall present to the Local Church for its use the Program and Promotional Materials of the General Agencies in a correlated manner and shall be in lieu of General Agency Promotional Periodicals. This does not apply to *The Methodist Woman* and *The Methodist Layman*, or to any publication not subsidized in whole or in part by World Service funds.

If any World Service Agency desires to publish a Promotional Program Periodical that requires World Service Funds, it shall secure the approval first of the Co-ordinating Council and then of the Council on World Service and Finance."

(Signed) Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Weldon Crossland (Genesee—NE)
 Kenneth W. Pope (Texas—SC)
 Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Edward J. Pendergrass (Florida—SE)
 James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC)
 Glenn M. Frye (Michigan—NC)
 Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE)
 Kenneth W. Copeland (Southwest Texas—SC)
 Harold N. Smith (Newark—NE)
 Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. (North Texas—SC)
 Robert G. Mayfield (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC)
 Bachman G. Hodge (Holston—SE)
 Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC)
 J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE)
 James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C)
 J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama—SE)
 Albert P. Shirkey (Baltimore—NE)
 Roland P. Riddick (Virginia—SE)

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I do not believe it is the desire of this Conference to eliminate an Agency publication as useful as *Shepherds* magazine, a great instrument of evangelism that does not cost The Methodist Church one cent. Actually, this magazine saves World Service Funds in the amount of \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year because it has eliminated the expense of all general mailings of the Board.

Shepherds magazine is supported from the sale of evangelistic literature. The sale of evangelistic literature which is promoted through *Shepherds* is an important part in the success of Methodism's great evangelistic movement.

No one knows whether this could continue in the proposed single Promotional Journal for we have not seen a prospectus of it. If it cannot, then the Board of Evangelism has no alternative than to return

to the costly direct-mail method of getting samples of its material upon the desks of the Pastors of Methodism. This would be true of the Board of Missions, Board of Education, and Board of Temperance also.

This amendment would do two things: It would make possible the continuance of a publication that costs the Church nothing. And it would provide the procedure with safeguards, whereby other World Service agencies could publish Promotional Periodicals of their own if the need demands.

I am concerned at two points, at the point of stewardship in the use of World Service Funds, and at the point of our effectiveness in getting the job of the Church done. Take the matter of Stewardship—presently *Shepherds* magazine takes nothing from World Service Funds, *Church and Campus* takes \$12,000, *The Voice* costs \$30,000, *Pastor's Journal*, \$9,000, *The Story*, \$100,000. This adds up to \$151,000.

The Story is a quarterly publication. If it remains the same size but were published monthly, as surely it would have to be if it were effective as our Journal of Promotion, it would cost \$300,000 annually. This is \$149,000 more than the present publications combined cost us. We could start five or six new churches in California, or Texas or Florida, with that money if we saved it.

Or, to approach it in another way, the new Journal published monthly will cost \$300,000 annually. Since the cost of this Journal is a prior claim on World Service funds, this would mean that the Board of Missions would be deprived of \$184,000, or 61 per cent of the cost of publishing the Journal which it otherwise would have. \$184,000 would support approximately 75 missionaries.

I am concerned with our stewardship over that important World Service dollar!

Moreover, I am concerned about getting the job done in this great Church of ours. There are 10,000,000 of us—so many of us that if we were all lined up in a column of two, three feet apart, standing still the column would reach from Los Angeles to within forty miles of the Nation's Capital.

We are a big Church—a massive and mighty institution! It seems absurd to me to think of running anything as big as The Methodist Church with virtually all the Program and Promotional material of all its Agencies funneled through a single Editor and a single Magazine.

Unless this paragraph is amended in the manner I am proposing, we may find that we have sacrificed good stewardship and effectiveness for doubtful streamlining. I do not believe this Conference wants to make that mistake."

Amendment to Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend the proposed amendment of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) by adding "THE VOICE" the publication of the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, to follow the words, "*The Methodist Laymen*," found in the last line of the Paragraph on "Proposed Legislation," DCA No 4, page 151, column 3, so that the amendment as amended will read (DB-75) :—

"The Commission shall publish a free local church Program Journal for pastors and local church leaders. This Journal shall present to the local church for its use the Program and promotional materials of the General Agencies in a correlated manner and shall be in lieu of General Agency Promotional Periodicals. This does not apply to *The Methodist Woman*, *The Methodist Layman*, **THE VOICE** or to any publication not subsidized in whole or in part by World Service funds.

If any World Service Agency desires to publish a Promotional Program Periodical that requires World Service Funds, it shall secure the approval first of the Co-ordinating Council and then of the Council on World Service and Finance."

The motion to thus amend the amendment, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Now Mr. Chairman, we may in this discussion and in whatever confusion there may be in some of our minds with reference to this preceding amendment, be tempted to make a very grave mistake by eliminating what I think is one of the great publications of this Board of Temperance, namely, *The Voice*. It has access to our Church to present the great cause of temperance and prohibition. It ought not to be silent when the liquor people are spending, I believe, between \$500,000 and \$1,500,000 to advertise their products in the newspapers, in the magazines, on the radio and by television, to try to induce more people to drink, although there are now 4,000,000 addicts to the intoxicating liquor habit, four million confirmed drunkards. They are striving by every means in their power by the use of the printed word to induce more people to do it. We must not neglect the power of words in the great cause of temperance and prohibition.

When Neil Dow set out to make Maine the first prohibition State of all the States, it is said that he flooded the State of Maine with prohibition literature. We cannot afford to take one backward step in our fight against the liquor traffic. One of the great means of persuading people to righteousness and to total abstinence is the printed word. We must bring the power of words into this fight.

You remember the great tribute the Master paid to the power of words when he said, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.'

Let us in that same spirit use the power of words in behalf of temperance, total abstinence and prohibition of the liquor traffic by keeping this paper addressed especially to this subject, keep it before the minds and hearts of Methodists.

It would bring joy to every brewer and every distiller to know that we had taken a backward step upon this question and had silenced this great publication of our Church.

We must not do that, brethren. We must stand firm and use the power of words in the great cause of temperance and prohibition. I hope, therefore, in spite of the fact that it may cost \$30,000 a year—it is an insignificant sum compared with the money we spend on other matters—we must not neglect, we must not permit this *Voice* of this great Agency of the Church to be silenced."

Against Both Amendments—Alvin J. Lindgren

Alvin J. Lindgren (Wisconsin—NC) spoke against both the amendment of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California—

Arizona—W) and the amendment to the amendment, proposed by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I am against both of the amendments. It seems to me that the main proposition before this General Conference is one of principle, the principle of promoting all of the Agencies and Boards of the Church through one unified approach. It is not an attempt to silence the emphasis on temperance through *The Voice* nor reduce the effectiveness of our Program of Evangelism as outlined in *Shepherds*. As I see this, it is an opportunity for us to co-ordinate all of these Agencies in one publication which I believe many more of our Pastors will read, and the Program will get down into the actual Local Church arena of operation more effectively than if we continually send the pastors several different periodicals filled with more material than most of them have time to read in their busy schedules.

I hope that we will not be confused in the attempt to substantiate each of these individually on the grounds that we are silencing them or that their emphasis will not be heard. It is more than just a matter of finance; it is the matter of co-ordinating and simplifying the structure of our Church to more effective use by our Pastors who, I believe, will read a co-ordinated material and use it much more effectively than these various publications coming to them at the present time.”

For Amendment to Amendment of Chester A. Smith ()—
D. Stewart Patterson (*)*

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore—NE) spoke in favor of the amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) to the amendment of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the amendment as offered by Mr. Chester Smith. Last night this Conference gave a very decisive voice to its sentiment and belief in abstinence, and anything that will tend to defeat the traffic in alcoholic beverages. It seems to me The Methodist Church spoke its mind in an effective voice.

Surely this morning we do not want to negate that which last night we said and did, nor to make more difficult the effective efforts not only to inform and inspire our people but to give a positive leadership which goes even beyond the bounds of our own Church.

I for one, Mr. Chairman, hope we are not going to become dollar-wise in printing, and at the same time in influence and leadership foolish and poor in relationship to a very vital cause.

Let's look at two or three facts. *The Voice* has proven its value and its effectiveness, not only to The Methodist Church but beyond our Church. Secondly, I would call your attention that a good deal seems to be spoken on the part of the pastors with reference to the quantity of material. As a Layman I am not overburdened with receipt of materials from the Promotional Agencies of the Church. I have not yet in the business world noticed the automobile dealers, the plumbing supply dealers, the clothing dealers, the grocerymen coming together and saying, 'Let us have one big omnibus publication and put everything into it, and we will check list and buy it all.' I think I am correct, sir, in saying this protest against these does not come from the Laity.

In the second place, *The Voice* as a recognized publication of a mighty Protestant body goes to Congressional leaders, and certainly if there is a group in Washington who need the expression from the Church and guidance of the Church it is our Congressional leaders who welcome guidance. It also goes to other Denominational Leaders, and they look to The Methodist Church.

Last night you heard a very effective word from Chaplain Carpenter, Chief of the Air Chaplains, pleading with the Church, which would do much to minimize the education needed among our young people. *The Voice* goes to Methodist Chaplains, more than 500 of them stationed in all parts of the world with the military forces. They use it as an effective educational weapon.

Mr. Chairman, *The Voice* is not a propaganda sheet, but it is in truth a voice of Methodism, and I for one would urge that we not now silence *The Voice* of Methodism in this very important matter."

Previous Question—C. R. Wood (*)—Ordered

C. R. Wood (*) (North Alabama—SE) moved the Previous Question on all before The General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, and the Previous Question was ordered.

Question—Ray W. Ragsdale—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) asked the following question:—

"The Previous Question being on all that is before The General Conference means that we vote on the amendment to the amendment, and then without further debate move right on and vote on the amendment itself?"

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ruled,

"That is the order, sir."

Question—Allen B. Rice—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Allen B. Rice (Northwest Indiana—NC) raised the following question:—

"This is a matter of clarification. I tried to get in before. I believe I am in order. The question was raised about expense. So far as I know, no figure was given to us by the Council on World Service and Finance of the expense for this new Publication, as such. I would like to have that figure as realistic information."

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

"We have had many questions on the cost of this. I would say the Previous Question has been ordered and we must proceed to carry out the order of this Conference."

Question—Marshall T. Steel—Answer—Ray W. Ragsdale

Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC) asked the following question:—

“Mr. Chairman, a question for clarification, sir.

Does Dr. Ragsdale’s amendment make it possible for *The Voice* to be published as it is being published?

I am trying to find out if you have two motions to support *The Voice*. I think that Dr. Ragsdale’s amendment would support both publications.”

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) answered the question, as follows:—

“Yes, sir. The amendment I proposed provides for the procedure whereby *The Voice* could continue with the consent of the Co-ordinating Council and of the Council of World Service and Finance.”

Question—Lynn H. Corson—Answer—Ray W. Ragsdale

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE) raised the following question.

“Mr. Chairman, does not this first amendment provide that *The Voice* must gain the permission of the Co-ordinating Council for publication?”

At the request of Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) answered the question, as follows:—

“Yes, sir. The situation as I understand it is that if Mr. Smith’s amendment is passed this specifies that *The Voice* along with *The Methodist Woman* and *The Methodist Layman* and any periodical which does not cost World Service funds anything, shall be continued. If this amendment is not passed then we have before us my amendment which provides the procedure whereby *The Voice* or any other Agency, with the consent of World Service and Finance Council and the Co-ordinating Council, might be continued.”

Further Question—Lynn H. Corson—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE) asked a further question, as follows:—

“Then we are to understand that if Mr. Smith’s amendment to the amendment passes it is mandatory to publish *The Voice*?”

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

“Well, it seems to the Chair that it was simply said that this does not apply to *The Methodist Woman*, *The Methodist Layman* and *The Voice*. I don’t know whether the Chair interprets that correctly or not.”

Question—Roy R. Roudebush ()—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin*

Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC) raised the following question:—

"Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that Mr. Smith's amendment is an amendment additional to Dr. Ragsdale's amendment, so that if Mr. Smith's motion is passed we will still have Dr. Ragsdale's motion to vote upon. Is that correct?"

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"That is the parliamentary situation. It is introduced in the nature of an amendment to the amendment. Are you ready?"

Chester A. Smith () Starts to Speak—Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) was recognized and started to speak. His remarks were ruled out of order by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, on the grounds that the Previous Question had been ordered, and any further arguments were out of order.

Closes Debate—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) closed the debate for the the Co-ordinating Council, as follows:—

"Our present situation reminds me of a story that Bishop Moore told at one of our meetings, about a man down in Georgia who had a wayward son. He became so exasperated with that boy that he finally in utter desperation said to a neighbor friend, 'I don't know what I'm going to do with him. What would you do?'

The neighbor, taking advantage of the situation, said, 'If your boy were my boy I'd kick him out!'

The father immediately rejoined by saying, 'If my boy were your boy I'd kick him out, but he is my boy.'

I think we are in that kind of a situation at the moment. We are not trying to kick out anybody. We are trying to co-ordinate, and we feel as the Co-ordinating Council that we have had a directive from this General Conference to bring to you the kind of recommendation we have brought.

You have a rather interesting situation, Members of The Conference. You have a situation of a great Board with a publishing department that can make profits. Out of the profits can come supports for the promotional periodical of that agency. I refer to the Board of Evangelism and *Shepherds*.

On the other hand you have a Board of Temperance which has no way at all of producing any money to support any kind of a periodical to promote its work. Certainly it is not in the thought of the Co-ordinating Council to crowd *The Voice* out of existence. We need *The Voice*; the Church needs it, the country needs it. I think it is the finest that has ever been, and it is doing a real service.

However, in this situation it seems to us that there are some rather basic principles involved. I am not sure how far I should go in mentioning them. Twelve years ago there began in the Church an agitation for the reduction of promotional periodicals. That has increased until this Church spent \$250,000 in order to try to bring this to a point where we might have a co-ordinating kind of a Promotional Pastor's Journal. That was one of the recommendations of the Survey Commission.

We did other things as a result of that Survey, and that Survey was made by those who were professional in the field and knew how to make surveys. They came back to us with facts which showed that a Co-ordinating Journal, taking the place of five or six of these Promotional Journals, would save the Church about \$300,000.

I can refer to you the page in the Survey Report which would show that. If that were true then we have a feeling it is true now. However, we wanted to bring the issue and let you decide. Not only the men of this Conference but men of every Annual Conference, in every District Conference, are constantly saying, 'There is too much material coming to our desks. What can we do about it?'

The mention has been made that there has been some kind of resentment against even the Programs because of this multiplicity of material that comes to the minister's desk.

What we are saying to you this morning, we have laid down a simple principle here. If you want a Co-ordinated Program, Promotional Program Journal for the Pastors and the Church Leaders, there is only one way to do it and that is to mandate the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation to see that that is done.

We thought we had done it four years ago, but discovered that it was not a mandate but merely permissive. Now we are asking you, do you want the continuation of all of these Journals and Periodicals coming to your desk month after month? If you do, then vote for the amendments. If you do not, and you think we ought to have one Co-ordinated Promotion Journal, vote for Report 3 of your Co-ordinating Council."

Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"The Chairman has had his last word, and I rule that it is time now for us to enter into the voting on these amendments. If you will adopt the amendment offered—"

Question—William B. Robinson—Ruling Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio—NC) raised the following question:—

"Mr. Chairman, some of us are going to be influenced by the answer to this question. How are we to vote? We have not been told anything concerning the format, the cost or any material of that kind. If the Chairman could make a statement that would clarify the matter it would help some of us, anyway, to make up our minds in voting."

Ruling—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"That is somewhat beyond our range at this time, it seems to me. We have had a full debate on this. I believe the Conference desires to vote on it."

Amendment to Amendment—Chester A. Smith (*)—Not Adopted

The amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) to the amendment of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Ray W. Ragsdale—Not Adopted

The amendment of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W) to Report No. 3 of the Co-ordinating Council, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 3—Adopted

Report No. 3 of the Co-ordinating Council, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1809.

Results Fourth Ballot Members of Judicial Council—No Election—Luther W. Wells (*) —No Election

The results of the Fourth Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, were announced by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, as follows:—

Ministerial members:—Total number of votes cast 684; void 3; total number of good votes 681; necessary to a choice 341.

J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas)	296
Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE)	137
Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)	49
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)	38
H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)	34
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)	31
John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)	28
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)	20
Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W)	15
Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)	7
Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)	7
Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)	4

No one having received the required number of votes, the result was declared by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, as "No election."

Lay members:—Total number of votes cast 674; void 2; total number of good votes 682; necessary to a choice 342.

Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC)	255
Paul E. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)	172
Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)	89
F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE)	51
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC)	26
Lester C. Cecil (*) (Ohio—NC)	21
Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC)	20
William G. Brown (*) (Holston—SE)	18
Charles G. Howard (*) (Oregon—W)	16
Edward F. McFaddin (*) (Little Rock—SC)	1

No one having received the required number of votes for election, Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, declared the result, "No election."

Fifth Ballot—Luther W. Wells (*)—Instructions—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, stated that on the Fifth Ballot the Delegates should vote for one Minister and one Layman, without regard to Jurisdictional boundaries.

The Fifth Ballot was spread for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, declared the ballot closed, and the votes were collected, and the tellers were excused, and retired to count the same, under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers.

At the request of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, The General Conference granted unanimous common consent for the results of the Fifth Ballot to be sealed, counted after lunch, and reported to the afternoon session of The General Conference.

No. 14—Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, and it was adopted as follows:—

"We are pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for Friday morning's session May 4, 1956, will be Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction; for Friday afternoon's session, May 4, 1956, Bishop Willis J. King, New Orleans Area and Overseas Area, Central Jurisdiction; and for Friday night's session, May 4, 1956, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction."

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement regarding the parliamentary situation:—

"We are within ten minutes of adjournment, and I would like to say to The Conference you have an Order of the Day, but I question if you would want to take it up before luncheon, now. That is the Report of the Council on World Service and Finance. Unless I am otherwise directed, we will wait on that."

Motion to Adjourn—Embree H. Blackard—Adopted

Motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, that after the necessary announcements, we do now adjourn.

Announcements—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Lud H. Estes—Leon T. Moore

Announcements were made by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE); Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary, and Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary Designate.

Honoring Chester A. Smith (*)—Paul R. Ervin (*)

Motion of Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, that when we adjourn at noon today, we do so in honor of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), one of the oldest members of The General Conference in point of service.

Thanks—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, the Presiding Officer of this morning's session, in well chosen words, expressed his appreciation of the members of The General Conference and their fine co-operation in the proceedings of the morning's session.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop Willis J. King

The morning session of the Ninth Day, Thursday, May 3rd., 1956 adjourned at 12:30 P.M. with the Benediction, pronounced by Bishop Willis J. King of the New Orleans Area and Overseas Service of the Central Jurisdiction, the matters pending before The General Conference being the continuing Order of the Day, the election of members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, and the consideration of and action on the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance.

NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1956

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the afternoon session of the Ninth Day, Thursday, May 3, 1956 at 2:30 P.M., in the Municipal Auditorium of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop Hazen G. Werner, of the Ohio Area, North Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair, who announced that James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) would lead in the singing of a Hymn to be followed by prayer by Bishop H. Bascom Watts, the matters pending before The General Conference of The Methodist Church, being the continuing Order of the Day, the election of Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, and the next Order of the Day, consideration of and action on the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Hymn—James R. Houghton ()—Prayer—Bishop H. Bascom Watts*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, led The General Conference in the singing of Hymn No. 70, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want," The General Conference standing, after which Bishop H. Bascom Watts, of the Nebraska Area, South Central Jurisdiction, led in prayer.

Motion for Recess—Paul V. Galloway—Withdrawn—A. Wesley Pugh

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC) moved that in view of the fact that the ladies had prepared coffee and cookies for the afternoon, that a Recess of ten minutes be taken at 4 P.M.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, requested that the motion for a Recess be withdrawn at this time, as he desired to offer a plan of procedure, at the proper time, coming from the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen.

The motion of Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC) for a recess at 4 P.M., was withdrawn.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, stated the parliamentary situation, is as follows:—

"We have now this afternoon two matters before us directly. One is the matter of the election of Members of The Judicial Council, and the other is the Order of the Day for Reports from the Council on World Service and Finance. I think it would be your desire, unless I hear some word to the contrary or objection, that we proceed with election of the Members of The Judicial Council. If we have a Ballot, we will await the Report of this Ballot now.

Evidently, the votes are still being counted.

Are there any matters of business at this time before we enter the Order of the Day?"

No. 7 Committee of Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, reported for the Committee, as follows:—

"Speaking for the Committee of Chairmen, I want to point out to you what the procedure was to be this afternoon with reference to our business. It was the thought of the Committee of Chairmen that we would go right ahead with the Order of the Day, which is the Report of the Council on World Service and Finance, and proceed right through with it, unless we came to some point which involved serious controversy. If we come to such a point, in justice and fairness to the many Committee members who are working in other places, I shall ask the privilege of moving to defer that until they can be in the room with us.

Further, if we conclude that Report of the Council on World Service and Finance, we should go to the Calendar, the Legislative Calendar."

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, stated that if this was in agreement with the mind of The General Conference, we would immediately take up the consideration of and action on the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance, which was the Order of the Day, previously set. The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, approved the plan of procedure.

Motion Re Afternoon Session—A. Wesley Pugh—Paul V. Galloway

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, moved that The General Conference work through the afternoon session Thursday, May 3, 1956 without a Recess period, adjourning approximately at 4:45 P.M., as many Sub-Committees still had plenty of work to do. The motion, duly seconded by Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), prevailed.

Order of the Day—Reports Council on World Service—Bishop Clare Purcell—Thomas B. Lugg

The Order of the Day having arrived, the consideration of and action on the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance, Bishop Clare Purcell, of the Birmingham

Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of World Service and Finance, was recognized for the presentation of the Reports of the Council.

Bishop Clare Purcell requested that Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, and the members of the Council on World Service and Finance who have been assigned to speak to the various Reports to come to the platform, as follows; Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W), Henry W. Blackburn (Florida—SE), Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE), R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), George B. McKibbin (*) (Rock River—NC), Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), and Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE).

Financial Report—Thomas B. Lugg, Treasurer Council on World Service and Finance

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, made a statement regarding the Financial Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance, and moved that the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance be authorized to complete the Financial Report for the quadrennium 1952-1956, and that it be published in the Journal of The General Conference of 1956. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see Appendix, page 1920.

The statement of Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, is as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, before I present the men who are to handle individual sections of the Report, I desire to report briefly to The General Conference.

The 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 739, requires of the Treasurer of the Council a Report to each Quadrennial Session of The General Conference, a full Report of the Financial transactions of the Council for the preceding Quadrennium. This Report is recorded in the 1956 volume entitled ‘Quadrennial Reports.’

Our Reports are found on page 519 to page 604, inclusive. Here will be found the Reports for the first three years of the Quadrennium. If you consent, it is the desire of your Treasurer that you receive these Reports, request your Treasurer to complete the Quadrennial Report as soon as possible after the close of the fiscal year and file the same with the Secretary of The General Conference for inclusion in the Journal. The Financial Reports will also be included in the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Council on World Service and Finance.

These three-year Reports have been audited and the audits have been approved by the Council on World Service and Finance. It has been customary, Mr. Chairman, to include the Quadrennial Report in the Journal or in the Appendix to the Journal.”

Thomas B. Lugg Reports for Eleven Months

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, made a report of the work of his office for the first eleven months of the closing year of the quadrennium 1952-1956, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I would like to take long enough to tell you about the first eleven months of this year.

Our books were closed yesterday noon, so I think you are the first ones who have had an opportunity to know how we came out for the first eleven months.

World Service has shown us to date a total of \$8,010,022, which is 2.59 per cent increase over the first eleven months of last year. In view of the fact that some of our Conference Treasurers and our Chairmen of Conference Commissions have been at The General Conference during the latter part of April, I think this is splendid that we are maintaining an advance.

The Advance Specials are 12.14 per cent ahead of last year, a total for Advance Specials to date of \$3,882,500.

The Week of Dedication is slightly behind last year, but we have received up-to-date a total of \$507,645.

The Fellowship of Suffering and Service, with receipts of \$679,000, which is 5.10 per cent ahead of last year.

The Television Ministry has made a 20.68 per cent increase over the preceding year and has had a total of \$143,000, plus, to date.

The Episcopal Fund shows 4.69 per cent increase.

The General Administration Fund is slightly behind, but I have confidence that that will come up.

The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, with receipts of \$255,000 is .63 per cent ahead of last year.

I wanted you to have that, Mr. Chairman, to know—that you might know—that our churches are back of our Benevolence Program, and I think are writing a very remarkable record. These receipts are encouraging.

With your co-operation as you go to your homes, you can further lift the sights of our Methodist members, calling them to even greater giving for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth. When the Church becomes local, it dies. The Church which is motivated by Christ helps, heartens and heals people in all areas and conditions of life. I am happy the way in which the Church is responding to this challenge.

Mr. Chairman, our No. 1 Report will be handled by Dr. Kendall. This is the Report on World Service Budget Recommendations, and is found on page 199 of your DAILY ADVOCATE.”

No. 1—Council on World Service and Finance—“World Service Budget Recommendations”—Charles S. Kendall—Adopted

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) presented the first section of Report No. 1 of the Council on World Service and Finance, entitled “World Service

Budget, Recommendations," *DCA* No. 5, page 199, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 200, *DCA* No. 5, column 1, down to "Special Requests to Annual Conferences," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

In presenting the Report, Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) made the following statement:—

"We are presenting, first of all, the Report found on page 199 and carried over to the middle of column 1 on page 200.

May we say that this first Report has to do with our recommendation for the Budget? After we have discussed this, there will be opportunity to adopt the first part. Then we will take up the Special Requests to Annual Conferences on page 200, and you have an opportunity to adopt that. Then, if you have adopted that, we go on to Report No. 2, which will have to do with Apportionments to Annual Conferences. Then, Report No. 3 will be the Episcopal Fund, and so on.

Obviously, you have looked at this and it is before you.

It would not be our disposition to go through this sentence by sentence but to lift up one or two things. Since it has been pointed out that quite a few people at this Conference have not had the experience before of looking into these Budgets, I think it would be in order to say how they are presented.

The Council on World Service and Finance is no star chamber; but rather the Boards and Agencies of the Church, months and months before this Conference, go into their needs and their projects and the hopes and the things that they can do if they are able to do, and then when finally those things are prepared, they all come together—the Secretaries—at the same time and make their Budgetary Askings. It is the custom now that as these askings are presented, instead of a Secretary presenting his own problems and Budgetary Askings and then leaving, they all stay through so that everyone knows what everyone else is asking for, what they are trying to do, what they hope to do; so there is an opportunity to see others' hopes and plans. There are many things undoubtedly that work to the advantage of the Church in eliminating overlapping at that point and every one has sympathy for and interest in the needs of the Boards.

It is the responsibility of the Council to take the askings and to weigh the askings on the one hand, which in this case this year were over \$17,000,000, against what seems to be the "givability" of our Church, which for the past quadrennium was over \$9,000,000, and then try to decide there in between what we have actually demonstrated we can do and what we could spend advantageously if we had the money, where we can bring the need and the money together.

After a long discussion and careful consideration, the Council felt that they could arrive at \$12,200,000. Now, this is a firm figure. Someone said, 'That means a million a month for four years, or \$48,000,000.'

Coincidentally, it does mean a million a month, but it is not a slogan. It was arrived at realistically and afterwards, sure, it is a million a month for each year, forty-eight months, \$48,000,000. This represents, it seems, a tremendous increase, over 25 per cent. On the other hand, dollar-wise or cents-wise so far as the membership of The Methodist Church is concerned, the giving over the past quadrennium per year was \$1.06 per member. If we should adopt this Budget of \$12,200,000, it will mean a Budget or a per capita gift per Methodist in the United

States for all of these tremendously worth-while things of the magnificent sum of \$1.31 per member, an increase of twenty-five cents per person.

If you would care to look in column 3, page 199, you would see that this is broken down in three various Claims. The first numeral 1 at the top of column 3 is Prior Claims. These total \$575,000.

II, farther down column 3, is fixed sums to be paid annually from the World Service receipts totaling \$595,000.

Column 3, the balance of the receipts for the regular World Service Program shall be distributed according to the following ratios, and here are demonstrated the ratios and below the actual dollars.

Now, in past years the ratio had considerable significance, but this year the ratio is only coincidental. In other words, it was the desire of the Council to give every Board and Agency a substantial increase dollar-wise and this could not be done by simply, say 25 per cent across the board to every Board and Agency, because their askings and the needs were not the same. So there is no attempt to compare these ratios in this quadrennium with any of the past. Whatever the ratio happens to be this time and what it may be four years from now, from now on, will be merely coincidence. It is only demonstrated that as it adds up, it will be 100 per cent of the dollar.

Below that are the dollar askings of the Agencies. You may go through those and find they total \$12,200,000. There is not the slightest doubt but that every group, every Board and Agency as it presented its needs and hopes, askings, could, I think, wisely and for the glory of the Kingdom have used the amount they asked for. On the other hand, the amount that we feel with extra effort this General Conference can approve is probably going to be represented by this amount that we have suggested, \$12,200,000.

In the next Report you will see how this is to be apportioned and that is the time of very sober thought.

Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of the report, all of page 199, and on page 200 to the middle of column 1."

Question—Merrill C. Johnson—Answer—Thomas B. Lugg

Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) raised the following questions:—

"On the top of the third column, page 199, there is a Budget Item for the Committee on Wills and Bequests of \$25,000, with a NOTE indicating that if The General Conference approves the establishment of the Methodist Church Foundation that money would be directed to the purposes of that Foundation.

In the Quadrennial Reports on page 532, in the Report of World Service on Apportionment and World Service Special Gift, under the heading 'Preferred Charges' in the year June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953 there was an allotment of \$168.80 for that purpose.

During the past two years there has been something over \$20,000 in one year and \$25,000 in another.

My question is one for information as to whether this item in the Budget might not be put into General World Service for distribution, or is that amount now in view of the decision of this Conference this morning still needed for Wills, Bequests and Gifts?"

Answer—Thomas B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, answered the question of Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, in view of the action of this morning, the matter in brackets that has the word ‘Note’ on page 199, the top of the third column is to be crossed out. I think that answers the first question.”

The NOTE reads as follows:—

(NOTE: If the General Conference approves the establishment of The Methodist Church Foundation, Inc. as is being recommended by the Co-ordinating Council, the Methodist Church Foundation shall be substituted for the Committee on Wills and Bequests.)

The second question is that in 1948 your General Conference authorized the Council on World Service and Finance, then the General Commission on World Service and Finance, to set up a Committee on Wills, Bequests and Gifts.

It has functioned since that time, not always as intensively as at the present time. This will come up again later on, as was noted.

The National Council has gotten the co-operation of Protestantism to emphasize the year 1956 as the year when Christians remember the Church in their Wills. The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance have both given approval to the matter of special emphasis on Wills, Gifts and Bequests that come out of wills, and this Budget was a Budget approved by the Council.

I would say that not every year would the Budget be that much, this is a time of intensive emphasis, but that it is a desirable thing. It is emphasizing the making of Christian Wills on the part of individuals remembering the Local Church, remembering the Conference Institutions and then also giving the corporate titles of all the World Service Agencies.

It is impossible to say that we have gotten so much money from Wills, Bequests and Gifts in the Council because this is an overall emphasis. I would like to see it stay there as it is, not increased of course, but within that Budget.”

For Report—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) spoke in favor of the Report, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: This Report comes to us at a time when we are in the midst of carrying forward routine business, and yet it is no routine Report.

I believe that there are few more significant moments in The General Conference than right now. We have been adopting great Programs and adopting great principles, but the whole work of missions is in this Report. We remember the Crusade for Christ, and the tremendous enthusiasm with which that was adopted at Kansas City. It was one of those few high moments of General Conferences that I remember.

We remember the Advance, and how the entire Church was mobilized for the Advance.

We remember the Continuing Advance.

We have this quadrennium a new Quadrennial Program emphasizing the Local Church and Institutions of Higher Learning, but germane to that Program and part of it was their determination that missions should move forward steadily. This Report makes that possible.

I hope, Mr. Chairman, that as we adopt this Report we will not do it merely as a piece of routine business. This, too, is one of the high moments of The Conference for we are striving together to raise our World Service giving from \$9,600,000 in the past quadrennium to \$12,200,000 in the new quadrennium.

When we realize that the number of missionaries is still pathetically small, 1,500 to conquer the world, just twice the number of Delegates to this General Conference. The great continent of Asia, which may this quadrennium be deciding the future destiny, will depend upon our Missionary Program.

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, I hope that as we adopt this Report we will adopt it with enthusiasm and consecration and mean it, and go back to our churches to see that this, too, shall be a quadrennium of crusading and of advance and that the missionary cause of the Church shall once again move strongly forward."

Question—Harold S. Swales—Answer—Charles S. Kendall

Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) raised the following question:—

In Column 3, Section III, under the ratios, we have Theological Schools. Then down in the next paragraph below number III we have Ministerial Education. I would like to ask a question as to why these headings are different.

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) replied, for the Council on World Service and Finance,

"The answer is the Headings are synonymous, sir."

Section of Report Adopted

The Section of Report No. 1 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, "World Service Budget Recommendation, 2 found on page 199, *DCA* No. 5, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 200, *DCA* No. 5, column 1, down to the heading "Special Requests To Annual Conferences," in the middle of column, was adopted.

No. 1 Council on World Service and Finance—Charles S. Kendall—Adopted

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) next presented the closing Section of Report No. 1 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, page 200, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Special Requests To Annual Conferences," and moved its adoption. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, after the following statement from

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) :—

"Page 200, beginning at the middle of the page 'Special Requests To Annual Conferences,' you, of course, have already adopted the Quadrennial Program, but let me point out that under Section 8 there has been added—let's take Section B, line 7, line 6, a goal of at least a dollar per member. Then you remember it was inserted, and you did move, as you willed, also there be 30 cents per member for the Wesley foundation.

Then we move on to column 2 indicating the need for Church Extension and then under 3 the recognition of the Television Ministry.

The Church has demonstrated by its interest our concern in and recognition of the impact of television across the nation and our part as a Church in it. And it was the feeling of the Council that we could not do justice to the work of the Television Commission under Apportionments. Therefore, we set them free through this Resolution for a Special Fund which could be channeled, as you will read in column 3, that page, the top of the page, through the Bishops, District Superintendents and Pastors with the aid of the Conference Commission on Promotion.

This will give special opportunity for this ministry to expend itself as Conferences and churches across our nation take a special interest.

With those comments, I move the adoption of this portion of the report."

The Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1983.

Further Statement—Charles S. Kendall

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) made the following statement, concerning the World Service Budget for the quadrennium of 1956-1960 :—

"Mr. Chairman, may I have just a moment? When this becomes real and comes into our own local churches, then again we will look at the load which we are capable of carrying.

Several years ago when I was learning to fly I had an experience I don't want to have again. We landed at a little field a mile high. The air was rare. We, with two other young ministers in the back of the plane, finished what we wanted to do and took off again, making the mistake of taking off not too long after a DC-6 which had preceded us. The DC-6 had gone, but I found as we taxied down the runway and finally lifted, running out of runway, that the air was still very turbulent. The plane was doing all it could. The motor was 'reeving' up as fast as it would go. The plane was performing to the best of its ability.

We had run out of runway and there was only cactus and rock around, and however I was able to climb the earth seemed to climb with me and we hovered along there seeing very clearly all the rocks and the spines of these cactus ten or twelve feet above the ground. We couldn't gain altitude. Ahead were piles of granite boulders that constitute part of Oak Creek.

The boys weren't smart enough to be scared. I was. I realized that we were running out of time. And then suddenly I felt the buffeting which comes because, as you come up toward a cliff, there is a movement beyond yourself, a pressure of air moving, and we caught ourselves in a thermol. The motor's revolutions were the same, the alti-

tude of the plane itself, its attack on the air was still the same, but by the grace of God, not our wisdom, we found ourselves in a stream moving upward, and as it moved, the best that we could do now meant the difference between death and salvation, and we flew away.

As we go, if it is on the heavy wing load of a depressed psychology, we will have a hard time, would have a hard time to repeat against what we have done this last quadrennium; but the whole emphasis of this General Conference is that we know there is a stream moving upward; furthermore, instead of an unpredictable stream, it is a stream we can always find, and this for the Kingdom of God will see us, if we will, not just the \$12,200,000 but beyond that, for Christ's Kingdom, and for the salvation of our nation and our world."

Thanks—Thomas B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, as a matter of high personal privilege, expressed his hearty thanks for the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Council on World Service and Finance, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to express my thanks to all of you for the fine spirit in which you received this Report which I can assure you is a very difficult Report which our Council worked long hours on in order to try to do that which was best for the Church."

No. 2—Council on World Service and Finance—"Apportionments to Annual Conferences"—Thomas B. Lugg—Henry W. Blackburn—Amended—Adopted

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, presented Report No. 2 of the Council stating that the heading, "Apportionments To Annual Conferences," had been inadvertently omitted by the printer, and requested Henry W. Blackburn (Florida—SE) to present and explain Report No. 2.

Henry W. Blackburn (Florida—SE) presented Report No. 2 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, page 200, column 3, and page 201, columns 1, 2 and 3, and asked common consent to correct some typographical errors made in setting up the Report in type. Common consent being unanimously granted by The General Conference, Henry W. Blackburn (Florida—SE) made the following corrections:—

1st. In paragraph 3, *DCA* No. 5, page 200, column 3, change the last word reading "**denominations**," to the singular, "**denomination**."

2nd. Insert the heading, "**Our Recommendations Are**," after the fourth paragraph, and before the paragraph numbered 1, *DCA* No. 5, page 200, column 3.

3rd. That the statement "For Information Only," *DCA*

No. 5, page 201, columns 1, 2 and 3, show how the Apportionments have been worked out.

4th. *DCA* No. 5, page 201, column 3, paragraph 1 under "The *adjusted* Annual Conference Apportionments," which reads as follows:—

"1. When the decimal apportionment is less than 20% above the amount apportioned annually for the 1952-56 quadrennium, the present apportionment is increased 20%."

insert the word, "to" before the "20%" in the last line, so that paragraph 1, will read as follows:—

"1. When the decimal apportionment is less than 20% above the amount apportioned annually for the 1952-56 quadrennium, the present apportionment is increased to 20%."

5th. In the last paragraph, *DCA* No. 5, page 201, column 3, which reads as follows:—

"*Provided*, however, that no Annual Conference shall receive an Apportionment more than 20% of its decimal Apportionment of this Quadrennium."

change the "20%" in line three to read "120%," so that the corrected paragraph will read

"*Provided*, however, that no Annual Conference shall receive an Apportionment more than 120% of its decimal Apportionment of this Quadrennium."

Henry W. Blackburn (Florida—SE) made the following statement relative to Report No. 2 of the Council on World Service and Finance:—

"I am sure that the Members of The Conference have studied these printed tables which give the proposed Apportionments of the several Annual Conferences.

Let me say first of all that the members of your Council are gratified by the almost universal acceptance and paying of the Apportionments during the past Quadrennium. You will remember that at the time of Union the several branches of the Church did not handle the General and Conference Benevolences in the same way. As a matter of fact, they were handled so differently that we were a long time finding a set of factors that would enable us to make the Apportionments equitably throughout this extensive Denomination of ours.

It has been heartening through these 16 years to see that we have been growing together steadily in our way of handling our Benevolences Funds. I remind you that for three Quadrenniums we were unable to find factors and we simply said at each successive General Conference to go back to your several Jurisdictions and Conferences and raise 10 per cent more than you had, or 25 per cent, or 33 1/3 per cent more than you raised in the last Quadrennium.

During these 12 years we have been growing together. Conferences and Jurisdictions that had very heavy General Work Apportionments and light Conference Benevolence Apportionments began to shift, so that four years ago we were able to find a set of factors that proved workable with certain variations.

We are very happy to report to you this afternoon that we have grown together very much more rapidly under the application of these factors. While we recognize that they are not ideal and our work could not be a perfect work, the plan has certainly been workable, and we believe that we would make a serious mistake to change those factors at this time. We are making some changes in the variations.

You have just adopted Report 1, in which you have set as your minimum goal an amount of \$12,200,000. That represents an overall increase of 25 per cent. Your Council feels that in view of an overall increase of 25 per cent it would be perfectly fair for us to expect that every Annual Conference should increase its giving by at least 20 per cent. In an effort to protect those Conferences that are still paying below the decimal we felt that we should continue the protective clause and we are not making any Apportionments that exceed an increase of 35 per cent.

We have studied the effect of these factors on the whole Church very carefully throughout the Quadrennium, and we find that a few Conferences were done an injustice. Those Conferences that were paying more than the decimal, and having even the minimum applied, we found were with an Adjusted Apportionment up to 140 per cent from 130 per cent of the decimal of the past Quadrennium. For the protection of those Conferences we are proposing that no Annual Conference shall be apportioned an amount in excess of 120 per cent of the decimal of the past Quadrennium.

We believe that with these variations we have prepared the best possible plan for making the Apportionments to the Church. We are grateful for the wonderful spirit that has been manifested on every hand, and we expect of course that we will have a continuance of this very fine acceptance and paying of our world service apportionments.

Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of Report No. 2. I will be glad to answer any questions."

Amendment—Lester W. Auman—Not Adopted

Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Council on World Service as follows (DB-77):—

"Mr. Chairman. I move that the Quadrennial Annual Apportionments to the Episcopal Areas of the Annual Conferences computed on the decimal, recorded in column 2 of the Tables, be substituted for the Adjusted Apportionments in column 4 of the Tables, and that the Report be amended to conform to this change."

(For the Tables see DCA No. 5, page 201, columns 1 and 2, Central Jurisdiction; page 202, columns 2 and 3, North Central Jurisdiction; page 203, column 1 and 2, Northeastern Jurisdiction and columns 2 and 3, South Central Jurisdiction; page 204, columns 1 and 2, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and columns 2 and 3, Western Jurisdiction. Also see Appendix, pages 1992-1996. Editor)

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"It may seem very presumptuous for me or for any Member of this General Conference to make a proposal directly contrary to the proposal by the Council on World Service. However, it seems to me

there are some things that ought to be said to this General Conference in this connection, and I feel the only way I can have the privilege of saying them is to make this motion.

Prior to unification we had two traditions. In the Church, South, the World Service and the Conference Benevolences as I understand it—if I am wrong someone will soon correct me—were combined very much as they now are in our united Church. In the Church, North, World Service and Annual Conference Benevolences were kept entirely separate. It was even contrary to the *Discipline* for any one local church to put its World Service Funds and Annual Conference Benevolences in the same treasury.

Due to these traditions we had two different practices in these two sections of our country. In the Church, South, they had large recognition of Conference Benevolences. In our Church here in the North we put the special emphasis on World Service.

In a transitional period I can readily see the reason for these Adjusted Apportionments, but it seems to me that we are fast getting away from that transitional period. This formula itself is based upon membership, non-building budgets and previous giving.

Please note the previous World Service giving is one of the factors in determining the decimal for these Apportionments. Where the previous giving has been low that factor tends to keep the Apportionment low. So those churches or Conferences or Areas which had a lower giving to World Service received proportionately a lower giving because of that factor in the decimal.

We had the proposal that no Area would be increased more than 20 per cent, and that those below the decimal should not be increased more than 35 per cent. That means that in these Areas where the World Service giving has been low, they are apportioned 65 per cent of their decimal Apportionment. Some of the churches in the Northeastern and North Central Jurisdictions are apportioned 120 per cent of their Apportionment according to the decimal.

It seems to some of us that this is not altogether fair. I know the argument will be that in this way we will get in more money, but I have a strong conviction that if we have a formula we ought to apply it equally to all the Conferences and Areas in all parts of our Church.

Therefore I make this proposal. There is great dissatisfaction in the Northeastern Jurisdiction over these Apportionments. Our own New York East Conference did write to our Commission on World Service, protesting the fact that we were going to receive an additional raise this year. In our own New York Area we shall receive an advance of \$75,000. That is 20 per cent above what we would receive as an Apportionment on the decimal formula.

I will just say I want to bring these facts to the attention of The General Conference. It may be this amendment will not be adopted. But I believe that those of us who have this conviction should stand up and be counted, so that we could give notice to the World Service Commission that we are looking towards a period in the near future when the decimal system may apply equally to churches all over the country."

Against Amendment—Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr.

Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr. (Oklahoma—SC) spoke against the proposed amendment of Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I should like to speak against the substitute motion made by the gentleman who preceded me at the other microphone. As I understood his proposition he wishes to substitute the second column of figures for those being recommended by the Council. Is that correct?"

I would like to call your attention on page 203 to the second column of figures in which it was recommended that the Indian Mission Conference of Oklahoma should be given a 3800 per cent increase, or something to that effect; from \$101 to \$3,841.

I think this in itself is indicative of the fact that those who originally planned the second column did not take into account when they planned these suggestions the average income in an Area, nor the advances that had been previously made, nor the standard of living as applied to certain Conferences that relate to economic conditions in those regions, nor the heavy burden of Benevolences that obtained in certain Conferences that are not a part of World Service, or actually the Annual Conference Benevolence Budget.

For example, the gentleman who preceded me, if I understood the place from which he comes, I think the average income in his State is 4400 per cent greater than in my State. And I know there is no group of Methodists in his State that compares in need to the Indian Mission, for example. That column that he is proposing to substitute is a set or list of figures that has been worked out, it seems to me, without due regard to the ability of people to pay, to their need, or to an understanding of the type of mission work that is being done in these regions.

I urge all of you Members of this General Conference to bear this in mind. Even though this is a small amount, psychologically and almost economically it will wreck the Indian Mission in Oklahoma if we adopt his proposal.

I propose that we stay with the Council's Report."

*Information Requested—Luther B. Felder—Answer—
Henry W. Blackburn*

Luther B. Felder (Texas—C) asked the following question:—

"I am seeking information. On page 200, at the bottom of the page, 'We recommend that the World Service Apportionment be distributed to the Annual Conferences on a decimal derived from the following factors:'"

I would like to get an explanation of those factors. The Conference in which I am a member has double the apportionment that is given to another Conference of the same membership. I am seeking information, Mr. Chairman."

Answer—Henry W. Blackburn

Henry W. Blackburn (Florida—SE) answered for the Council on World Service and Finance, as follows:—

"Yes, sir. The first factor that is used is membership, one-third on the basis of the membership. We think that that is a good factor, because every person who joins the Church should expect to support the Church.

The second factor has to do with total non-building giving. We think that represents the ability of a people to give. We think that is

the factor that has enabled us to have a set of factors that is workable at all.

In answer to the question concerning the wide difference in the askings of the several Conferences, in the Central Jurisdiction the year before this plan was instituted the West Texas Conference failed to get its World Service Funds in on time. So they were not accredited during that year. The funds went in the next year.

The third factor, based on previous World Service giving, came into effect and made the asking of the West Texas Conference very low in comparison to an adjoining Conference. It is one of the accidents that our plan could not possibly take care of. We are greatly in hopes that the Conference that has profited, if we could call it that, by this mistake will voluntarily help to rectify it.

Now let me say in answer to the criticism of the factor, that if the third factor should be changed and the decimal should be used throughout it would increase the apportionment to the Central Jurisdiction overall by 50 per cent.

There are Annual Conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction that would have increases up to 80, 90 and even 100 per cent. And let me say that your Council on World Service and Finance cannot completely ignore Conference Benevolence giving to Advance Specials.

It so happens that the two Southern Jurisdictions that have not been giving up to the decimal are giving a very high per capita amount for total Benevolences. I notice that the South Central Jurisdiction that has not given so much on General World Service is giving greatly in excess of the average for the whole Church, whereas the Northeastern Jurisdiction is giving for total Benevolences less than the average for the whole Church.

Your Council on World Service could not ignore those very important facts. I will be very glad to give you the percentages of increase by Jurisdictions that will indicate to you that the factors we are now using will bring the Church together. It is doing it very rapidly.

During the first three years of this Quadrennium, as compared to the last three years of the last Quadrennium, the increase in giving to World Service, General World Service, in the Central Jurisdiction, was 29 per cent. I will not read the fractions.

In the North Central Jurisdiction, 17 per cent.

The increase in the Northeastern Jurisdiction was 14 per cent.

The increase in the South Central, for the whole Jurisdiction, was 35 per cent.

The increase in the Southeastern was 31 per cent.

In the Western it was 18 per cent.

So we believe if the Conference will hold steady we will make great progress again in the new Quadrennium and have very soon, the Church on an even keel.

I sincerely trust that you will vote down the amendment and favor the plan that has been proposed by your Council. And let me say for the Council that we have kept an open mind to every proposed set of factors. It will be the continuing policy of your Council so to do. We are seeking light. We covet your prayers and your help and your suggestions."

Against Amendment—Edwin L. Jones, Sr. ()*

Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) as follows:—

"When the Council on World Service and Finance considered this very problem that Dr. Blackburn has raised, in the last Quadrennium, they found some solution, not a complete solution, and it was adopted at San Francisco.

We again placed the same things that Dr. Auman brought to our attention on the Council on World Service and Finance, in our studies for this Report. We did not dodge them. There were members in that Council that brought the same arguments that Dr. Auman has raised, and yet they came to the unanimous opinion that this is the best thing that can be proposed at this time.

They put the Council on notice, however, that they hoped that within another four years we could all get on the decimals. Just as an example of a few things that would happen if the amendment is carried—and I take these at random:

The Central Texas Conference would have its apportionment raised 125 per cent.

The South Carolina Conference in the Central Jurisdiction would have its apportionment raised 1750 per cent.

The California-Nevada Conference that we know is a liberal Conference, would have its apportionment raised 60 per cent.

Now, on the other hand, two good Conferences—and I did not have time to pick them all out—that we know are liberal, that we know support World Service, North Indiana would be decreased 12 per cent; the New York East Conference, Dr. Auman's Conference, would be decreased 15 per cent.

I do not believe that Dr. Auman meant to stand at the microphone and plead that his World Service Apportionment be decreased. I firmly believe that what he meant to say was what he concluded with, and that he did not expect this amendment to be passed, but that he hoped within another Quadrennium we could be on the decimal.

I hope the amendment will be defeated. Thank you."

Amendment Lester W. Auman—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 2—Adopted

Report No. 2 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject "Apportionments To Annual Conferences," DCA No. 5, page 200, column 3, and page 201, columns 1, 2 and 3, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1990.

Results Fifth Ballot Judicial Council—J. Russell Throckmorton—Elected

The results of the Fifth Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, were announced

by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, as follows (DB-78):—

Ministerial members:—Total number of votes cast 725; void 2; total number of good votes 723; necessary to a choice 362.

J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas—SC)	434
Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE)	175
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)	25
Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)	18
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)	18
H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)	18
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)	11
John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)	7
Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)	6
Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W)	4
Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)	2

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, announced that J. Russell Throckmorton of the Central Kansas Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction, having received the required number of votes, had been elected a Ministerial Member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, term of office to expire 1960, thus completing the number of Ministerial Members on The Judicial Council to be elected at this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Lay members:—Total number of votes cast 725; void 2; total number of good votes 723; necessary to a choice 362.

Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC)	317
Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)	221
Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)	82
F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—SE)	32
Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC)	17
William G. Brown (*) (Holston—SE)	17
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC)	17
Lester C. Cecil (*) (Ohio—NC)	8
Charles G. Howard (*) (Oregon—W)	6

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, announced that no Layman having received the required number of votes for election, the result of the Lay Ballot, was "No election."

Sixth Ballot for Lay Member of Judicial Council

The Sixth Ballot for a Lay member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church was spread.

Question—Adlai C. Holler—Ruling—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) asked if a motion would be in order at this time to take the first ballot

for Clerical Reserves while the ballot for the last Lay Member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church was being taken.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

"I think perhaps since the Ballot is already in process, we had better not do that at this time. Wait until we have elected fully, and then turn for the Reserve Members to another balloting."

Directions—Luther W. Wells ()*

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, declared the ballot to be closed, and the votes for the remaining Lay Member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church were collected by the Tellers, under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers.

By common consent, Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, was authorized to seal the votes collected in the auditorium, until he could collect the votes from the members of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences and the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, who had been excused from this afternoon's session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church in order to complete their Committee work.

The Tellers, under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, retired to count the results of this ballot.

Duet—James R. Houghton (*)—Bernard Vessey (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) and Bernard Vessey (*) (Colorado) favored The General Conference with a duet, entitled, "Softly and Tenderly," which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Thanks—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, thanked both of them, in behalf of The General Conference.

No. 3—Council on World Service and Finance—"The Episcopal Fund"—Frank W. Bevan—Amended—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, "The Episcopal Fund," DCA No. 5, page 201, columns 3; page 202, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 203, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 204, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 205, columns 1 and 2, explaining "Section I. Bishops Elected By Jurisdictional Conferences," as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance series of Reports, page 201: We present the Budget for the Episcopal Fund. In the first section there is a change from last year, in 1, which we are offering this year for the quadrennium. Instead of \$10,000, the salary of the effective Bishops is to be \$12,500.

Numeral 2, the allowance for a retired Bishop or Missionary Bishop to be \$4,500, which is a change from \$4,000.

The allowance for the widow of a deceased Bishop or Missionary Bishop is changed from \$2,400 to \$2,750.

There is no change in 4.

There is a change in 5, allowance for an Episcopal Residence, from \$2,400 to \$3,000.

No. 6, there is a change in the allowance for secretarial and office expense from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

At the end of the sixth line in 9, where we have meetings of The Council of Bishops, this is a new insertion "and of the annual meeting of his College of Bishops." That is new.

No change in 10; no change in 11; no change in 12.

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) moved the adoption of "Section I. Bishops Elected By Jurisdictional Conferences," DCA No. 5, page 202, columns 1 and 2. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—Chester A. Smith ()—Answer—Thomas B. Lugg*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked the following question:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I desire to ask the Chairman with reference to No. 10, the middle of the second column on page 202. The Council of Bishops shall determine and schedule the travel of its members on official visits to Overseas Conferences. The expense of such travel is to be paid from the Episcopal Fund.

I desire to ask the Chairman whether or not the Bishops from abroad when they come to the United States on an official visit are authorized and do travel first-class?

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, at the request of Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) answered the question, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, having come, we don't ask them how they came. We advise them to use air coach if they fly, or the tourist class if they come by boat or ship. This is the basis on which, as I understand it, the Board of Missions operates in connection with their missionary travel.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Accepted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend paragraph 10, DCA No. 5, page 202, column 2, by adding,

"That Bishops from abroad when traveling to the United States to

attend the meetings of The Council of Bishops, or other official meetings, be authorized to travel first-class."

so that paragraph 10, as amended, will read as follows:—

"10. The Council of Bishops shall determine and schedule the travel of its members on official visit to Overseas Conferences. The expense of such travel is to be paid from the Episcopal Fund. That Bishops from abroad when traveling to the United States to attend meetings of The Council of Bishops, or other official meetings, be authorized to travel first-class."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the motion, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, I was greatly disturbed at our last General Conference in 1952 to learn that the Delegates to The General Conference coming from abroad were compelled to travel tourist class, not first-class, as the Delegates of the United States travel first-class in attending meetings of The General Conference. It is for this reason, now in order to get this principle established, at least so far as the Bishops are concerned, that I now make this motion that in their visits to the United States from abroad they be authorized to travel first-class."

Speaks to Amendment—Merrill B. McFall

Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC) spoke to the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: There is not one of us who would want the Bishops from abroad to travel second-class or third-class or anything else. I am sure we are not opposing this motion to amend or to add, whatever it is. But, as I understand it, this is a matter for the Board of Missions, and I would like to ask Dr. Lugg if that is not true? It is a matter of policy of the Board of Missions, and it is not something which we legislate here at this point. We can recommend to the Board of Missions but it seems to me it would have to be done that way.

I ask Dr. Lugg merely for information."

Question—Bishop Hazen G. Werner—Answer—Chester A. Smith ()*

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, asked the following question:—

"May we ask Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), did you say Delegates to The General Conference, or Bishops traveling from abroad?"

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) replied as follows:—

"I said Bishops traveling from abroad, because this particular Section 10 refers to Bishops.

If you would consider me in order, I would like also to add to the motion."

Ruling—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

"It doesn't pertain at this point. If you meant Bishops, then I think Dr. Lugg will reply to the question of Merrill B. McFall."

Answer—Thomas B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, answered the question of Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, we co-operate with the Board of Missions on travel expenses, but so far as this particular item is concerned, it is a matter of the Episcopal Fund paying the travel and so the Board of Missions is not directly involved.

I don't know whether the members of the Board of Missions would care to say anything on this or not.

It is our understanding, and I haven't traveled overseas so I only speak from hearsay, that tourist class on these luxury liners is a very adequate accommodation."

Questions—Glenn M. Frye—Answers—Thomas B. Lugg

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan—NC) asked the following questions which were answered by Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service:—

"I would like to ask a question of Dr. Lugg.

When foreign Bishops are instructed to come tourist, is that same condition implied upon Bishops of the United States when they travel under orders to the foreign lands?

Thomas B. Lugg: You are touching an item—I misunderstood your question; but let me say this, some of the Bishops, they tell me that on the Atlantic the tourist or cabin class is very, very satisfactory. On the Pacific you can't travel tourist class with any satisfaction at all.

I wonder if you would allow us, therefore, to use some discretion and judgment and see that our Bishops are well cared for, and I am sure that they would want to co-operate in the same way.

Glenn L. Frye: Mr. Chairman, my question was: If there is a restriction, is there a restriction placed upon Bishops of the United States when they travel that is asked of Bishops of Foreign Conferences when they travel? That was my only question.

Thomas B. Lugg: They tell me they travel as suggested here, all the same.

Glenn L. Frye: But what is 'the same'?

Thomas B. Lugg: On the Atlantic they find tourist or cabin class

very satisfactory. Going on the Pacific it is not possible, if you go by ship. Most of our Bishops are flying these days.

Bishop Werner: Glenn Frye does that give you a satisfying answer?

Glenn L. Frye: No, sir.

Bishop Werner: We better put in the session of The Council of Bishops.

Dr. Lugg, do you want to say anything further about that matter, or is that just—may the Chair just say, the understanding is that there is no restriction in respect to this, and there is every attempt made that men either coming from abroad to America or from America going abroad, to travel comfortably, but particularly so that it is possible to facilitate whatever is the mission on hand."

A. Wesley Pugh Speaks to Pending Question

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) spoke to the pending question, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: Now, I am a little ignorant on this travel business, and when you talk about first-class travel on the seas, I always had an idea that that was for kings and princesses and movie actors and actresses and people like that who travel in luxury. I may be wrong, but when you talk about first class that is what I think of. I ask this question sincerely and earnestly because the same question confronts us in the Committee on Rules with reference to Delegates. Is there somebody who has authoritative information who can discriminate between first class, second class, tourist class and cabin class, and all of these things that confuse us somewhat? Mr. Smith has asked for first-class travel. That sounds like luxury to me. That isn't what he desires, I think.

Eugene L. Smith Speaks to Pending Question

Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE), General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, spoke to the pending question, as follows:—

I am not an authority on travel, but I personally would be most uncomfortable to be under instruction to travel the Atlantic first class. I don't like to carry a tuxedo. I understand you don't go first class on the Queens or on the United States without a tuxedo and formal dress. It would be altogether inappropriate for this General Conference to lay down that rigid kind of ruling when first class on the Atlantic means one thing, first class on the Pacific means something else, first class on the Indian Ocean means something else and first class on the air lines means something quite different.

I think that this is quite an unfortunate amendment, Mr. Chairman.

Gabriel Sundaram Speaks to Pending Question

Gabriel Sundaram (Hyerabad—OS) spoke to the pending question, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, I travelled in the tourist class from India to this country. I was given one of the lowest decks. There is a sun deck, and there is a main deck, an H deck, an A deck, a B deck, a C deck and D deck. I was at the very bottom. I was one among four people. We

had only one basin for all four passengers in the berth. The sea was somewhat rough. I was most uncomfortable. While we do not want to spend the money of The General Conference, and while we do not want to go in any luxury, we feel that the trip was most uncomfortable and we were very unhappy.

It is not correct to say that all tourist classes in the luxury ships are good. In fact, there are some tourist berths in the luxury ships which are very, very poor and, therefore, the general statement that tourist class in luxury ships is good is not a correct statement because there you have first class, which I think is too good, then there is second class and then there are many types of tourist classes and what we have here provided have been the very worst types of accommodations.

Edwin L. Jones, Sr. () Speaks to Pending Question*

Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) spoke to the pending question, as follows:—

"I am not an authority on travel. I am not a travel agent, but I do travel a great deal. I have been to Europe and back three times in the last three months. Each time I went tourist in the air. It saved my company \$100 each way, so that in three round trips, I saved my company \$600. It took me thirteen hours going over and it took me seventeen hours coming back. I flew in the same plane that ten other passengers flew in who paid first class passage.

The first-class passengers were given at the \$100 extra fare free liquor. They had two more courses in the meal. They traveled in the same plane. They had the same pilots. So far as I could tell it was the same thing except for the things that were given them that I didn't want.

There were the heads of four of the largest corporations in this country travelling each time, not the same heads, but travelling each time tourist. I love Bishops, the ones I have come in contact with. I do not believe that they want to waste The Conference's money. I believe that this amendment should be defeated."

Statement—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Just a moment. You have before you this amendment now. The question is called for. Are you ready to vote?"

Point of Order—J. Dewey Muir—Ruling—Bishop Hazen G. Werner—Well Taken

J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) raised a Point of Order, as follows:—

My Point of Order, Mr. Chairman, is this: We are dealing with a section which has to do with Bishops and the expense of Bishops elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences. If this amendment is to be dealt with at all, it seems to me, it should come under that section of the Report having to do with travel expense for Bishops elected by Central Conferences.

Ruling—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

"I think we have here a Point of Order that is appropriate. We have been discussing a matter that isn't germane to this particular section on Jurisdictional Bishops."

**Proposes to Change Amendment—Chester A. Smith (*)—
Rulings—Bishop Hazen G. Werner**

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked for the privilege of changing his proposed amendment to read

"That the standard of travel for all Bishops be the same."

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

"I believe, Chester Smith, that I would have to rule that your motion is not in order, and your previous amendment is before us, and the amendment itself, as stated is not germane to this particular section. I am afraid that we have to vote on this section."

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked the following question:—

"Mr. Chairman, have you ruled that The General Conference has not the privilege of granting me the privilege of changing my amendment as I have read it?"

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"I would have to rule that your motion is still not germane to this particular section. It deals with Jurisdictional Bishops only."

Proposed Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Accepted—
Thomas B. Lugg*

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, stated that the Council on World Service and Finance would accept the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) for both sections where it appears.

Amendment—Harold C. Case—Adopted—Reconsidered

Harold C. Case (New England—NE) moved to amend Section 1, DCA No. 5, page 202, column 1, which reads as follows:—

"1. The salary of an effective Bishop shall be \$12,500.00 per year." by substituting the figure \$15,000.00 for \$12,500.00, so that Section 1, as amended will read:—

"1. The salary of an effective Bishop shall be \$15,000.00 per year."

The motion, being duly seconded, Harold C. Case (New England—NE) spoke to it as follows:—

"In 1948-52, for that Quadrennium, the salary of the Bishops was \$9,000. For the Quadrennium 1952-56 it has been fixed at \$10,000. This was an increase of 11 per cent in four years. But during the past Quadrennium the increase in the salaries of the Pastors of the Church has been 19.1 per cent. The rate of increase in each of the past two years has been 6 per cent. Project this into the quadrennium and the eight-year increase for the pastors of Methodism would be 43.3 per cent.

To accomplish this for Bishops would require a minimum of \$14,300. But for the first time in the history of the Episcopacy there is to be in this Quadrennium a deduction of 3 per cent from the gross salaries of the Bishops in connection with retirement salaries. With other deductions this will require a minimum salary of \$15,000, to grant to each Bishop approximately \$2,500 additional income.

Most of the other salaries for officers in the Church are settled annually. There has been only one adjustment of salaries for Bishops in four years. If the advance to \$15,000 per year is voted it will mean an increase of approximately three-fourths of one cent per member per year on the apportionment on World Service, but if this is done it will improve our own estimate of the value of our Bishops to the Church. It will increase their stature and they must deal with the affairs. It will stimulate local churches to give serious consideration to the improvement of pastor salaries, and will provide our Bishops with approximately \$2,500 per year additional take-home pay.

Even this adjustment, my friends, will provide approximately 77 per cent of the purchasing power in 1956-60 that the Bishops of the Church had in the quadrennium 1940-44. I very sincerely hope that this amendment in the interest of justice and equity will prevail."

The motion of Harold C. Case (New England—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Motion to Postpone—John R. Van Sickle ()*

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) moved that action on this matter be postponed until the members of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences and the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, absent by authority of The General Conference in Committee meetings, could be present to consider and act on the same.

Statement—A. Wesley Pugh—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

"I was asking one of the Committee Chairmen back here whether we were getting to a point of controversy where, in justice to the Committee Members whom we have excused this afternoon, who are doing

work in Committees, we ought to defer this until they are here. We agreed to do that at the beginning. It seems to me this is a divided situation where we ought to wait until these Committee Members come back."

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"If the Conference so desires we will then delay the discussion on this particular motion. We were informed that controversial matters were to be carried over until such a time that members of these Committees could be here in a body."

Question—A. Wesley Pugh—Ruling—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) raised the following question:—

"Mr. Chairman, does The General Conference give consent, then, that the announcement of this vote as you have made it is to be expunged and we do not have to make a motion to reconsider?"

Ruling—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

"I am afraid we will need to reconsider, because the vote was taken before you spoke."

Point of Order—Harold C. Case

Harold C. Case (New England—NE) made the following Point of Order:—

"Mr. Chairman, Point of Order. The Chairman has announced that the vote has been taken and has asked the House if there is any question. It has been settled."

Motion to Reconsider—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Adopted

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), who voted for the proposed amendment of Harold C. Case (New England—NE) moved to reconsider the action of The General Conference in adopting the proposed amendment of Harold C. Case (New England—NE) in order that The General Conference might defer action on the matter, until the members of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences and the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, should be present.

The motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) to reconsider the action of The General Conference in the adoption of the proposed amendment of Harold C. Case (New England—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Motion to Defer Action—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Adopted

Motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), duly seconded, prevailed that further action on Report No. 3 be deferred, until the absent members of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences and the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, are present.

No. 4—Council on World Service and Finance—"Budget—General Administration Fund"—R. F. Curl—Amended—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) presented Report No. 4 of the Council on World Service and Finance, DCA No. 5, page 205, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Budget—General Administration Fund," and requested common consent, which was unanimously given by The General Conference, for the insertion of the following three Items:—

Item 12. Family Life Conference	\$ 8,750.00
Item 13. Commission to Study Jurisdictional System	\$50,000.00
Item 14. Commission on Church Union	\$ 3,500.00

In presenting Report No. 4 of the Council on World Service and Finance, R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) made the following comments:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: The General Administration Fund of The Methodist Church is not the glamor girl of the Church; in fact, it is the maid-of-all-work. I do not expect that anyone is going to be unduly excited or particularly enthusiastic about the items in the General Administration Fund. However, they are all very important items.

You will notice that this Report is arranged with first the Budget proposed, second an explanation of the items in the Budget, and third, certain recommendations from the Council.

I would like to ask you to add three items in the Report that is before you. They have come through action of The General Conference in setting up or authorizing certain other projects under this fund.

As Item 12, Family Life Conference, \$8,750.

As Item 13, the Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System, \$50,000.

As Item 14, the Commission on Church Union, which is not new, but whose request was delayed in adoption until today, \$3,500.

That makes, I believe, a total of \$462,750. So far as the Council on World Service and Finance knows, only two other items are pending, which should be included in this Budget if The General Conference takes certain actions that it may take.

One of them is the item of Religion in American Life. That item was in the Budget this Quadrennium for \$20,000. The Council is prepared to recommend \$20,000 for the next Quadrennium if The General Conference approves Religion in American Life as an object which can receive from the Administration Fund.

The other is the matter of \$4,250, to be added to the Methodist Historical Society for St. George's Church in Philadelphia and John

Street Church in New York. A Report will be brought which will recommend that these two Historical Shrines be supported. The Council will be prepared to recommend that amount if The Conference authorizes these Shrines as being objects to be supported out of the General Administration Fund.

I do not think that I need to say anything about this, except to tell you that these other items are included, and the total for the General Administration Fund will be approximately 19 per cent more in the Quadrennium to come than it has been in the past Quadrennium.

The recommendations are simply the standard recommendations from Quadrennium to Quadrennium by which the Council on World Service and Finance can administer the General Administration Fund."

The motion of R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) for the adoption of Report No. 4 of the Council on World Service and Finance, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see Appendix, page 2006.

No. 5—Council on World Service and Finance—"Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) presented Report No. 5 of the Council on World Service and Finance, DCA No. 5, page 205, column 3; page 206, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 207, column 1, Subject, "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Norman W. Clemens—Not Adopted

Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming—NE) moved to amend Report No. 5 of the Council on World Service and Finance, DCA No. 5, page 206, column 2, by requesting the Council on World Service and Finance to designate from the amount allocated to the National Council of Churches for General purposes, a suitable amount for defraying of travel expenses of Methodist members of the Committee of the National Council.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"The reason for proposing this amendment is that, although the traveling expenses of Methodist members of the General Board are provided for in this Budget, the expense of Methodist members of Committees or Departments of the National Council is not provided for. This means that either Methodist members must pay their own expenses in attending these highly important meetings, or that they cannot afford to attend at all. The result is that Methodist participation at the point of planning and implementing the Program of the National Council is greatly reduced.

In view of the fact that during the Quadrennium we are investing nearly one million dollars in the Program of the National Council, it

seems urgent that we provide for adequate Methodist representation on the working Committees of the Council.

I should like to say that this matter was discussed in the meetings of the Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, and that what I am saying represents the sentiment of that Committee. It could possibly be taken care of if the Chairman is willing to accept it. It does not call for an additional expense, but for the working in of this item into the General Purposes Fund."

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) spoke against the proposed amendment of Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming—NE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I do not think we could accept it for two reasons: one is that no request has been made from the National Council or from any agency of our Church participating in the activities of the National Council, for such expenses.

The second is that we have no idea what the total amount might be. There must be at least twelve to fifteen Divisions and Departments in the National Council. Methodist representation is to be had on most of those. We think that in most cases the expenses of the Methodist representatives are met by the Agencies which they represent, but we would have no idea as to how much to add to this sum in order to cover all the expenses of every Methodist who might be a member of any Committee related to the National Council. It might become a rather staggering sum of money."

Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming—NE) made the following additional statement of explanation:—

"It is known by the Committee on Inter-Denominational Expenses that the members of the Committees of our Methodist Boards or Agencies who are on the Committee of the National Council, are carried through by their own Budgets. That means that our representation in the active working Program of the Council is by Board members largely. It was the feeling of our group that there should be a much broader representation from the entire Methodist Church.

That is the reason for this proposal."

For Amendment—Miss Georgia Harkness ()*

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of Norman W. Clemens (Troy—NE) as follows:—

"I wish very strongly to support this amendment. I do not think it is possible to designate that the total expenses of Methodist members of these various Committees should be allocated. I note, however, under the reference to travel for members of the General Board that within the limits of the funds appropriated, the travel is paid for the Methodist members.

As I understand it, the purpose of this amendment is to ask the Council on World Service and Finance to designate a suitable amount, not adding it to the total figure but under the item 'General Purposes,' for the National Council, specifying that some part, at their discretion, of this \$165,139 be set aside for the payment of the travel expenses of Methodist members of these Committees.

It is in my judgment extremely necessary that this be done if there is a general representation of Methodism. The Bishops and the Board Secretaries, more power to them, have Budgets behind them. They get to these meetings. The run of the mill Ministers and the run of the mill Laymen who ought to be there representing The Methodist Church, must either pay their own expenses or stay home. It seems, therefore, not unreasonable to ask that some of this General Purpose money be specified for Methodist members of these Committees, rather than turning this over entirely to the National Council Budget as is suggested under Point 2, column 2, definition of 'General Purposes.'

I hope, therefore, that you will support the amendment."

Questions—Chester A. Smith ()—Answers—R. F. Curl*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked a series of questions concerning the pending matter, which were answered by R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I desire to ask the Chairman these questions:

First of all, on page 206, the center of the page, the National Council, is the item of \$246,639. Does that represent the amount for one year or for the Quadrennium?

Bishop Werner: Can you answer that question, Dr. Curl? It is on the Quadrennium.

R. F. Curl: That is an annual amount—one year.

Chester A. Smith: The same applies to the World Council?

R. F. Curl: The same applies to the World Council, that is true.

Chester A. Smith: So that the total amount which we will be contributing to the two councils—the World Council and the National Council—is \$1,506,120.

Now, my second question is, Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, what is the total Budget of the National Council per year—its total Budget?

R. F. Curl: Mr. Chairman, the total Budget of the National Council is about nine or ten million dollars per year.

Chester A. Smith: What is our relation to the National Council in so far as our contributions? I mean are we the largest contributor to the National Council?

Bishop Werner: Dr. Curl, will you answer, please?

R. F. Curl: I believe that in the total amount given, The Methodist Church is the largest of the Denominational groups. We are not anywhere near the top on a proportionate basis.

Chester A. Smith: What is the Annual Budget, sir, of the World Council?

R. F. Curl: I did not get the question.

Bishop Werner: Will you ask your question again, Dr. Smith?

Chester A. Smith: What is the yearly Budget of the World Council?

R. F. Curl: The yearly budget of the World Council is, I believe, four to five million dollars.

Chester A. Smith: Mr. Chairman—

Bishop Werner: Just a moment, please. Some one seems to suggest a different figure. Just a moment, we would like to have this as nearly accurate as possible.

All right, Dr. Curl?

R. F. Curl: The amount which I suggested is a round figure, which included the services which the World Council renders in its Refugee Program and in its ministries to suffering humanity.

The Budget of the World Council, so far as its own administration and program is concerned, is between four and five hundred thousand dollars a year. The other amounts are in services rendered to the needy.

Chester A. Smith: It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Conference, that these two Councils—the National Council and the World Council—are spending a vast amount of money. I think before we make our contribution to the extent of \$1,506,120, we ought to find out whether or not they could not reduce their Budgets, because if we keep contributing to them every dollar they ask for, they will continue to increase their Budgets until they will reach the point when they will be spending a far greater amount of money than their accomplishments justify."

Ruling—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"May the Chair remind you that we are discussing the matter of amendment, caring for the travel of Committee Members, not National Council gatherings. We must talk to this amendment."

Previous Question—James S. Chubb—Ordered

Motion of James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of The General Conference ordering the Previous Question on all matters before The General Conference.

Closes Debate—R. F. Curl—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

In closing the debate on the proposed amendment of Norman W. Clemens (Troy—NE), R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) moved that The General Conference extend the privilege of the floor to Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam for the closing statement, since no man in Methodism has had closer and more fundamental relationship both to the National Council of Churches and to the World Council than he. The motion to extend the privilege of the floor to Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam for the purpose indicated, duly seconded, prevailed.

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area,

Northeastern Jurisdiction and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, was recognized, and made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: It is a heavy, a very heavy responsibility that you have placed upon an individual, without warning. I served as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the World Council of Churches during its first six years. I was President when the original Budget was adopted. We kept that Budget to such a minimum that I wondered whether or no we could operate.

The actual Budget from the Churches of the entire world—please remember there are 162 Churches from 48 nations in the World Council—the World Council is not a Church, it is the Churches themselves in co-operation at the world level. That Budget was \$300,000. That paid for the entire staff, the Geneva Headquarters, the services of the World Council throughout the world. So careful an organization as the Rockefeller Foundation, looking into the finances of this organization, voted one million dollars to the World Council of Churches so that we might establish the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey. They gave \$500,000 for that and \$500,000 for Relief.

I personally had the privilege of meeting the Rockefeller Foundation people. I assure you they go over every statement with the utmost care. They finally gave us \$250,000 in addition, so that we might own the property at Bossey.

Now, for six years the World Council of Churches operated on this Budget of \$300,000 from the Churches, \$60,000 coming from the Rockefeller people in addition, or \$360,000 per year. Six years of balanced Budget every year. Those of you who were at Evanston and saw the representatives of the Churches of the entire world there, will understand something of the significance of this, and that I cannot present in just a moment or two all those things.

This Budget of \$360,000 was increased after six years to a Budget of \$421,000. I do not think that is a substantial increase. Methodism's share in that is indicated here. We are the largest contributor, it is quite true, and we are the largest of the individual Churches in the World Council of Churches. I must not stress this too much, except to say this: the additional Budget of the World Council of Churches, the money that the Churches contribute for the Relief Work throughout the entire world, the Service to Refugees, Inter-Church Aid, and it is not spent until it is contributed. Therefore, you are dealing with an amount that fluctuates in terms of the giving of the Churches. This is the Budget, this \$421,000. Now, you will notice there are certain items in here, obviously you have to have your representatives at the Central and Executive Committees, and there is a travel item for it.

Will you please note that there is an item here that is not to be expended until certain conditions are met. There is an item which represents our share over a period of four years, for the building that will be erected in Geneva as the headquarters of the World Council of Churches. \$300,000 will come from the Churches, \$450,000 from private gifts, for a total of \$750,000. Our share is listed there as \$18,000 a year.

One additional item: the next Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held in Ceylon. Representatives of the world will be there. We are putting aside an item of \$5,000 a year to contribute toward the expenses. Most of the people will have to pay their way.

\$20,000 is a relatively small amount when you are sending 40 representatives of The Methodist Church to the Assembly of the World Churches. I can only say, and it sounds like I am debating, and when I sat upon the floor personally, I guarded it in so far as I could—the principle that Executives do not address The General Conference except to give information.

I am not debating. I am responding to your request simply to give the facts. This is a minimum Budget. It is the proper share of The Methodist Church in that Budget. I am of the opinion that the Conference will wish to stand back of the Council on World Service and Finance.

As regards the National Council, just this word; if I may take the further time. The actual Budget of the National Council of Churches is \$13,314,000. Some will say, 'A terrific budget.' But the biggest item in that is a Budget of \$5,775,000 which is the work of Church World Service. That is what we, as Americans, are doing in Relief, around the world, around the entire world—and not one cent of that is spent until the Churches actually give it, but it is included here.

Included here is all of the Budget that was done by the former group that dealt with education co-operatively in the United States of America. Here is a big publishing affair, a great deal of our work, for instance, in preparing the curriculum material for our Churches is done co-operatively. This is all included in the Budget.

At the present time the National Council of Churches is operating upon a balanced Budget. We are contributing our proportional share. May I just say one word more and I am through?

In the matter of expenses, personally I would like to see every person appointed to a Committee present at every Committee meeting and every expense paid. I wish it were possible. I wonder if we realize the facts. There are 4,260 people now on the Committees and Boards of the National Council of Churches. The Methodist Church, in all probability, has a third of that number, but let us say one thousand.

You are dealing with a very heavy matter here. We have 119 representatives in the Assembly of the National Council of Churches that meets once in three years. We have not been paying the expenses of our people to the Assembly. The best we could do so far, has been to pay the expenses of the 36 members of the General Board.

Now, if this body wishes to put in an item, a fixed item, of a certain amount and say that is to be used insofar as it will go, for the expenses of our representatives on Committees, that is for you to decide, but to take it out of the actual operation of the National Council is to cripple it at the very moment the National Council needs our support.

Will you forgive me? I know I have been arguing. I don't mean to do that. You asked for the facts. It is a little embarrassing to come—I am quite certain these Budgets are justified, and any businessman who would sit down would be the first to note it. Mr. Hook of the Armco Steel Corporation has been Chairman of the Finance Committee of the National Council of Churches, Mr. Charles E. Wilson former head of General Electric has been its Treasurer. That is the kind of persons who manage these affairs.

Excuse me. It is a little embarrassing to be called up like this. I am not sure the principle is sound. I have tried to do the best I could under the circumstances."

Time Extended—Lud H. Estes—Adopted

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, duly seconded, prevailed, that the time of this session be extended to complete consideration of and action on Report No. 5 of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Request for Reading Amendment—Woodie D. Lester—Bishop Hazen G. Werner—Ernest W. Peterson (*)

Woodie D. Lester (Central West—C) asked that the amendment of Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming—NE) be read for the information of The General Conference.

At the request of Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Secretary of Documents, read the proposed amendment of Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming—NE), as follows:—

“‘I move to amend Report No. 5, page 206, column 2, under the “National Council” by requesting the Council on World Service and Finance to designate from the amount allocated to the National Council of Churches for General Purposes a suitable amount for the defraying of travel expenses of Methodist members of Committees of the National Council.’”

Amendment—Norman W. Clemens—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Norman W. Clemens (Wyoming—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 5—Council on World Service and Finance—Adopted

Report No. 5 of the Council on World Service and Finance, DCA No. 5, page 205, column 3; page 206, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 207, column 1, Subject, “The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund,” on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 2008.

Results Sixth Ballot for Judicial Council Members—Luther W. Wells (*)—No Election

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballot and Tellers, read the results of the Sixth Ballot for a Lay Member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, as follows (DB-79):—

Total number of votes cast 673; invalid 3; total number of good votes 670; necessary to a choice 336.

Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC)	334
Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)	271
Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)	33
F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE)	15

William G. Brown (*) (Holston—SE)	6
Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC)	4
Lester C. Cecil (*) (Ohio—NC)	3
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC)	3
Edward F. McFaddin (*) (Little Rock—SC)	1

Result—No Election—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

No one having received the required number of votes, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, declared the result of the Sixth Ballot for the remaining Lay Member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church to be, "No election."

Seventh Ballot for Judicial Council Members

The Seventh Ballot was spread for the election of the remaining Lay Member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Question—Henry Miot Cox ()—Ruling—Bishop Hazen G. Werner*

Henry Miot Cox (*) (Nebraska—SC) asked if it were permissible to include the Reserve Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church on this Seventh Ballot.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

"No. We are to finish the election of those who are Members of The Council, and then move to the election of the Reserve Members."

Motion to Limit Selection—Wilmer Fell Davis ()—No Second*

Wilmer Fell Davis (*) (Peninsula—NE) moved that the election be limited to the two top candidates on the Sixth Ballot. There was no second to the motion.

Report Results at Evening Session

By common consent The General Conference instructed that the ballot be sealed and counted in time to be reported at the session tonight.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, declared the ballot closed, and under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, the votes were collected and sealed, to be counted at the convenience of the Tellers, and the result reported at tonight's session.

Rust College Choir Sings—James R. Houghton (*)—Miss Natalis Doxey (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, presented the College Choir of Rust College, of Holly Springs, Mississippi, stating they had come at their own expense to sing for The General Conference.

Under the direction of Miss Natalis Doxey (*) (Upper Mississippi—C) the Choir of Rust College rendered a spiritual selection arranged by John W. Work (*), entitled, "Rock In Jerusalem."

Thanks—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

In behalf of The General Conference, the Presiding Officer, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, expressed its appreciation and thanks to Miss Natalis Doxey (*) and the Choir of Rust College for their presence and the stirring music they had rendered during the day.

Thanks—Bishop Hazen G. Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, the Presiding Officer, thanked the members of The General Conference of The Methodist Church for their fine co-operation in conducting the business of this afternoon's sessions.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop Raymond L. Archer

The afternoon session of the Ninth Day of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned at 5:03 P.M., with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Raymond L. Archer, of Singapore Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, with the continuing Order of the Day, the election of members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, and further consideration of and action on the remaining Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance, pending.

NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1956

EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the evening session of the Ninth Day, Thursday, May 3, 1956, 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Auditorium at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Elisabethville Area, the Africa Central Conference, in the Chair, the continuing Order of the Day, election of the Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church and further consideration of and action on the remaining Reports of the Council on World Service of The Methodist Church pending.

Hymn No. 178—James R. Houghton ()*

At the request of Bishop Newell S. Booth, James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced, and The General Conference joined in the singing of Hymn No. 178, "Spirit of Life, In This New Dawn."

Prayer—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Boston Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, then led in prayer.

Male A Cappella Chorus Nebraska Wesleyan University— A. Leland Forrest—James R. Houghton (*)—Leonard Paulson (*)

A. Leland Forrest (Nebraska—SC) Chancellor of the Nebraska Wesleyan University was recognized and presented the Male A Cappella Chorus of Nebraska Wesleyan University, and their Director, Leonard Paulson (*), to James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, who in turn presented them to The General Conference.

The Male A Cappella Chorus of Nebraska Wesleyan University, under the direction of Leonard Paulson (*), then rendered the following selections:—

"Hospodi Pomiloi," by Lvovsky

"Grant To Us To Do With Zeal," by Bach

"The Creation," by Richter

Thanks—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, thanked the Male A Cappella Chorus of Nebraska Wesleyan Uni-

versity, and their Director, Leonard Paulson (*) for their presence and their stirring music.

Committee on Conferences Excused—C. Cooper Bell—A. Wesley Pugh

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, requested that the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences be excused from the session of this evening, after the consideration of and action on the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance had been completed, and gave the following reasons for the request:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: The request is that after the Order of the evening, which as I understand it is completion of the Reports on World Service, the Committee on Conferences be granted the privilege of retiring. May I say in defense of that request that I think you appreciate we have tried to serve you in the interests of The Methodist Church. This has led us, however, to quite a lot of Memorials that we do not want to give secondary consideration to. Therefore, be patient with us. We are working just as hard as we can, under the circumstances. We regret that we have to be absent from any session of The Conference. I am sure you appreciate our position.”

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, spoke to the request of C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE) as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, does The General Conference understand that if we come to another point which is controversial and in which we think this Committee would like to have some part, that we will defer action until they return? Is that the understanding, that it will be deferred the way we did this afternoon?”

Bishop Booth: Do you wish to act upon this request now? You have this statement of the circumstances.

A. Wesley Pugh: I should like to add to Dr. Bell's motion that we follow the same sort of procedure, because it is not fair to have a large Committee out of The General Conference and vote on matters in which they may have a real interest without their presence here. They are working hard for us, and we have to honor them.”

By common consent of The General Conference, the request that the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences be excused after the completion of the consideration of and action on the remaining Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance, was unanimously granted.

Gavel—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement regarding the gavel he was using at this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church:—

"While they are coming may I inform The Conference that the gavel I am using tonight is an ivory one from the tusk of one of the great monarchs of the forests in the Congo. It was carved by a Christian craftsman of one of our village Methodist churches and presented to me by the Church of Katakombé. So Africa through the ivory of this gavel speaks in The General Conference, through the Presiding Officer, for the first time from an Area outside of the United States since our United Church was born."

**Result of Seventh Ballot for Member of Judicial Council—
Luther W. Wells (*)—Ivan Lee Holt Jr. (*)—Elected**

The Results of the Seventh Ballot for members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, were announced by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers as follows (DB-80):—

Lay Ballot:—Number of votes cast 628; Void 1; total number of good votes 627; necessary to a choice 314.

Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., (*) (Saint Louis)	352
Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)	245
F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE)	11
Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)	9
William G. Brown (*) (Holston—SE)	7
Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC)	2
Lester C. Cecil (*) (Ohio—NC)	1

Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, stated that Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC) having received the required number of votes, had been elected a Lay Member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, term of office to expire 1960, thus completing the Lay membership of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church to be elected at this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

First Reserve Ballot Ordered—Albert E. Day—Luther W. Wells—Leonard D. Slutz (*)

Motion of Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE), duly seconded, prevailed that the election of the Reserve Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, be entered into at this time.

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) moved that the first three Ministerial Reserves elected, shall be elected for a term of eight years, and the first three Lay Reserves elected shall be elected for a term of eight years (DB-81). The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

Voting Instructions—Lud H. Estes—Bishop Newell S. Booth

At the request of Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, explained the

situation for the election of the Reserve Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, as follows:—

First. In the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on Judicial Administration, adopted Tuesday, May 1, 1956, an Amendment to Article 2, Paragraph 901 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, was adopted, as follows:—

Amend Article 2 of Par. 901 by deleting the words "*a like number of*" and inserting in place thereof the word six, in the first Paragraph, and by adding to the second Paragraph the following sentence: "*Provided, however, that at the 1956 session of The General Conference two Ministerial and one Lay Alternate shall be elected for a term of four years, and three Ministerial and three Lay Alternates shall be elected for a term of eight years,*" so that said Paragraphs as amended shall read as follows:

Article 2. Alternates. There shall be six Alternates of each Class, and their qualifications shall be the same as for membership on The Judicial Council. The term of Alternates shall be for eight years; *provided, however, that an Alternate whose 70th birthday precedes the first day of the regular session of a General Conference shall be released at the close of that General Conference from membership or responsibility in The Council regardless of the date of expiration of his term of office.*

The Alternates shall be elected in the manner following: From the nominees of each Class remaining on the ballot after the election of the necessary number of Members of The Judicial Council to be elected at sessions of The General Conference, The General Conference shall by separate ballot, without discussion and by majority vote, elect the number of Alternates of each Class to be elected at such session of The General Conference. An election shall be held at each session of The General Conference for only the number of each Class whose terms expire at such session of The General Conference, or to fill vacancies. *Provided, however, that at the 1956 session of The General Conference two Ministerial and one Lay Alternate shall be elected for a term of four years, and three Ministerial and three Lay Alternates shall be elected for a term of eight years.*

In the Class of Reserves, terms expiring in 1960, there are Harold H. Hughes, (Virginia—SE) Minister, and Vincent P. Clarke (*) (New England—NE) and F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE) both Laymen. For the Class of Reserves, terms expiring in 1960, there needs to be elected two Ministers and one Layman. In the Class of Reserves, terms expiring 1964, there needs to be elected three Ministers and three Laymen, hence the Resolution of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC).

Explanation—Luther W. Wells ()—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam*

At the request of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and

Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, made the following explanation:—

Mr. Chairman, it is not for the Secretary of The Council of Bishops to straighten this out.

The law reads as follows: "The Alternates shall be elected in the manner following: From the nominees of each Class remaining on the ballot after the election of the necessary number of Members of The Judicial Council, to be elected at sessions of The General Conference; The General Conference shall by separate ballot without discussion and by majority vote elect the number of Alternates by each Class to be elected."

In other words, you must choose them from the nominees now before you on the ballot. It ought to be made clear, I think, that in the light of the motion made by Mr. Slutz, that you vote for the total number of Ministers and the total number of Laymen necessary, and he indicated those who would be in the First Class and those in the Second, if I recall correctly.

I think the Secretary indicated you were going to vote by two Classes. I think we should know the total number of Ministers to be elected and the total number of Laymen, and from those now on the ballot you select.

The Secretary states five Ministers and four Laymen from names on the ballot, other than those elected and other than those already in office.

Instructions—Luther W. Wells ()—Inquiry—Embree H. Blackard—Question—Adlai C. Holler—Lud H. Estes*

Luther W. Wells (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers gave further instruction concerning the casting of the Ballot for Reserves Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE), for the information of The General Conference, requested that the names of all nominees ineligible for election as Reserves, be read.

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, stated that Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE), Minister, and Vincent P. Clarke (*) (New England—NE), Layman, and F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Layman, were members of the Class of Reserves, terms expiring in 1960, and therefore did not need to be elected.

That the following nominees of The Council of Bishops had been elected as members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church at this 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church:—Ministers:—A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC); Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania—NE); R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC); J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas—SC). Laymen:

—J. Ernest Wilkins (Lexington—C); Donald A. Odell (Southern California-Arizona—W) and Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (Saint Louis—SC).

The General Conference, by common consent, instructed that the names of the nominees which had been withdrawn from the ballot for Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, should now be restored to the ballot, to be voted for as Reserve Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, as follows:—

Ministers: Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)
 Dallas L. Browning (Indiana—NC)
 Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)
 Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)
 Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)
 Noah W. Moore, Jr. (Delaware—C)
 Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)
 John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)
 Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)
 H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)
 Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W)
 Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)

Laymen: Robert D. Blue (North Iowa—NC)
 William G. Brown (Holston—SE)
 Lester C. Cecil (Ohio—NC)
 Paul R. Erwin (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Leon E. Hickman (Pittsburgh—NE)
 Charles G. Howard (Oregon—W)
 Edward F. McFaddin (Little Rock—SC)
 Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (Rock River—NC)

Question—Adlai C. Holler—Answer—Lud H. Estes

Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) asked the following question:—

“Mr. Chairman, do I understand we are to have five Ministerial Reserves as the total number. If we have one already elected, why should we vote for five?”

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, answered, as follows:—

“The explanation of the five and four, the nine Reserves, is the fact that you already have one Minister, Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE), and two Laymen, Vincent A. Clarke (New England—NE) and F. Murray Benson (Baltimore—NE) already in the Class of 1960. You need two Ministers and one Layman in the Class of 1960, and three Ministers and three Laymen in the Class of 1964, a total of nine Reserves to be voted for, five Ministers and four Laymen.”

The ballot was spread; Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, declared the ballot to be closed; the votes were collected under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE) and the Tellers retired to count the same.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement regarding the parliamentary situation:—

“Will The Conference please come to order and allow the Chairman to state the situation in which we are in regard to the legislative matter before us?

We are in the midst of the Order of the Day for the presentation of the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance. You recall that an action upon Report No. 3 was deferred for action until the whole body of The Conference should be present. For the benefit of those who were absent this afternoon and in order that they may have the same situation before them as those who were present, I will call at this time upon Harold C. Case of the New England Conference to present again his amendment and to give his statement in regard to it.”

No. 3—Council on World Service and Finance—“The Episcopal Fund” Resumed—Frank W. Bevan

The continuing Order of the Day, consideration of and action on the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance, was resumed.

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, page 202, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 203, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 204, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 205, columns 1 and 2, Subject, “The Episcopal Fund.”

Amendment—Harold C. Case—Charles C. Parlin ()—Albert E. Day—Referred*

Harold C. Case (New England—NE) moved to amend Item 1 of Section 1 of Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, page 202, column 1, Subject, “The Episcopal Fund; Section 1. Bishops Elected by Jurisdictional Conferences,” which reads as follows:—

“1. The salary of an effective Bishop shall be \$12,500.00 per year,” by substituting \$14,000.00 for \$12,500.00, so that Section 1 will read as follows:—

“1. The salary of an effective Bishop shall be \$14,000.00 per year.”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Harold C. Case (New England—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, Members of The Conference: I am happy to offer this amendment to Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance at a time when the entire Conference is present.

The achievement of unity of spirit among us is so evident that all of us should be able to discuss and to vote on all matters of importance. The motion to reconsider was, I think, a wise one, since certain Committees were absent this afternoon. If there is consent of the house, my motion is now to amend Paragraph 1, page 202, to read, 'the salary of an effective Bishop shall be \$14,000.'

If there is consent, I move for \$14,000, though this afternoon I moved for \$15,000. The inflationary trend has affected all of us. The salaries of Pastors in The Methodist Church were increased an average of 19 per cent during the Quadrennium 1952-56. During this same Quadrennium the salary of Bishops was increased 11 per cent. The increases the past year for Pastors' salaries ranged or averaged 6 per cent. There is evidence that this upward trend will continue.

If it moves at this rate from 1956 to 1960, Pastors will be advanced in salary an average of 24 per cent during this Quadrennium. A salary adjustment to \$14,000 for Bishops, if established now, will equal the percentage increase estimated for Pastors in the same period.

This is the only advance to be granted for Bishops for four years, whereas most church officers have salary adjustments annually. This amount will bring the Bishops to a figure comparable with the highest salaries of Pastors in the Church. This step, I think, will be significant as a vote of confidence in the Episcopacy. This salary adjustment is consistent with the salary increase now taking place throughout our economic order. It will prompt favorable action in terms of the improvement of salaries for officers throughout the Church.

It will cost an additional 2/3 of one per cent per member per year in World Service Apportionment to accomplish this increase. In this time, then, when so much is expected of our Bishops in administering the Program of the Church, this amendment seems to me to be in the very best interests of Methodism.

I hope the amendment will prevail."

For Amendment—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE) spoke in favor of the amendment of Harold C. Case (New England—NE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I take the microphone for two purposes: first, to thank this body for postponing consideration, so that the members of the Committees were able to be here and participate; secondly, I want to speak on this motion to amend.

Those of us who are called upon to sit in conference and adjust wages and salaries these days, know the difficulties and that it is a question on which honest men may differ within a substantial range. Having studied this, however, it seems to me that the amendment is more realistic and fair. I therefore speak in support of Harold Case's amendment."

Moves to Refer—Albert E. Day—Adopted

Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE) moved to refer Section 1 of Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, together with the proposed amendment of Harold C. Case (New England—NE) back to the Council on World Service and Finance, with instructions to reconsider the

whole matter in the light of the arguments of Harold C. Case (New England—NE) and any fresh evidence that may appear, and to report back to The General Conference, for final action.

The motion to thus refer, being duly seconded, Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“The General Conference found itself in an embarrassing situation this afternoon. No sensitive man likes to be present when his own salary is under consideration. Our Episcopal leaders who were compelled to listen to a proposal for an increase in their salary beyond that suggested in the Commission’s Report which proposal was greeted by silence and then by a large negative vote. No sensitive man likes to be compelled to vote upon the salary of those whom he loves and admires when all the facts are not known and the situation seems more complex than a vote of confidence, gratitude, admiration and love. Yet there were many Delegates to this Conference who were put in the position of having to refuse to grant an increase because of such complexities as could not be stated in open debate. Some things seem evident.

No mere increase in salary can or is needed to enhance the status of our Bishops in the eyes of the Church. They are honored and respected because of what they are and do. It is quite another matter if a salary increase is needed for comfort, security or efficiency.

Second, when the motion of an increase to \$15,000 was made this afternoon, a group of laymen sitting near went into a huddle and said, ‘What shall we do?’

One of them replied, ‘Our Bishop is worth that much; let’s vote for it.’

I could repeat my Bishop is worth twice that much, but in this vocation a man cannot always be given what he is worth.

Third, the comparison between the percentage advance in ministerial salaries and the proposed increase in Episcopal salaries is not relevant. Many of our ministers need 50 or 100 per cent raise in salary if they and their families are to have even a decent standard of living.

Mr. Chairman, I do not think such considerations close the case for or against. They do explain in part our embarrassment this afternoon and our conviction that this matter ought not to be settled by debate here on the floor, but by the consideration of the World Service Commission in the light of Dr. Case’s argument and the evident feeling of The Conference, as evidenced by the close vote of the afternoon. Whatever the Commission approves, I shall be happy to support, but I think this ought to be determined in the Council of the Commission itself. Thank you.”

The motion of Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE) to thus refer, being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Section II—No. 3. Council on World Service and Finance—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented Section II of Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance,

DCA No. 5, page 202, column 3 and page 203, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "II. Bishops Elected by Central Conferences," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Mangal Singh—Thomas B. Lugg—Referred

Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS) spoke to paragraph 4 of "Section II. Bishops Elected by Central Conferences," DCA No. 5, page 203, column 1, as follows:—

"I have been going through the Report printed in *The Daily Advocate*, also the discussions that were conducted at this Conference, and I congratulate The Conference for taking such great care of the Bishops, both in this country and outside of it. I think it is very great of The Methodist Church to think so highly of their Episcopal Leaders, and they do deserve that, because they always are busy, are doing a wonderful work.

I would like to make a little notation, Mr. Chairman, on page 203 of the Report, column 1, section 4, where the traveling allowance for the Overseas Bishop is given. I believe that one week before and one week after The Conference does not seem very reasonable. If the Committee is willing to accept my suggestion, I will make no motion, but if it is not, I would like to move, sir, that instead of one week before and one week after The General Conference, the allowance in the country which is so expensive be given as two weeks before and two weeks afterwards."

Reply—Thomas B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, replied as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, we are quite ready to do what The Conference wants. We were assured by those in the Board of Missions who handle travel that this was adequate time to get transportation to and from the United States. We have made a provision for those who would like to stay longer in the matter of cultivation. The Board of Missions has promised to see that they have speaking engagements and make possible that longer time that is spent here."

Amendment—Mangal Singh—Referred

Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS) moved to amend paragraph 4 of Section "II. Bishops Elected by Central Conferences," DCA No. 5, page 203, column 1, which reads:—

"4. Travel of any Bishop elected by a Central Conference coming to the United States for an official meeting shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to the seat of the meeting and return, and his expenses in the United States shall be paid for not more than one week previous to the official meeting and for not more than one week following the adjournment of the official meeting. Bishops wishing to stay in the United States for a longer period for cultivation purposes may make such arrangements with the Board of Missions."

by substituting the words "two weeks" for the words "one

week" in lines seven and nine of this paragraph 4, so that paragraph 4, as amended, will read:—

"4. Travel of any Bishop elected by a Central Conference coming to the United States for an official meeting shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to the seat of the meeting and return, and his expenses in the United States shall be paid for not more than two weeks previous to the official meeting and for not more than two weeks following the adjournment of the official meeting. Bishops wishing to stay in the United States for a longer period for cultivation purposes may make such arrangements with the Board of Missions."

Motion to Refer—Lester W. Auman

Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) moved that paragraph 4 and the proposed amendment of Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS) be referred back to the Council on World Service and Finance, for their further consideration of and action on, and their report back to The General Conference of The Methodist Church. The motion was duly seconded.

Speaks to Amendment—Frank W. Bevan

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) spoke to the proposed amendment of Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS), as follows:—

"All I wish to say, Mr. Chairman, is that what we desire to do is to have some point of termination, so that the responsibilities which shall be carried by the Episcopal Fund will be very definitely outlined, so that there will be a beginning point and an ending point; and whatever is necessary with regard to the Bishops from Overseas, I am sure we shall be glad to do. But we must have some beginning and some ending."

Speaks to Motion—Mangal Singh

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS) spoke to it as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, we have just now discussed the matter of embarrassing the Bishops. It is equally embarrassing for the Bishops coming from Overseas and it is hard for us to discuss anything on the floor of The Conference. But I believe that The Conference Members will understand that the Bishops Overseas do not get very high salaries nor can they meet the expenses in this country which is so expensive. Therefore, it is essential that they should be given some allowance.

Now, I will quote an instance. One of the Overseas Bishops was invited to speak in a big church in this country, and when he spoke three times on that one Sunday, he was given a check for \$15. Now, I wonder what that Bishop can do; and he had to fly on an airplane.

So I believe, Mr. Chairman, that this allowance of two weeks before and two weeks afterwards should be given, not to embarrass them too much and to give them an allowance enough at least for two weeks in this country."

For Referral—Mallappa Vital ()*

Mallappa Vital (*) (Hyderabad—OS) spoke in favor of referral, as follows:—

"In these days of economic depression we find that people are struggling hard to increase their wages, and we know in the houses it is only the crying baby that gets the milk because of the very busy work that the mother has in the home.

It is very hard for us to discuss this matter of increasing and decreasing, and if it is very adverse for us then it becomes still more hard work on those who are listening. So I am strong in support of this amendment, and refer this matter to the Council on World Service and Finance."

Section II Adopted

Section II. Bishops Elected by Central Conferences, *DCA* No. 5, page 202, column 3 and page 203, columns 1 and 2 was adopted, with the exception of paragraph 4, referred to the Council on World Service and Finance for their consideration and action on, and report back to The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Section III—Frank W. Bevan—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented "Section III. Reserve for Pensions of Retired Bishops," *DCA* No. 5, page 203, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Section III was adopted.

Section IV—Frank W. Bevan—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented "Section IV. Increase or Decrease During Quadrennium," *DCA* No. 5, page 203, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Section IV was adopted.

Section V—Frank W. Bevan—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented "Section V. Travel Expense Vouchers," *DCA* No. 5, page 203, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Section V was adopted.

Section VI—Frank W. Bevan—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented "Section VI. Apportionment for The Episcopal Fund," *DCA* No. 5, page 203, column 3, and page 204, column 1, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Section VI was adopted.

Section VII—Frank W. Bevan—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented "Section VII. Determination of Validity of Claims," *DCA* No. 5, page 204,

column 1, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Section VII was adopted.

Section VIII—Frank W. Bevan—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented "Section VIII. Episcopal Reserve Pension Fund," DCA No. 5, page 204, columns 2 and 3, page 205, columns 1 and 2, and requested Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC) Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions to speak to Section VIII from the standpoint of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions and of the General Board of Pensions.

Speaks to Report—Lester A. Kilpatrick

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC) Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, spoke to this Section of Report No. 3 of the Council of World Service and Finance, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: The Committee on Pension Legislation for this Conference, or what is known as the Committee on Pensions, concurs with this recommendation and favors its adoption."

Section VIII. Episcopal Reserve Pensions Fund, was then adopted, on motion of Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE), duly seconded.

Statement—Thomas B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, in connection with the adoption of Section VIII. Episcopal Reserve Pensions Fund, made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, this statement about the Reserve Pension Program for the Bishops is also referred to the Committee on Pensions, and our attention has been called to the fact by one of the Editors of the *Discipline* that he would prefer that it not appear in two different places in the *Discipline*. I think he has a point, and if it appears in the legislation here in the Episcopal Fund, that will be all that is necessary with a cross reference."

(For final action on Report No. 3, see Journal page 672. Editor)

No. 4—Council on World Service and Finance, "Budget-General Administration Fund"—Amended—Thomas B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, made the following statement regarding Report No. 4 of the Council on World Service and Finance, adopted this afternoon:—

"Mr. Chairman, this afternoon when Report No. 4 was presented

and adopted, attention was called to the fact that it was to be held open pending other funds that might be needed in the General Administration Fund.

In holding it open we failed to name any plan for apportioning this Fund when it is determined, and I would like to present the following on page 205, the third column, immediately preceding Report No. 5, down near the bottom of the page.

Bishop Booth: If there is no objection.

Thomas B. Lugg: Insert a paragraph that would read like this,

'5. That when all the approved items to be included in the General Administration Fund have been determined, the Council on World Service and Finance is authorized to apportion the same to the Annual Conferences, using as the factor the average total giving for all purposes for the years 1952 to 1955.'

This is practically the same as was adopted in Report No. 5 for the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, and is the same method as was used last Quadrennium."

By unanimous common consent, The General Conference of The Methodist Church authorized the insertion of paragraph 5, as indicated in Report No. 4 of the Council on World Service and Finance, which had previously been adopted. See Journal, page 599; Appendix, page 2006.

No. 6—Council on World Service and Finance—"Unification of Titles"—Amended—George B. McKibbin (*)

George B. McKibbin (*) (Rock River—NC) presented Report No. 6 of the Council on World Service and Finance, DCA No. 5, page 207, columns 2 and 3, and page 208, column 1, Subject, "Unification of Titles," and requested common consent to insert a new paragraph to be numbered 4, the present paragraph No. 4 to be re-numbered No. 5.

Unanimous common consent being given by The General Conference, paragraph 4 was inserted, to follow paragraph 3 on page 207, DCA No. 5, column 3, as follows:—

4. The title of Associate Secretary is used for persons who are second in authority only to the General Secretary, and may be assigned authority to speak for the General Secretary in his absence. In the Board of Missions, the title of Associate General Secretary may be used to designate the person who is assigned this authority and also has certain Executive Secretaries responsible to him.

George B. McKibbin (*) (Rock River—NC) in presenting Report No. 6 spoke to it as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, turning to Report No. 6, the second paragraph, you will notice that the 1952 *Discipline* provided that the Council on World Service and Finance shall have authority and responsibility to establish titles for the employed Executive Staff of World Service Agencies in the interest of uniformity and consistency.

We did not think it was necessary to come back to this General Conference with that authority that was granted us, except that we

wanted to have a complete understanding so that everybody understands the whole thing.

Homer Magee of our Staff has been working during most of the Quadrennium with the Secretaries for the purpose of working out this uniformity. I think the information is that there has been a complete understanding between the Secretaries and Dr. Magee in this matter.

On motion of George B. McKibbin (*) (Rock River—NC), duly seconded, Report No. 6 of the Council on World Service and Finance was adopted, as amended by common consent. For report see Appendix, page 2014.

Committee on Conferences Excused—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, stated for the Committee that the remaining Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance contained no controversial matters as far as the Committee could determine, and that the Committee asked to be excused that they might complete their work, so vitally important to expediting the work of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

By unanimous common consent the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences were excused for the remainder of this evening's session of Thursday, May 3, 1956.

No. 7—Council on World Service and Finance—"Improvements and Economies"—Frank W. Bevan—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented Report No. 7 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, page 208, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "Improvements and Economies," and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 2019.

No. 8—Council on World Service and Finance—"Special Days"—Corrected—Frank W. Bevan—Adopted

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented Report No. 8 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, page 208, column 3 and 209, column 1, Subject, "Special Days," requesting common consent to delete a printer's error found on page 209, column 1, paragraph 6, "Methodist Student Day," in line three which reads as follows:—

6. *Methodist Student Day*: The Council on World Service and Finance recommends the continuance of a space in Methodist Student Day with an offering for the support of National Methodist scholarships and the Student Loan Fund, the receipts from such offerings to be sent through the Annual Conference Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. It further recommends the continuance of a space in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference for reporting the amount of the offering.

by deleting line three, as printed, and substituting therefor the words, "**ommends approval of the observance of,**" so that paragraph 6 as corrected will read:—

6. Methodist Student Day: The Council on World Service and Finance recommends approval of the observance of Methodist Student Day with an offering for the support of National Methodist scholarships and the Student Loan Fund, the receipts from such offerings to be sent through the Annual Conference Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. It further recommends the continuance of a space in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference for reporting the amount of the offering.

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) spoke to Report No. 8 as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, Report No. 8, the third column of page 208. The 1952 *Discipline* charges the Council on World Service and Finance to recommend to The General Conference the days in connection with the Church-wide observance of which the taking of Special Offerings shall be authorized, and in the case of each shall recommend whether or not the receipts derived therefrom shall be credited to the contributing church as a part of its World Service Apportionment, and charged against the claims of the Board or Agency receiving the same. All such recommendations are subject to the approval of The General Conference.

This may seem to be an overlapping with the Co-ordinating Council, but the Paragraph is in the *Discipline*. We have listed the days or observances when an offering is taken. We have described it to some extent, and where note could be found in the *Discipline* relative to it we have included that. We have the Week of Dedication, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, the World Service Sunday, the Church School Rally Day, Race Relations Day, and Methodist Student Day."

Report No. 8 of the Council on World Service and Finance, was adopted, as corrected, on motion of Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE), duly seconded. For Report see Appendix, page 2021.

No. 9—Council on World Service and Finance—"Specific Duties Assigned"—Thomas B. Lugg

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, presented Report No. 9 of the Council, DCA No. 5, page 209, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 210, column 1, Subject, "Specific Duties Assigned," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 of the Council on World Service and Finance was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 2023.

No. 10—Council on World Service and Finance—"Miscellaneous Recommendations"—Thomas B. Lugg—Harold S. Swales

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, presented Report

No. 10 of the Council, *DCA* No. 5, page 210, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "Miscellaneous Recommendations" and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Questions—Harold S. Swales—Answers—Thomas B. Lugg

Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) asked the following questions, which were answered by Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance:—

"I would like to ask a question concerning this matter of administrative items included under Section 1. b.

Would you like, sir, to tell us what you mean by 'administrative items'?"

Thomas B. Lugg: On page 210, 1. b bottom of the first column?

Harold S. Swales: Yes, No. 1.

Thomas B. Lugg: I don't find the 1.

Harold S. Swales: 1 is World Service, and Conference Benevolence; and then b, under that, sir.

Thomas B. Lugg: I see what you mean, Mr. Chairman, Administrative Items, as I understand them, are the Items that go into the execution of the Program, the administration of the Program, and would be items such as, well, in this General Administration Fund. It takes up such items as—well—

Well, yes, I got lost there a moment, that's right. The Annual Conference Journal, for example, would be an Administrative Item.

Harold S. Swales: Then, sir, would you consider in a Conference that might have combined Minimum Support and Sustentation Work, that this might be an Administrative Item?

Thomas B. Lugg: Well, I am not sure that I should pass on that. I would presume that is a part of ministerial support.

Harold S. Swales: I think sustentation, however, is very definitely a Benevolent item, is it not?"

Report No. 10 of the Council on World Service and Finance was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 2027.

No. 11—Council on World Service and Finance—"Recommended Legislation"—Luther W. Wells (*)—Charles F. Berkheimer—Amended—Adopted

Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, page 210, column 3; page 211, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 212, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 213, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 214, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, "Recommended Legislation," was presented by Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) for Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), whose duties as Secretary of Ballots and Tellers had taken him from the seat of The General Conference, to supervise the counting of the First Ballot for

Reserve Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) prefaced his presentation of Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, with the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: The Rules of The General Conference provide that the Council on World Service and Finance and certain other Agencies, may present legislative items to The General Conference directly, and not channel them through the Standing Legislative Committees. Following that provision, we are recommending certain changes that, on the whole, are just matters of editorial clarification. There are actually no matters here that we think call for any debate. They are not controversial, but in each case we shall have to present them. I shall try to say a word concerning the purpose of each one, and if there are no questions, move the adoption.”

On motion of Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE), duly seconded, the following six items of Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, were presented separately and adopted separately:—

1st. “Local Church Committee on Wills and Legacies,” *DCA* No. 5, page 210, column 3.

2nd. “Annual Conference Journals,” *DCA* No. 5, page 211, column 1.

3rd. “Naming of Funds: Not Now Included,” *DCA* No. 5, page 211, column 1.

4th. “Corrections of Paragraph 737,” *DCA* No. 5, page 211, columns 2 and 3, and page 212, column 1.

5th. “Committee on Wills, Bequests and Gifts,” *DCA* No. 5, page 212, column 1.

6th. “Clarification and Listing of General Funds,” *DCA* No. 5, page 212, columns 1 and 2.

Amendments Accepted—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—G. Clifford Pettygrove (*)—Charles F. Berkheimer

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) presented the next item, Subject, “The Reporting of Special Gifts,” *DCA* No. 5, page 212, column 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC) called attention to a typographical error, the inadvertent omission of the words, “**the Divisions of World and National Missions of,**” to follow the word “for” at the end of line seven of the paragraph in **Bold Face** type.

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) accepted the correction for the Council on World Service and Finance, no objection being raised by any member of the Council on World Service and Finance, or of any Member of The General Conference.

G. Clifford Pettygrove (*) (California-Nevada—W) suggested that the words "**at maturity**," be inserted following the words, "the annuity plan," in line two, and gave the following reasons for the insertion:—

"I have a suggestion which I will not put in the form of a motion because I believe it will be accepted. It has just been called to my attention by a representative of the Treasurer's Office of the Board of Missions that there is need for the addition of two words which will change the meaning slightly of the second line of this Proposed Legislation.

Just this word of explanation first: You will understand that while most of the gifts and bequests referred to here would come in the form of cash or its equivalent, but gifts on the annuity plan, however, are not actually gifts until they have matured. The representative of the Treasurer's Office calls my attention to the fact that it would not be consistent to issue cash vouchers for gifts of that nature.

Therefore, it is proposed that on page 212, the middle column, this particular piece of Legislation which begins, 'All gifts, whether for special appeals,' in the second line, after the word 'plan,' 'annuity plan,' to add the two words, '**at maturity**'; so that the forepart of that section will read, 'All gifts, whether for special appeals, bequests, gifts on the annuity plan **at maturity**, or gifts of property,' and so forth, if that is acceptable."

The suggestion of G. Clifford Pettygrove (*) (California-Nevada—W) was accepted by Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) for the Council on World Service and Finance, no objection being raised by any member of the Council on World Service and Finance, or of any member of The General Conference, so that the paragraph in Bold Face type, as corrected by Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC) and G. Clifford Pettygrove (*) (California—W) will read as follows:—

"All gifts, whether for special appeals, bequests, gifts on the annuity plan **AT MATURITY** or gifts for property made to or administered by a General Agency of the Church, shall be acknowledged by a World Service Special Gift Voucher, except that gifts in any of the foregoing classifications for **THE DIVISIONS OF WORLD AND OF NATIONAL MISSIONS** OF the Board of Missions or the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief shall be acknowledged by an Advance Special Gift Voucher."

The item, Subject, "The Reporting of Special Gifts," was adopted as corrected.

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) next presented seven Items of Report No. 11 of the Council on

World Service and Finance, and after his explanation, and on his motion, duly seconded, they were adopted, as follows:—

1st. "Inclusion of Special Services in The General Administration Fund," *DCA* No. 5, page 212, columns 2 and 3.

2nd. "Method of Apportioning General Administration Fund," *DCA* No. 5, page 212, column 3.

3rd. "Clarification of Legislation Relating to Apportionment of Episcopal Fund," *DCA* No. 5, page 212, column 3 and page 213, column 1.

4th. "Listing of Funds Not Now Included in Legislation," *DCA* No. 5, page 213, column 1.

5th. "Harmonize Terminology So That Each Will Be Described as a Department," *DCA* No. 5, page 213, column 1.

6th. "Cost of Maintaining 'File of Pastors and Church Officials' A Charge Against General Administration Fund," *DCA* No. 5, page 213, column 1.

7th. "Service Department," *DCA* No. 5, page 213, column 1.

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) presented the next Item, Subject, "Pastor's Traveling and Moving Expenses," *DCA* No. 5, page 213, column 2, and requested unanimous common consent to withdraw the same, that he might make a substitution recommended by the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. Common consent, being unanimously granted by The General Conference, the Item, which reads as follows was withdrawn:—

PASTOR'S TRAVELING AND MOVING EXPENSES.

(1) Amend the last sentence of Paragraph 148 which now reads: "These expenses, when provided for, shall be a separate and additional item" by deleting the words following the word "shall" and substituting the words **shall be reported in the current expense of the Pastor's Report to his Annual Conference.**

so that the last sentence of the Paragraph as amended will then read:

"These expenses, when provided for, shall be reported in the current expense column of the Pastor's Report to his Annual Conference."

(2) Amend Paragraph 824 beginning with the sentence "The Pastor's salary, thus agreed upon, shall not include the traveling and moving expenses of a new Appointee to the Charge. Where traveling and moving expenses of a new Appointee to a Charge are paid by the Charge, this amount shall be a separate and additional item" by adding the word Pastoral before the word "Charge" and

adding words **which shall be reported in the current expense column of the Pastor's Report to his Annual Conference.**

so that the sentences as amended will read:

"The Pastor's salary, thus agreed upon, shall not include the traveling and moving of a new Appointee to the Pastoral Charge. Where traveling and moving expense of a new Appointee to a Charge are paid by the Charge, this amount shall be a separate and additional item **which shall be reported in the current expense column of the Pastor's Report to his Annual Conference.**"

(3) Amend Paragraph 829 which now reads: "The total of all travel, automobile, and other expenses allowed and paid to a Pastor in addition to his salary shall be reported for insertion in the Journal of the Annual Conference, in a separate column from that of the Pastor's salary and adjacent thereto."

By adding the words *provided*, however, that the moving expenses of a new Appointee to a Pastoral Charge are to be included in the current expense column of the Pastor's Report to his Annual Conference.

so that the Paragraph as amended will read:

"The total of all travel, automobile, and other expenses allowed and paid to a Pastor in addition to his salary shall be reported for insertion in the Journal of the Annual Conference, in a separate column from that of Pastor's salary and adjacent thereto *provided*, however, that the moving expenses of a new Appointee to a pastoral Charge are to be included in the current expense column of the Pastor's Report to his Annual Conference."

Substitution—Charles F. Berkheimer

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) moved to substitute the recommendations of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision for this Item, and gave his reasons, as follows:—

"It has been called to our attention by the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision that we were not accomplishing quite what we wanted to accomplish here and that there was ambiguity and duplication which was unnecessary. They pointed out the fact that they are recommending the deletion of the full Paragraph 824, because it is a duplication in the *Discipline* and, therefore, all of these references should not be necessary.

Let me point out what the intention is. In 1948, I think, we provided for the inclusion in the Report of the Pastor to the Annual Conference of a column which would indicate any expense items given to the Pastor, the Pastor's traveling and office expense. Then, because of the ambiguity of these three different Paragraphs that mentioned the same things, a good many statisticians and Pastors reported amounts that were paid to them for their moving expenses. This is simply to indicate that moving expenses, when they are paid by a church for a Pastor coming to them, should not be included in that column but reported as current expense items.

We are indebted to the Editorial Committee here for their indicating this, and I think you will be satisfied to hear the reading of this. It is not entirely in legislative form and yet will be quite satisfactory, I think."

On motion of Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE), duly seconded, the following substitution for the Item under discussion, was ordered by The General Conference, as follows:—

First, amend par. 148 by substituting for the last sentence the following:

These expenses, when provided for, shall be classified as current expenses and so reported in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference. (See also Paragraph 829)

Second, substitute for all of par. 824 the following:

Paragraph 824. The several Quarterly Conferences shall determine the Pastoral Salaries according to the provisions of Paragraph 148.

Third, add a second sentence to paragraph 829, as follows:

These expenses shall be distinguished from the moving expenses of a new Appointee to a Pastoral Charge, which shall be reported as provided in Paragraph 148.

Financial Secretary—Charles F. Berkheimer—Amendment—Alexander K. Smith—Not Adopted.

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) presented the next Item, Subject, "The Election and Duties of The Financial Secretary," DCA No. 5, page 213, columns 2 and 3, and page 214, column 1, and explained the Item.

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE) moved to amend this Item, DCA No. 5, page 213, column 3, by deleting the words, "*and when deemed desirable,*" found in lines two and three of paragraph 3 and in lines four and five of paragraph 4; further to delete the words, "*If a Financial Secretary has been elected by the Official Board, these records shall be kept by the said Officer*" found at the close of paragraphs 5 and 7, and substituting therefor in each case, the words, "**The Financial Secretary shall keep these records**"; and further to delete the sentence, "*When a Financial Secretary is not elected, these Reports shall be made by the Treasurer or Treasurers*" so that the amended Item will read, as follows:—

The Election and Duties of the Financial Secretary:

Whereas the 1952 *Discipline* in Paragraphs 239 and 240 recognizes the existence of a Financial Secretary as an Officer of the Board, and

Whereas no provision has been made indicating the method of election or a statement of the responsibilities of said Officer,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the following additions be made to the legislation relative to the Official Board as now appearing in the 1952 *Discipline*. Amend Paragraph 212 which now reads "The Board shall be organized annually by the election of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer or Treasurers (Par. 242), and a Church Lay Leader (Par. 262). These Officers

shall be elected by the members of the Board on the nomination of a Committee on Nominations. Additional nominations may be made from the floor."

By adding the following words "a Financial Secretary" the same to be inserted immediately following the clause "... a Treasurer or Treasurers (Par. 242), . . ." so that the amended Paragraph shall read:

"The Board shall be organized annually by the election of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer or Treasurers (Par. 242), a Financial Secretary, and a Church Lay Leader (Par. 262). These Officers shall be elected by the members of the Board on the nomination of a Committee on Nominations. Additional nominations may be made from the floor."

Further amend Paragraph 241 Sub-Paragraph 3 by adding to the Paragraph the words **The Financial Secretary shall keep these records.**

So that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

"Paragraph 241 Sub-Paragraph 3: All payments on pledges shall be credited to the donors and a proper account shall be kept of each subscriber and contributor. **The Financial Secretary shall keep these records.**"

Further amend Paragraph 241 Sub-Paragraph 8 of the 1952 *Discipline* by making it Paragraph 9. In turn Paragraph 9 will become Paragraph 10. Sub-Paragraph 8 shall then read:

"A Report shall be made by the Financial Secretary to the Board each month and to the Quarterly Conference, when requested, of all receipts by the Financial Secretary and of the disbursements made to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the Board."

The amended Sub-Paragraphs of Paragraph 241 will then read:

"8. A Report shall be made by the Financial Secretary of the Board each month and to the Quarterly Conference when requested of all receipts by the Financial Secretary and of the disbursements made to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the Board."

"(9) Reports shall be made by the Treasurer or Treasurers to the Board each month and to the Quarterly Conference when requested of all receipts and disbursements and of unpaid obligations against the Budget."

"(10) It shall be the continuing duty of the Commission to inform the congregation of the financial needs of the church."

The motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE) to thus amend, being seconded, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, every District Superintendent knows the chaos that has occurred in many a church when the finances have been handled by a single individual without a counter-check as would be offered through the office of a Financial Secretary. And I feel it would be a great advantage to every church, especially the smaller churches—there are larger churches where it is possible to employ a Financial Secretary, and they do—but in the smaller churches there ought to be mandatory election of a Financial Secretary."

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE)

spoke to the proposed amendment of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE) as follows:—

“Bishop Booth: This amendment is before you. Is it acceptable?

Charles F. Berkheimer: No, I think not. I can't accept it for the Council. I think we would not want to debate it. If The General Conference would desire to do that. Many members of the Council felt that it ought to be optional, but I shall not debate it at all.”

The proposed amendment of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

The Item, “The Election and Duties of the Financial Secretary,” presented by Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) was adopted, on his motion, duly seconded.

Remaining Items—Charles F. Berkheimer

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) separately presented the remaining six Items of Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, and each was adopted, on his motion, duly seconded, as follows:—

1st. “Reference to Certified Public Accountant Audit,” DCA No. 5, page 214, column 1.

2nd. “Funds to Be Transmitted to Central Treasury,” DCA No. 5, page 214, column 1.

3rd. “Right of Treasurer to Attend Meetings of The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance,” DCA No. 5, page 214, columns 1 and 2.

Against Item—Olin D. Jackson

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota—NC) spoke against this Item, as follows:—

“I wish to speak against this because there are times when this Commission must discuss the Treasurer, the future of the Treasurer, what his salary shall be and other items concerning the office, and he should not be present when those things are being discussed.”

Ruling—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, stated that it would take a motion to Reconsider to open debate concerning the Item, and that no motion to reconsider had been made.

Remaining Items Resumed—Charles F. Berkheimer

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) resumed presentation of the remaining Items, as follows:—

4th. "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund," DCA No. 5, page 214, column 2.

5th. "Deletion of the Words 'And the Materials Authorized by the Council,'" DCA No. 5, page 214, column 2.

6th. "Deletion of Paragraph 1120 (9)," DCA No. 5, page 214, column 2.

Resolution Re Fellowship of Suffering and Service—Charles F. Berkheimer

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) presented the Resolution concerning the "Fellowship of Suffering and Service," and asked common consent to insert the word "ALL," between the words, "and Service," and "the offering taken," in line thirteen, DCA No. 5, page 214, column 3, so that the amended Resolution will read:—

RESOLUTION

Whereas The Fellowship of Suffering and Service, established by the Bishops near the beginning of the second World War, is rendering a very valuable service to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities, and

Whereas this fund should be continued as a Benevolence of The Methodist Church, and

Whereas the method of raising the funds for the agencies involved has received general acceptance by the local churches,

Therefore Be It Resolved. That a paragraph appropriately numbered to follow Paragraph 2035 of the 1952 "Discipline" be inserted to read as follows:

Paragraph : The Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church recognizes the valuable service rendered through the offerings for "The Fellowship of Suffering and Service" and recommends that it be continued until such time it may be deemed no longer needed; this decision to be made either by a future General Conference, or if between sessions of The General Conference, the decision to be made by a three-fourths vote of The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance; each meeting separately. Each local church is requested to transmit to the Conference Treasurer or to the Central Treasury, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, under the designation of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service ALL the the offering taken on World-wide Communion Sunday and a portion of the offerings taken at subsequent observances of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Central Treasury is authorized to distribute the receipts for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service on the basis of 50% to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 25% to the Commission on Chaplains, and 25% to the Commission on Camp Activities.

Common consent of The General Conference being unanimously given, the insertion was made, and Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) spoke to the Item, as follows:—

“We have taken this up at other General Conferences and we have had action upon it, but this has never been in the *Discipline*. You have read the Preamble here which indicates the general acceptance of this idea, but now this Paragraph is to be made a part of the *Discipline*. It indicates that the Fellowship of Suffering and Service offering should be continued and that ALL of the offering in the Local Church on World Wide Communion Sunday and a portion of the offering of all other observances of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Conference or of the Central Treasury and designated for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.”

The Item was adopted on the motion of Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) duly seconded.

No. 11 Adopted as a Whole

Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 5, page 210, column 3, page 211, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 212, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 213, columns 1, 2, and 3; and page 214, columns 1, 2 and 3, Subject, “Recommended Legislation,” was then adopted as a whole by The General Conference. For Report see Appendix, page 2030.

Time Extended—Charles F. Berkheimer—Adopted

The hour of adjournment nearing, motion of Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) duly seconded, prevailed that the time of this session be extended to complete consideration of and action on the last Report of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Supplement to No. 11—Council on World Service and Finance—“When Financial Statement May Be Approved”—Charles F. Berkheimer

Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE) presented a supplement to Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, *DCA* No. 8, page 350, column 3, Subject, “When Financial Statement May Be Approved,” and moved its adoption, and inclusion as a part of Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, “Recommended Legislation,” just adopted as a whole. The motion duly seconded, prevailed. For the Supplement see Appendix, page 2045.

This completed the Order of the Day, consideration of and action on the Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Privileged Motion—W. H. Alderson

William H. Alderson (New York East—NE) moved that if he was not ruled out of order, that James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, led us in singing, "Revive Us Again."

Ruling—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"I think we would not be out of order. I think you are about ready to adopt most anything that was given you. Perhaps after we have been revived we will be ready to carry on."

Question—Merrill C. Johnson—Answer—Thomas B. Lugg

Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) raised the following question:—

"Mr. Chairman, I am a part of the new and fresh 50 per cent of this General Conference, and I should like to raise a question.

Most of these 14 or 15 Reports were hammered out, I take it, quite in advance of this General Conference. Would it be impossible or inadvisable to make the Reports to the Members of this Conference for their study in advance of coming here?"

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, replied as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, the hammering began last September, and they have been hammering on until they were presented here for printing in the *Advocate*.

We had two days of very heavy work on Monday and Tuesday before The General Conference began on Wednesday.

I question the possibility or feasibility of getting them prepared ahead of time.

Motion for Consideration of the Calendar—A. Wesley Pugh

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), duly seconded, prevailed that after singing, "Revive Us Again" we proceed to take up the regular Calendar.

Privileged Motion—Glenn M. Frye

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan—NC) as a matter of high privilege, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, this is a statement of privilege I would like to make. This afternoon I asked Dr. Lugg if the travelling expense qualifications imposed upon a Bishop of the Central Conference was different from that of a Jurisdiction. We did not understand over in our corner his answer to that, yes or no.

Since that time I have had the privilege of speaking to three different Bishops concerned in this. I would like to say that they have told me there is no difference at all, and that they pay travel expenses without question, and that sometimes a Bishop of Central Conference even comes first-class when maybe one of the Jurisdictions has ridden tourist.

I did want the privilege of saying that, and I appreciate so much finding it out. We didn't understand it as such from Dr. Lugg. But we thank you for finding this and allowing us to say so.

Meetings After Adjournment—C. Anderson Davis—Motion Re Calendar Withdrawn—A. Wesley Pugh—Bishop Roy H. Short—Announcement

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) called the attention of The General Conference to the scheduled meetings of the Ministerial and Lay Leaders of the Annual Conference Delegations after adjournment tonight, for the purpose of selecting the members of the Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), with the consent of the seconder of his motion to proceed to the consideration of and action on Reports on the regular Calendar, moved a reconsideration of the action of The General Conference in the adoption of his motion to consider Reports on the regular Calendar, that he might withdraw the same in view of the statement of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C).

The General Conference unanimously acceded to the request of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) to be permitted to withdraw his motion for the consideration of and action on Reports on the regular Calendar.

Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and newly elected Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced the places of meeting.

Announcement—Leon T. Moore—Prayer For Pilar D. Galima (*)

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) Secretary-Designate of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, made the following privileged announcement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, this announcement is one of request and on an item that is really a privilege. Mr. Pilar D. Galima, the Lay Reserve Delegate from the Northern Philippines Conference, has been a patient in the Asbury Hospital ever since his arrival here in Minneapolis. An exploratory operation is planned on this Member of our body. Mrs. Galima, who is here also as a Reserve Delegate, has requested the prayers of this Conference on behalf of her husband.

Mr. Chairman, I am happy to present this request through you to the Conference."

Before the Benediction, The General Conference of The Methodist Church stood for a moment of silent prayer for the blessings of our heavenly Father on Pilar D. Galima (*) (Northern Philippines—OS).

Pages and Ushers—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, requested all those who had served as ushers or pages in previous General Conferences of The Methodist Church to stand. They stood in various parts of the auditorium and The General Conference applauded.

Thanks—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Bishop Newell S. Booth, the Presiding Officer, thanked the members of The General Conference for their fine spirit of co-operation in carrying on the business of tonight's session.

Adjournment—Hymn—James R. Houghton (*)—Benediction—Jean Mij

The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of "Revive Us Again," under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, and then adjourned at 10:00 P.M., with the Benediction, pronounced by Jean Mij (Southern Congo—OS) in his native language, the Ruung language of the Southern Congo region.

TENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the morning session of the Tenth Day, Thursday, May 5, 1956, in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at 8:30 A.M. with Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, in the Chair, who announced that the Devotions of the morning would be led by Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Devotions—Bishop W. Earl Ledden—James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, announced Hymn No. 4, "O Worship The King, All Glorious Above." The Conference stood, and under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, joined heartily in the singing of the Hymn.

Prayer—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Bishop W. Earl Ledden then led in prayer.

Scripture and Message—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

After reading the Scripture lesson from Matthew 16:13-18, the Devotional Message of the morning was brought by Bishop W. Earl Ledden, from the theme, "Thou art Peter."

Hymn No. 111—Benediction—Bishop W. Earl Ledden—James R. Houghton ()*

At the close of his message, Bishop W. Earl Ledden announced Hymn 111, "Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of All Nature." Under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, The General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of this Hymn, after which the Benediction was pronounced by Bishop W. Earl Ledden.

Business Session—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference of The Methodist Church to order for the business session of the Tenth Day, morning session, Friday, May 4, 1956.

No. 6—Journal—George W. Carter, Jr.—Adopted

George W. Carter, Jr. (Louisiana—C) submitted Report No. 6 for the Standing Administrative Committee on Journal, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:—

Your Committee on the Journal has examined the Journal for Thursday morning session, May 3, 1956, and have found it correct.

Signed, George W. Carter, Jr.

Corrections for The Daily Christian Advocate—Harry O. Ritter (*)—Lud H. Estes—D. Stewart Patterson (*)

As a matter of high privilege, Harry O. Ritter (Kansas—SC) stated that the words in black-face type on page 443 of the *DCA* No. 9, bottom of column 3 were not his words, but of someone else.

Clarifying Statement—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, stated that the words were inserted by the Editor of *The Daily Christian Advocate*; that *The Daily Christian Advocate* is not the Journal of The General Conference, and that the Secretarial Staff has nothing to do with its compilation and publication.

Statement—D. Stewart Patterson (*)

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore—NE) as a matter of high privilege asked for the correction of the *DCA*, No. 9, column 3 which reads as follows:—

“Last night you heard a very effective statement from Chaplain Carpenter, Chief of the Air Chaplains, pleading with the Church, which would do much to minimize the education needed among our young people.”

The correct statement reads:—

“Last night you heard a very effective word from Chaplain Carpenter, Chief of the Air Force Chaplains, pleading with the Church, to do nothing which would minimize the education needed among our young people.”

No. 10—Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of

the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented four matters, and action was taken on each, as indicated:—

First—Telegram from Orville L. Freeman ()—Reply Ordered*

Read the following telegram (DB-82) from Governor Orville L. Freeman (*)

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D. Stanley Coors, Methodist Bishop for Minnesota
The Methodist Church, 1987 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

By your action against segregation you have taken a great step forward toward bringing about a closer realization of the principles of Christianity and the ideals of Democracy and have set an example that merits deep and sincere tribute from all who are working toward that end.

(Signed) Orville L. Freeman, Governor

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, prevailed, instructing the Secretary to make appropriate reply.

Second—Bishop Arthur J. Moore—Bishop Ferdinand Sigg

Requested recognition of Bishop Arthur J. Moore for a matter of high privilege.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, recognized Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, for the presentation of Bishop Ferdinand Sigg of the Geneva Area, Central and Southern Europe Central Conference.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore made the following statement, after which he presented Bishop Ferdinand Sigg to The General Conference.

“Bishop Harrell, Members of The General Conference: This General Conference is aware of the history and the growth of Methodism on the continent of Europe. In both Norway and Switzerland there are soon to be centennial celebrations. Our Church in Europe is organized into three Central Conferences as follows:

The Central Conference of Germany, ably led by Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich.

The Northern European Central Conference, where Bishop Odd Hagen is the beloved leader.

The Southern and Central European Conference, better known to some of us as the Geneva Area. The Conferences in this Area have been for a long time under the supervision of the Bishops, like Bishop Nuelsen, Bishop Peele, and more recently, Bishop Paul N. Garber. All of these have served with fidelity and distinction.

When The General Conference assembled in San Francisco in 1952, it was hoped that Annual Conferences and the Provisional Annual Conferences in Switzerland, Belgium, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria, and North Africa, would be given authority to organize themselves into a Central Conference and to elect one of their number as Bishop. Such authority was granted, provided certain conditions could be met. Acting under this authority, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference appointed the speaker as Bishop in charge of the Geneva Area, which of course would be in addition to his other responsibilities.

Immediately after this assignment, I proceeded to Europe to give the best service of which I am capable. Frankly, I feel compelled to admit that there were some stubborn problems associated with this assignment. Five of the Annual Conferences were, and still are, behind the Iron Curtain. I am happy to report that through the prayerful and continued support of preachers and people, we were able at last to find a solution for our problems, and I am happy to report this morning—mission accomplished.

In October of 1954, the Delegates elected to form the Central and Southern European Central Conference assembled in Brussels, Belgium. The structure of a Central Conference was firmly established. When the hour fixed for the election of a Bishop arrived, one man stood out as a providential leader for such a task, and for such a time. On the first ballot he received every vote cast save his own.

This brother was for some time Secretary to the late Bishop John L. Nuelsen, and for some years has been the Director and the guiding genius of our Methodist Publishing House in Zurich. He comes to his office, wise in administrative experience, beloved by his fellow Methodists. He is a scholar, a theologian, a pastor, and an able executive. He is, therefore, in every way, I think, worthy and well-qualified and it is my honor now to present to this General Conference Bishop Ferdinand Sigg."

The General Conference stood in applause.

Third—Presented J. Wesley Hole ()*

Requested that J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the General Conference Entertainment and Program Commission for 1956 be recognized for a privileged statement:—

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, recognized J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for 1956, who in well chosen words, paid tribute to the work of Miss Blanche Rutledge (*) Secretary to Aubry S. Moore (Rock River—NC) Secretary of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment, whose untimely death Dec. 12, 1955 caused Miss Rutledge to assume, at the request of the Commission on Entertainment, many of the responsibilities that went with the office of Secretary of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for the 1956 session of The General Conference; to Norman L. Conrad (California—

Nevada—W) who had taken over the responsibilities, at the request of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for 1956, of looking after the arrangements in the auditorium; and to Fran L. Faber (*) (Minnesota—NC) Chairman of the Local Committee on Entertainment.

Presented—Fran H. Faber ()—Members of Local Committee*

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for 1956, next presented Fran H. Faber (*) (Minnesota—NC), Chairman of the Local Committee on Entertainment, who spoke of the fine co-operation that had been manifested by all concerned in the entertainment of the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, and then presented all the members of The Minnesota 1956 General Conference Committee.

Thanks—Paul V. Galloway—William H. Alderson—Frank E. Baker ()*

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for 1956, expressed his deep appreciation for the labors of Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee; William H. Alderson (New York—NE), Chairman of the Auditorium Committee and also of the Music Committee, and Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Thanks—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, in well chosen words expressed the hearty thanks of The General Conference of The Methodist Church to Bishop D. Stanley Coors, resident host Bishop, to Fran H. Faber (*) (Minnesota—NC), Chairman of The Minnesota 1956 General Conference Committee, and through them to each and all who in any way had had a part in the wonderful and efficient preparation for the entertainment of the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Announcement—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program for the 1956 session, made an important announcement concerning the session of Saturday night, May 5, 1956, which is being observed as

Youth Night under the supervision of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

Fourth—Recognition Service Tonight—Order of the Day

Motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, prevailed, that the first order of business at the session of tonight be the recognition of Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops, to conduct the Recognition Service for those Bishops who are to retire at the approaching session of their respective Jurisdictional Conferences, and of the Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church who retire from membership on The Judicial Council with the close of the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

No. 8—Credentials—Elmer E. Mathews (*)

Elmer E. Mathews (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, and moved its adoption and printing without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see page 1206.

No. 8—Chairmen—Afternoon Session—A. Wesley Pugh

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, that the afternoon session of today convene at 2:30 P.M., have a 10-minute recess at 3:45 P.M. and adjourn at 5 P.M.

Session of Saturday—A. Wesley Pugh

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, that Saturday's session, May 5, 1956, begin at 8:30 A.M., with a 20-minute recess at 12 noon, and adjourn at 2:30 P.M. By unanimous common consent this was done, as a previous motion on yesterday set the time of recess at 11 A.M. for Saturday's session, thus avoiding a motion to reconsider the previous action.

**No. 9—Chairmen—Order of the Day—A. Wesley Pugh—
Report Commission on Structure of Methodism Overseas**

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, setting as the Order of the

Day, following the noon recess on Saturday, May 5, 1956, consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

No. 10—Chairmen—Sunday Evening Session Official—A. Wesley Pugh

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, making the Sunday evening service of May 6, 1956, a regular session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, with the Order of the Day being the hearing of and action on the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges on Complimentary Resolutions.

No. 11—Chairmen—Length of Speeches—Number of Speeches—A. Wesley Pugh

On motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the following two motions were separately adopted:—

First:—For the remainder of the sessions of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, speeches shall be limited to three minutes, with the Presiding Officer indicating to the speaker when he is within one-half minute of the expiration of his time, this motion not to affect the right of a Chairman presenting a Report, or a member in charge of a Minority Report in the presentation of it.

Second:—Speeches on amendments shall be limited to two on each side of the question, including the speech of the Delegate presenting such amendment.

Reserve Members Judicial Council—Luther W. Wells (*)—H. Hughes Wagner—Ben H. Christner—Walter G. Williams—Paul R. Ervin (*)—Robert D. Blue (*)—Leon E. Hickman (*)—Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*)

The results of the First Ballot for Reserve Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church were read by Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, as follows (DB-83):—

Number of votes cast 725; defective 89; good votes 636; necessary to a choice 319.

Ministers:—

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)	366
Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)	353
Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W)	333

Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)	317
Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)	316
John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)	284
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)	280
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)	275
Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)	267
Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)	205
Dallas L. Browning (Indiana—NC)	157

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, announced that H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W) and Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W), each having received more than the required number of votes, have been elected Reserve Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, term of office to expire 1964.

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, reported the results of the First Ballot for Lay Reserve Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, as follows:—

Total number of votes cast 725; void 50; total number of good votes 675; necessary to a choice 338.

Laymen:—

Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE)	483
Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC)	427
Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)	356
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC)	341
Charles G. Howard (*) (Oregon—W)	325
William G. Brown (*) (Holston—SE)	297
Edward F. McFaddin (*) (Little Rock—SC)	250
Lester C. Cecil (*) (Ohio—NC)	242

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, announced that Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE), Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC), Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE), term of office to expire 1964, and Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC), term of office to expire 1960, each having received more than the required number of votes had been elected Reserve Lay Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, thus completing the Reserve Lay Membership of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Second Ballot for Ministerial Reserve Judicial Council Members—Luther W. Wells (*)

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers prepared to spread the ballots for taking the Second Ballot for Reserve Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, when questions were raised concerning the election, as follows:—

Question—Olin Y. Shute—Leon T. Moore—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Olin Y. Shute (Newark—NE) raised the following question:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: We were instructed last night, I believe erroneously, to elect or vote for five Ministerial Reserves and four Lay Reserves, in spite of the fact that according to the *Discipline*, Harold H. Hughes and F. Murray Benson and two others listed in the *Discipline* of 1952, Vincent P. Clarke and Edward G. Mackay, were already Reserves of the Class of 1960.

I do not know whether or not Vincent P. Clarke and Edward G. Mackay are Ministers or Laymen. I do not know also whether they have been deceased or otherwise left The Judicial Council.

The question was whether we needed five more or seven more all together, and how many Ministers and how many Laymen and whether or not we needed to watch the Jurisdictions in this election.

It now appears that we have more members elected to the Reserves than we need. I would like clarification at this time.”

Leon T. Moore Answers

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) Secretary-Designate replied, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, Members of The Conference: Five Reserve Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council and four Lay Reserve Members is correct. Under your direction, you are to have a total of twelve Reserve Members, six Ministerial and six Lay. There already was one Ministerial Reserve Member and already two Lay Reserve Members. Therefore, you had to elect five Ministerial and four Lay.”

Reply—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“Permit the Chairman to interrupt. If the brother who was asking the questions concerning the number of Ministerial and the number of Lay Reserves to be elected will turn to page No. 237 of *The Daily Advocate*, he will find that on May 1st, action was taken that changes somewhat the law of the *Discipline*. I think if he will read this section, he will find the answer for all his questions.”

Question—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Answer—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) asked the following question:—

“Mr. Chairman, did we not have the statement made that the top elected were to be for eight years; the others, for four? Could we have that clarified for the record?”

Reply—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Secretary of

Documents, stated that The General Conference had adopted the motion of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) that the first three Ministerial Alternates and the first three Lay Alternates elected, be elected for the eight year terms.

Names Read—Luther W. Wells ()*

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, in order to prevent confusion and to save the time of The General Conference, read the list of eligible Ministerial Nominees, as follows:—

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)
John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)
Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)
Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)
Dallas L. Browning (Indiana—NC)

The Second Ballot for Reserve Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church was spread.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, declared the ballot to be closed, the votes collected, and the Tellers retired to count the same, under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers.

Matter of High Privilege—Chester A. McPheeters

As a matter of High Privilege for The General Conference, Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: There seemed to be some confusion in the Jurisdictional meetings last night concerning whether it would be possible to nominate and appoint on one of the Quadrennial Commissions someone who belonged to another Agency. We attempted to cover that in a piece of legislation, or rather a Resolution on page 270, *DCA*.

Bishop Harrell: Let us give attention to this, because I think it will clear up the matter that concerns many of us.

Chester A. McPheeters: There are at least two Quadrennial Commissions authorized in this General Conference, one on the Study of the Jurisdictional System, and the other in connection with the Quadrennial Program. The question arose; therefore, we brought to you on Tuesday a Resolution found now on page 270, *DCA*. You adopted that Resolution. I would like to read it to you to refresh your minds, that you may see what is possible.”

Adopted Resolution Read—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) then read the following Resolution adopted Tuesday morning, May 1, 1956:—

Column 1, near the bottom of the column.

"The restrictions imposed by Par. 1102 do not apply to membership upon the Special Commission established to direct the Educational Emphasis of the Quadrennial Plan nor to any other Special Study Commission that may be appointed at this General Conference charged with reporting to The General Conference of 1960."

No. 11—World Service and Finance—"Recommended Legislation"—Reconsidered—Amendment—Farris F. Moore—Not Adopted—Report Re-adopted

Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) who voted for the adoption of Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, moved that Report No. 11 be reconsidered, for the purpose of making an important amendment. The motion to reconsider, being duly seconded, was adopted.

Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) moved to amend Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, "Recommended Legislation," *DCA* No. 5, page 210, column 3; page 211, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 212, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 213, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 214, columns 1, 2 and 3, by adding the words, "*Provided that this is determined by the Finance Committee of the Local Church.*" to immediately follow the words, "of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper," found in lines sixteen and seventeen, last paragraph, *DCA* No. 5, page 214, column 3, so that the paragraph, as amended, will read:—

The General Conference of The Methodist Church recognizes the valuable service rendered through the offerings for "The Fellowship of Suffering and Service" and recommends that it be continued until such time it may be deemed no longer needed; this decision to be made either by a future General Conference, or if between sessions of The General Conference, the decision to be made by a three-fourths vote of The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance; each meeting separately. Each local church is requested to transmit to the Conference Treasurer or to the Central Treasury, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, under the designation of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service ALL of the offering taken on World-wide Communion Sunday and a portion of the offerings taken at subsequent observances of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, *PROVIDED, THAT THIS IS DETERMINED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.* The Central Treasury is authorized to distribute the receipts for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service on the basis of 50% to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 25% to the Commission on Chaplains, and 25% to the Commission on Camp Activities.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Now, Mr. Chairman, we begin with the World-wide Communion offering with which I am heartily in favor.

Now, in this particular Conference we say a portion of the subsequent offerings taken at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In many

of the local churches we have been using for charitable enterprises whatever came in these Special Offerings at the Sacrament.

By the time we come to the next General Conference all of these offerings will be asked of us if we are not very careful, and I believe that this is a matter that ought to be determined on the local level as to whether or not an offering is to be received and as to whether or not a portion or portions of it is to be sent to the World Service and Finance Commission to be used here."

D. Stewart Patterson () Against Amendment*

D. Stewart Patterson (*) (Baltimore—NE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, this legislation is in effect a step down from our higher action of The General Conference. If the gentleman will recall, in two prior General Conferences by Resolution the statement was that all or a portion of a subsequent offering on Communion Services were to go to these Agencies.

Now it is stated that only a portion is requested and, of course, the local church determines. But I call your attention to this, Mr. Chairman, that this is the only source of income for two of the important Agencies involved; namely, The Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities and, therefore, it has been the custom for several quadrenniums for the Church to respond this way.

On the subsequent offerings, the legislation only says a portion, but prior to this it has been all or a portion, and I would, therefore, hope very much in the interest of the one source of revenue for the Agencies named that this Resolution may be defeated."

Charles I. Carpenter Against Amendment

Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: This is the only offering you are taking at all to do anything for the work of your young people who are in military service.

The two sources that Mr. Patterson has mentioned, the Chaplains' Commission and the Camp Activities are supported entirely from these contributions, and I hope you will not, as a Church, turn your back on this obligation by taking this out."

Paul M. Hann for Amendment

Paul M. Hann (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I also have served as a Chaplain in the Navy Reserve during the Second World War, and I am in favor of helping our young people at every opportunity. However, I am the Pastor of a local church. We know that we handle this matter as we desire in our local church. Let's be realistic about it. Put it in the *Discipline*, as we are going to do it,

rather than passing a wholesale commitment and then going home and doing it as we want to do it.

I support the amendment, and I think we will take care of it in a very fine fashion.

Thank you."

Question—Claude Garrison—Answer—Thomas B. Lugg

Claude Garrison (Ohio—NC) asked the following question, which was answered by Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance,

"I wish to ask a question of the Council on World Service and Finance. Why does such an important work so relevant to the life of our nation and our armed forces, why does this work depend upon a Special Offering rather than to be placed directly in the Budget of our Church where we recognize it as a real responsibility of the Church today?"

Answer—Thomas B. Lugg

"Mr. Chairman, first of all we discovered that there was nothing in the *Discipline* that set up the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, although we have had this plan since probably 1942 or thereabouts. It has been a sustaining plan for the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities.

To my knowledge, this is the first time any question has been made concerning the offering. It is purely permissive. It is a request and not a mandate.

The Council on World Service and Finance gave careful consideration to this. They decided they shouldn't ask for all of the offering, but only a portion of it and I believe I speak the sentiment of the Council on World Service and Finance in saying that they would like—that they would disapprove the amendment as it comes to us."

Question—Wiley C. Newman—Statement—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Wiley C. Newman (Memphis—SE) raised the following question:—

"If this Communion Offering is to be used for activities and Chaplains, my question is, what does it do to our instruction in the Ritual for the Administration of the Lord's Supper saying, 'After the Hymn has been sung, the minister standing by the Lord's Table shall announce the offering for the needy?'"

Statement—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"The Brother has asked a question and I suppose the House must be left to answer it by some kind of Resolution, if it is of a mind to do so.

Is this for information? I think we are coming perilously close to argument on this."

Question—Laurence Everett Nye—Answer—Farris F. Moore

Laurence Everett Nye (Oregon—W) asked the following question:

“I have a question to the maker of this motion. Does it apply to World Communion and all other offerings or just all other Communion Offerings? It would make a great deal of difference to us if we could have that clear.”

Answer—Farris F. Moore

Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) answered the question as follows:—

“I would like to answer by saying that I prefaced what I said by saying that I was heartily and wholeheartedly in favor of the World-wide Communion offering and its being turned in for the purpose intended, but I had intended only the matter of these extra offerings that come at other administrations of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.”

Amendment—Farris F. Moore—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 11—World Service and Finance—Re-adopted

Report No. 11 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, “Recommended Legislation,” DCA No. 5, page 210, column 3; page 211, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 212, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 213, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 214, columns 1, 2 and 3, was re-adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 2030.

Calendar—Charles D. White

The next Order of Business being the consideration of and action on Reports on the Calendar, Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE), Calendar Secretary, made the following statement:—

“The original copy of each Committee Report is on the Secretary's desk.

We also have duplicate copies.

I would call your attention to the fact that Calendar Numbers 1, 33, 35, 43, have been adopted; 44 adopted and referred to the Council on World Service and Finance.

Before starting on the Calendar, however, may I ask Dr. A. Wesley Pugh, the Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen to make a statement concerning procedure.”

No. 12—Chairmen—Calendar Procedure—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: The Committee of Chairmen in a meeting agreed that we would ask you either by motion or by your consent to proceed with the Calendar not by numerical arrangement but ask at the beginning of the consideration of the Calendar anyhow to allow each Chairman in order to have one-half hour, and to select from his Committee Reports such Reports as he felt ought to come first before The General Conference.

If it is possible that a Chairman can complete his entire Calendar within a half-hour, as some say they may, we will then be in the clear for the other Chairmen to follow on with the remainder of their Reports.

The purpose of this, as you can see, is to prevent a log jam toward the end in which some very important matters might be tied up and we would not have time for adequate consideration.

If the Conference would give consent, I should like to ask that this be done.”

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed, adopting the above procedure for the consideration of and action on the Calendar.

No. 1—Education—“General and Annual Conference Television, Radio and Film Commissions”—J. Earl Moreland (*) Amended—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, was recognized by Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, for the presentation of Reports from the Committee. J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SR) requested the following to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education:—W. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma—SC); W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE); Harold C. Case (New England—NE); Willis M. Tate (*) (North Texas—SC); Dennis V. Snapp (*) (Kentucky—SE); John O. Gross (Kentucky—SE), General Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church; Leon M. Adkins (Central New York—NE), General Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church; and Henry M. Bullock (Mississippi—SE), General Secretary of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE) presented Report

No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, Calendar No. 19, Subject, "General and Annual Conference Television, Radio and Film Commissions," DCA No. 5, page 190, columns 2 and 3, explaining briefly Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, stating that by the action of The General Conference, in the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, Subject, "General Agency Membership," DCA No. 3, page 112, column 1, the membership of the various General Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church were to remain numerically the same as set forth by The General Conference of 1952 of The Methodist Church, and asked common consent to delete the proposed legislation as set forth in Paragraph 1590.2, DCA No. 5, page 190, columns 2 and 3 and which reads as follows:—

Subject, "General and Annual Conference Television, Radio and Film Commissions,"

In Paragraph 1590. 2. after the words *shall be delete constituted from and*. In line 2 change *from* to *by*. In line 3 change *from* to *by*. In line 6 change *from* (in two places) to *by*. After *Board of Education* insert a comma and the words **including one for each of the three Divisions of the Board**. After *The Methodist Publishing House* in line 7 insert **two by the Board of Evangelism**. After *each* in the same line change *from* to *by*. In line 8 delete *Board of Evangelism, the*. After *Pensions* in line 12 insert **the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation**. After *one* in line 13 insert **Minister and one Layman**. After *Jurisdiction* in the same line delete *elected by the College of Bishops of that Jurisdiction* and substitute **elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences**. Add a new sentence at the end of the section as follows: **Vacancies that occur during the quadrennium in the representation of the Jurisdictions shall be filled by the Commission.**

Section 2 as amended will read as follows:

2. The membership shall be elected by the following Agencies: two members by The Council of Bishops; three by the Board of Missions, including the two General Secretaries of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation and one other elected by the Board; three by the Board of Education, including one for each of the three Divisions of the Board; two by The Methodist Publishing House, two by the Board of Evangelism; and one each by the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of World Peace, the Board of Temperance, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, the Board of Pensions, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and the American Bible Society; one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction elected by their respective Jurisdictional Conferences, and five members at large elected by the Commission. Vacancies that occur during the quadrennium in the representation of the Jurisdictions shall be filled by the Commission.

By common consent of The General Conference the above deletion was made.

On motion of J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE),

Chairman of the Standing Committee on Education, Report No. 1 of the Committee, as amended, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1440.

No. 2—Education—“Legislation Relating to the Division of Educational Institutions”—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Amended—Roy R. Roudebush (*)—Mack B. Stokes—John O. Gross—William R. Cannon—Norman L. Trott—R. Franklin Thompson

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 29, Subject, “Legislation Relating to the Division of Educational Institutions,” DCA No. 5, page 193, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 194, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 195, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 196, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 197, columns 1, 2 and 3, succinctly explaining Report No. 2, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—Roy R. Roudebush ()—Accepted—J. Earl Moreland (*)*

Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, DCA No. 5, page 195, column 3 (DB-84), Paragraph 1370 by deleting the word “*shall*” found in lines twenty-six and forty-eight, and substituting therefor the word “*may*,” making the action permissive rather than mandatory, so that Paragraph 1370, as amended, will read as follows:—

In the first sentence of Par. 1370 after “a given state” insert **or region**; at the end of the same sentence delete *in the state*. In the second sentence of Par. 1370 delete *Section of Secondary and Higher Education* and insert **Division of Educational Institutions**. Add this sentence: **The Inter-Conference Commission MAY elect a State or Regional Director of Student work whose duties and responsibilities shall be determined by the Commission in co-operation with the Executive Secretaries of the Annual Conference Boards of Education involved.**

Par. 1370 as amended will read as follows:—

Par. 1370. The Boards of Education of the Annual Conferences of a given State or Region shall create at the beginning of each quadrennium an Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious Work to co-ordinate all Inter-Collegiate Work of the Methodist Student Movement and to give general oversight to student work at the institutions of higher learning. It shall have such powers and responsibilities as the Conference Boards of Education, in consultation with the **Division of Educational Institutions** shall delegate to it. **The Inter-Conference Commission MAY elect a State or Regional Director of Student Work whose duties and responsibilities shall be determined by the Commis-**

sion in co-operation with the Executive Secretaries of the Annual Conference Boards of Education involved.

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, stated at first that he could not accept the proposed amendment of Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC), but that after consultation with the members of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education on the platform he would accept the proposed amendment of Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC) if there was no objection raised by any member of the Standing Committee on Education, or by any member of The General Conference. No objection being raised by anyone, the proposed amendment of Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC) was accepted.

Question—Mack B. Stokes—Reply—J. Earl Moreland ()*
—Amendment—Mack B. Stokes

Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) asked the following question concerning the meaning of Paragraph 1376, section 2, DCA No. 5, page 197, column 1:—

“I should like to ask the Chairman of this Committee if there is any further statement concerning this Paragraph that the Committee would like to make to this group?”

Answer—J. Earl Moreland ()*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, answered, as follows:—

“I believe that the matter is before us clearly, Mr. Chairman, as set forth. It was our thought that there should be provision, as it is explained in Paragraph 1 at the top of page 197, that we should clarify the ways whereby In-Service Training could be given. And we think this is clarified.

May I read part of that, if you would care to have that?”

Amendment—Mack B. Stokes—Substitute, Norman L. Trott, Accepted

Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) moved to amend (DB-85) Paragraph 1376, Section 2, DCA No. 5, page 197, column 1, as follows:—

“I move that we amend the Paragraph in such a way as to retain the current legislation of the 1952 *Discipline* in Paragraph 1376, Section 2, which states that the Correspondence Work of the Church shall be related (as specified) to one or more of our established Schools of Theology.”

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, stated that

the Committee could not accept the proposed amendment of Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE)

The proposed amendment of Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) being duly seconded, Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) spoke to same as follows:—

"First of all, the problem that is here involved is the problem of authorizing a kind of legislation which would remove the Correspondence Courses from any connection with Theological Schools, which has historically been maintained.

First, I think it is important for The General Conference to know that this is the possibility that is involved. It is not inevitable, but it is a possibility. The proposed changes in *The Daily Advocate*, page 197, to which I referred, could as I say, remove all of these Schools from historic association with the Schools of Theology in The Methodist Church.

I should like to urge that this connection between the Correspondence Schools—the Correspondence Courses—and our Schools of Theology ought not to be broken. At best, Members of The Conference, Correspondence Courses are probably the poorest form of education and they need all the academic support that we can give them. They ought to be taken under the Department of Ministerial Training, of course, but in connection with a School of Theology or with a number of Schools of Theology. This gives the work prestige. It makes possible efficient administration and academically qualified graders of papers.

As it now is, this Correspondence work is subject not only to the Department of Ministerial Education, it is also subject to the review of qualified Theological faculties. This is not the time, in my judgment, to lower our standards regarding the educational qualifications of the Ministry.

There is another thing here. It is possible for the present connection with Theological Schools to be retained, in keeping with the proposed change here as recorded in *The Daily Advocate*, but there is no directive in it.

I strongly regret to see a proposed change in the current *Discipline* which could involve far-reaching consequences, without any statement spelling out what is involved here. Some years ago I heard the story about the young lady who complained because the fellows never paid any attention to her. She was complaining to her aunt and her aunt said, 'Now, listen, Mary, you quit complaining. There is a boy for every girl and a girl for every boy, and you can't improve on that.'

She said, 'I don't want to improve on it. I just want to get in on it!'

What we want to do is to get in on the democratic procedure of which we all approve. I should like, therefore, to amend this portion of the Report to retain the present statement in the *Discipline*, Paragraph 1376, Section 2, pertaining to Theological Schools.

Thank you."

Reply—J. Earl Moreland ()*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Committee on Education, replied as follows:—

"May I say that after careful study of this Area, and careful and not inconsiderable debate in the Committee, that the plan we recom-

ment we feel is the wiser plan. I may say we are returning to the plan in which this was carried forward, many, many years before we had it in the way to which reference is now made.

I should like Dr. Gross of the Division of the Board of Education to make a statement on this."

Statement—John O. Gross

John O. Gross (Kentucky—SE), General Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of The Methodist Church, made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, Members of The Conference: This matter is an administrative matter that is before the section on Ministerial Education. A very competent Commission consisted of Dr. Claude Garrison, of this General Conference, Dr. Donald Maynard of Boston University School of Theology, and Dr. Charles C. Grimes, Southern Methodist University. These men made a study of the procedures and decided that the administration of Correspondence Work should be vested in the office of the Director of In-Service Training.

Furthermore, it was the feeling that the distribution of the papers, and so on, should be given a wider stretch than in two Seminaries, reaching into all the Seminaries, perhaps, of the Church who desired to handle some of this work.

It was further felt in connection with this that the administrative matter which was presented by the Committee's Report was too long to try to be spelled out in the *Discipline* itself. This short, concise statement vests in the decision of the Department of Ministerial Administration full responsibility for operating the Correspondence Work. Furthermore, it will make possible the necessary carrying through of the exact intent, as expressed by Dr. Stokes, in the former *Discipline*.

Furthermore, in this connection, we do not hesitate to say that we are trying to move as far away from Correspondence Work as we can, putting the emphasis upon approved Pastor Supply Schools to operate where men go to school, rather than to work by Correspondence."

Questions—William R. Cannon—Answers—John O. Gross

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE), Dean of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, asked a series of questions of John O. Gross (Kentucky—SE), General Secretary of the Department of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, which were answered as follows:—

"The first question is, will all of the 10 Seminaries of Methodism participate in this new arrangement so that the papers will be graded entirely by theological professors?

John O. Gross: The answer is that the papers will be graded by theological professors.

William R. Cannon: Will all 10 Seminaries participate on an equitable basis?

John O. Gross: That is an administrative matter that cannot be answered categorically.

William R. Cannon: Will the papers be mailed directly to the professors and returned directly, or must they be processed through Nashville, which will entail several mailings, adding extraordinary expense to the Church?

John O. Gross: That is again an administrative matter on which I do not have details.

William R. Cannon: Will the theological professors participate in the Standards laid down in this form of education, or will those Standards be arranged through the Department of In-Service-Training in Nashville?

John O. Gross: The Department of Ministerial Education has on it representatives from the Theological Schools who participate in the working out of the details of that Department. There is no limitation on the Agenda that comes to that particular group except the limitation that is imposed in connection with the findings of the institutions themselves.

William R. Cannon: Were these theological representatives in the group consulted when this was done, when these plans were made? Do we have a blueprint of the plans?

J. Earl Moreland: Yes, they were consulted.

William R. Cannon: I was one of the six, I believe, and I have not yet seen the plan.

John O. Gross: Mr. Chairman, the plan was presented for the organization of the Program at the 1955 session of the Board of Education, presented in mimeographed form by a Committee, which I have just mentioned. The details of the administration have not been presented to the Board of Education for the reason they were not completed until after the meeting of the Board in January, 1956.

I repeat, a Member of this General Conference, Dr. Claude Garrison, was a member of the Committee that prepared the administrative procedures."

For Amendment—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE) spoke in favor of the amendment proposed by Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I have finished my questions, but may I make one statement in support of Dr. Stokes' amendment. The statement is simply this: that I do not believe The General Conference should ever be called upon to pass loop-hole legislation. This changes not the administration alone, but the whole policy of this form of education. We have had it connected with the School of Theology since unification. In the old Southern Church it has been connected with Schools of Theology for 40 years.

Now, I am not asking that for Emory alone. I want that clearly understood. I would insist that all 10 Seminaries participate in it. However, I do urge that the Theological Schools be responsible for this and not an Agency of the Church, which cannot deal with the administrative and academic procedures of Ministerial Education."

Closes Debate—J. Earl Moreland ()*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the

Standing Legislative Committee on Education, made the closing statement for the Committee, as follows:—

“I would like to make a statement before we take the vote. We believe this is a very wise procedure. It will allow participation as was indicated by Dean Cannon of all 10 Seminaries, and will not be restricted to one or two Seminaries.

Moreover, we believe it is important for this General Conference to know that this assists us immeasurably in the proper continued administration of this vitally important Program.

Therefore it is a closely co-operative procedure between the Department of Ministerial Education, of the Board of Education, and the Seminaries. We hope you will sustain it.”

Substitute to Amendment—Norman L. Trott—Accepted—J. Earl Moreland ()*

Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE) moved as a substitute for the proposed amendment of Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) the following (DB—86):—

“Amend Paragraph 1376, Section 2, DCA No. 5, page 197, column 1, by adding the words, **“IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS,”** to follow the words, “school or through correspondence,” found in lines thirty-eight and fifty-nine, DCA No. 5, page 197, column 1, so that the amended Paragraph 1376 will read as follows:—

In the first sentence of sub-paragraph 1 of Par. 1376 change *Section* to **Department**; delete *in the field of In-Service Training*. In the second sentence delete *Short-term Schools for Ministers, which shall be known as*; after “Pastors’ Schools” delete the period and insert **which shall be of two kinds: a. Short-term Schools to provide Programs of inspiration and**; after “instruction for all Ministers” delete *and where advisable shall*; insert a semi-colon and **b. Schools which**; after “offer work in the” delete *curriculum of the*; after “Courses of Study” insert a period and delete *for Undergraduate and Approved Supply Pastors*. Delete *Within an Annual Conference the administration of these Courses of Study, which shall require extensive written work in addition to instruction in a Pastors’ School, shall be under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications*.

Delete the entire sub-paragraph 2 of Par. 1376 and substitute the following: 2 All work in the Course of Study for those admitted under Paragraph 321, Sub-paragraph 3, and Paragraph 323, Sub-Paragraph 2 and for administering the Sacraments under the provisions of Paragraph 308, shall be taken under the direction of the Department of Ministerial Education either in an Approved Pastors’ School or through correspondence **IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS**.

Par. 1376 as amended will read:

Par. 1376. 1. The Department shall have a direct relationship with the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. (See Par. 639-42. It shall co-operate with these and other Conference Boards in organizing, financing, and conducting Pastors’ Schools

which shall be of two kinds: a. Short-term Schools to provide Programs of inspiration and instruction for all Ministers; b. Schools which offer work in the Courses of Study.

2. All work in the Course of Study for those admitted under Paragraph 321, Sub-paragraph 3, and Paragraph 323, Sub-paragraph 3, and for Administering the Sacraments under the provisions of Paragraph 308, shall be taken under the direction of the Department of Ministerial Education in either an approved Pastors' School or through correspondence IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

Amendment Accepted—J. Earl Moreland ()*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, stated the Committee would accept the substitute, if there was no objection from any members of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, or from any member of The General Conference. There was no objection raised.

Statements—Mack B. Stokes—William R. Cannon—Bishop Costen J. Harrell—Norman L. Trott

The following statements were made, in also accepting the proposed substitute of Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE) :—

By Mack B. Stokes (Holston—SE) :—

"Mr. Chairman, I do not want to accept anything that would leave it so that the association would be merely that of faculty members being on it. I think there needs to be some local supervision in connection with the Theological Seminaries, all 10 of them. If that thought is included in Dr. Trott's substitute then I should accept it. Otherwise I have in mind something a little bit different.

Bishop Harrell: Dr. Trott, is that idea included in your Amendment?

Norman L. Trott: That is definitely what I had in mind.

Mack B. Stokes: If that is the sense of the substitute I accept it, sir.

Bishop Harrell: It is accepted and becomes part of the amendment."

By William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE) :—

"I join Dr. Stokes in saying that we gladly and graciously accept that. That is exactly what we want. It brings the Theological Schools into the picture."

Resolution—R. Franklin Thompson—Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell, A Separate Matter

R. Franklin Thompson (Pacific Northwest—W) requested to further amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Committee on Education by the inclusion of a Resolution expressing the appreciation of The General Conference of The Methodist Church to the Ford Foundation for their gifts to Methodist colleges and universities.

Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

“I think that is a separate matter. If you will let us clear this I will recognize you then.”

No. 2—Education—Adopted

Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, as amended, Calendar No. 29, Subject, “Legislation Pertaining to the Division of Educational Institutions,” DCA No. 5, page 193, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 193, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 195, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 196, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 197, columns 1, 2 and 3 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1442.

Resolution Re Ford Foundation—R. Franklin Thompson—Adopted

Motion of R. Franklin Thompson (Pacific Northwest—W), duly seconded, prevailed, adopting the following Resolution concerning the Ford Foundation (DB-87) :—

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE FORD FOUNDATION

Inasmuch as Methodism was born in historic Oxford University,

Inasmuch as Methodism has founded and nurtured one hundred sixteen existing Colleges and Universities, and

Inasmuch as The Ford Foundation has given these Methodist Colleges and Universities over twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) as a part of its generous and historic philanthropies Program,

Therefore Be It Resolved, That The General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, this 4th day of May, 1956, express to The Ford Foundation its deep and profound gratitude for this statesmanlike stewardship to the educational challenge of the age.

(Signed) R. Franklin Thompson

No. 3—Education—“Section of the Episcopal Address Dealing With Education”—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 37, Subject, “Section of the Episcopal Address Dealing With Education,” DCA No. 6, page 237, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 of the Standing Committee on Education was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1461.

Question—The Judicial Council—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, stated that the Second Ballot for Ministerial Reserve Members of

The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church had resulted in "No election," and inquired if The General Conference desired to take another ballot now or wait until after recess, which was imminent.

Extend Time for Another Ballot—Embree H. Blackard—Adopted

Motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE), duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended for the taking of the Third Ballot for Reserve Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Results Second Ballot for Ministerial Reserves—Luther W. Wells (*)

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers read the results of the Second Ballot for Ministerial Reserve Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, as follows:—

Total number of Votes cast 666; void 32; total number of good votes 634; necessary for a choice 318.

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)	279
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)	264
John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)	168
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)	155
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)	117
Dallas L. Browning (Indiana—NC)	94
Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)	92
Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)	88

No one having received the required number of votes, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, declared the results to be "No election."

Question—Donald T. Strong (*)—Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Donald T. Strong (*) (Michigan—NC) made the following motion:—

"Mr. Chairman, I move that the Rule regarding majority vote as contained in Paragraph 901, 1956 *Discipline*, Article 2 be suspended, and that we cast one more ballot, and the two Ministers receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected."

Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"I do not think that is in order. I think in an election of this kind we have to have a genuine election, and cannot use that kind of device."

**Third Ballot for Ministerial Reserves The Judicial Council
—Luther W. Wells (*)**

Under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers, the Third Ballot for the two remaining Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, was spread. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, declared the ballot to be closed. The Tellers collected the votes and retired to count the same, under the direction of Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers.

Recess

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, declared The General Conference to be in Recess, the hour of recess having arrived.

Reconvene—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

At the conclusion of the Recess period, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference of The Methodist Church to order to complete the business of the morning session of the Ninth Day, Friday, May 4, 1956, and announced that James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music would announce a Hymn, and then after the singing of the Hymn, present the Special Singers of the morning.

Hymn 268—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 268, "Are Ye Able, Said the Master." The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of this great Hymn of the Church.

**Male A Cappella Chorus Nebraska Wesleyan University—
James R. Houghton (*)—Leonard Paulson (*)**

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, presented the Male A Cappella Chorus of Nebraska Wesleyan University, and their Director, Leonard Paulson (*), stating that the group had come at their own expense to sing for The General Conference.

The Male A Cappella Chorus of Nebraska Wesleyan University, under the direction of Leonard Paulson (*) their Director, rendered the following selections:—

"Bless The Lord, O My Soul" by Ippolitof-Ivanof

"Salvation Is Created" by Tschesnokoff

"Let Us Break Bread Together" by Montague

Thanks—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, in well chosen words, expressed to Director Leonard Paulson (*) and the members of the Male A Cappella Chorus of Nebraska Wesleyan University, the hearty thanks of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, for their presence and inspiring music.

Results Third Ballot for Ministerial Reserve Members of The Judicial Council—Luther W. Wells (*)—Ralph Taylor Alton—Harry A. Hanson

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Ballots and Tellers announced the results of the Third Ballot for Ministerial Reserve Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, as follows (DB-89) :—

Total votes cast 635; void 13; total number of good votes 622; necessary for a choice 312.

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)	412
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)	345
John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE)	153
Albert S. Trulock (South Georgia—SE)	124
Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC)	58
Dallas L. Browning (Indiana—NC)	40
Everett E. Jackman (Nebraska—SC)	33
Ray Wilson (Detroit—NC)	28

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, announced that Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) and Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS) each having received more than the required number of votes had been elected Reserve Ministerial Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, term of office to expire 1960, thus completing the panel of Reserve Ministerial and Reserve Lay Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

The Judicial Council

The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church is composed of the following:— (*) indicates Layman

President:—J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington—C)

Vice-President:—Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania—NE)

Secretary:—Ralph M. Houston (New York East—NE)

Terms expiring 1960

Ralph M. Houston (New York East—NE)

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama—SE) (A)

J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas—SC)

Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC)
Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) (A)

Terms expiring 1964

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC)
Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania—NE)
R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC)
J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington—C)
Donald A. Odell (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

((A) Note:—Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama—SE) term expiring 1960, resigned, and The Judicial Council elevated Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) who had been elected as a Reserve Lay Member, term expiring 1964, to take his place.)

Reserves—Terms expiring 1960

Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE)
Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC)
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)
Vincent A. Clarke (*) (New England—NE)
F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE)
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC)

Reserves Terms expiring 1964

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)
Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)
Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W)
Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) (A)
Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC)
Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)

((A) Note:—Paul R. Ervin (*) was elevated by The Judicial Council to fill the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Clarence M. Dannelly (*) term expiring 1960.)

Thanks—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, expressed his personal thanks and the thanks of The General Conference to Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE) and to his co-laborers for a task, well done.

Thanks—Luther W. Wells (*)

Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE), Secretary of Bal-lots and Tellers made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman, may I have a word to personally thank the Chairman of the four Divisions, and the Tellers for their help they gave me in this important task, and to express my appreciation to the Presiding Bishops, and to The General Conference for their fine co-operation.”

seconded, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds vote of The General Conference, and the Previous Question on the pending matter was ordered.

Amendment—Frederick E. Maser—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Frederick E. Maser (Philadelphia—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 3 Presented—"Bishops Elected By Central Conferences"
—Frank W. Bevan

2nd. Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) presented Paragraph 4 of Section II, DCA No. 5, page 203, column 1, Subject, "Bishops Elected By Central Conferences," of Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, which reads as follows:—

4. Travel of any Bishop elected by a Central Conference coming to the United States for an official meeting shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to the seat of the meeting and return, and his expenses in the United States shall be paid for not more than one week previous to the official meeting and for not more than one week following the adjournment of the official meeting. Bishops wishing to stay in the United States for a longer period for cultivation purposes may make such arrangements with the Board of Missions.

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) then made the following statement:—

"Referred to the Council also was paragraph 4, under Section 2, Bishops Elected By Central Conferences, which you will find in the first column on page 203.

The Council on World Service and Finance reaffirms its position as stated in paragraph 4, under Section 2.

However, it should be stated to The General Conference that as heretofore, as has been the practice of the Council under the Budget for the Episcopal Fund, that the Council will give consideration as it has always done to unusual circumstances or to hardship cases."

Amendment—Lester W. Auman—Not Adopted

Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) moved to amend Paragraph 4 of Section II of Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, "Bishops Elected by Central Conferences," DCA No. 5, page 203, column 1, by deleting the words "one week" in lines seven and nine of said Section 4, and substituting therefor the words "two weeks," so that the amended Section 4 will read (DB-91):—

4. Travel of any Bishop elected by a Central Conference coming to the United States for an official meeting shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to the seat of the meeting and return, and his expenses in the United States shall be paid for not more than two weeks previous

to the official meeting and for not more than two weeks following the adjournment of the official meeting. Bishops wishing to stay in the United States for a longer period for cultivation purposes may make such arrangements with the Board of Missions.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"I think this extra week that we are asking for these Central Conference Bishops may be very well used. Bishop Mondol in 1928 came to America as a young Delegate to The General Conference. He spoke in my church and made such an impression that the church gave him a Ford car for his work. Ever since that day, twenty-eight years ago, that church has supported the work of India under Bishop Mondol from \$600 to \$1000 a year—each year.

I feel that these Bishops in this extra time that they have, can lay the foundation for greatly increasing the funds for our Overseas work. Of course, they can work through the Board of Missions as is stated here, but the point is that if it is only a week or two, that is hardly enough time to do anything, make any arrangement with the Board of Missions.

When they do speak, they are not likely to receive hundred dollar honorariums, but more likely \$10 or \$15. I certainly and sincerely hope that this amendment to keep this two weeks instead of one week, will prevail."

For Amendment—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, there is more than a financial consideration here. There is again a principle. We are a world Church and when these Central Conference Bishops come here, this slight courtesy should be afforded them. To say that they can have only one week in the United States—by the time they cross the continent and get to their meeting, and one week afterwards, hurrying them in and hurrying them out, is certainly not the type of courtesy which we should afford to the dignity of Bishops of the Central Conferences representing world Methodism."

Closes Debate—Frank W. Bevan

Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) closed the debate on Section 4 of Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, Members of the Conference: It is understood, of course, that Bishops elected by the Central Conferences are not hurried out of the United States. As far as the Council on World Service and Finance is concerned, they can stay one week, two weeks, three weeks, four weeks, or five weeks. It does not make any difference to us. What we are concerned about is the fact that when they stay, their length of stay shall not be a charge against the Episcopal Fund. If they wish to stay for cultivation and do the kind of work that Brother Auman speaks about, then of course their schedule is set up by the Board of Missions, and that is all to the good.

What we are concerned about here, is that the Bishops elected by Central Conferences and all other Bishops shall be constantly reminded that we pay the bills through the Episcopal Fund. We have no intention whatsoever to make of the Central Conference Bishops a class other than real Bishops in The Methodist Church. We think this is a fair arrangement. We believe it is just and fair not only to the Bishops, but also to the Church at large.

This matter of honorarium for a Bishop from Overseas is a rather complicated thing. The reference that was made to a Bishop who flew from one city to another, received an honorarium of \$15, is an interesting story which has been discussed in The Council of Bishops. It is not as it appears to be, to The General Conference. These are matters that are discussed within the Council, and we do not think that they are matters that ought to be discussed in detail before The General Conference.

However, this is a more interesting and more significant problem than The General Conference is aware of. We believe that this recommendation is fair and just to everybody concerned."

Questions—Edward W. Foote—Answers—Frank W. Bevan

Edward W. Foote (Minnesota—NC) asked a series of questions which were answered by Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) as follows:—

"I have a point of information. May I ask for information regarding the relationship of this item No. 4 on page 203, as related to the item No. 10 on 202; the wording is a bit different but the expense item is not limited there for Bishops moving from the United States to other Areas of Methodism, across the world, for conferences or official meetings.

Is there any reference or any understanding of limitation that moves from west-to-east or east-to-west?

Frank W. Bevan: Yes, there is a very definite understanding with each member of The Council of Bishops that the Episcopal Fund not pay for side trips that are sightseeing, or have family connections, or just of pure personal interest. Well, when Bishops go from the United States Overseas, they are on a very tight schedule. They go by the shortest route. They return by the shortest route, as far as the Episcopal Fund is concerned.

Edward W. Foote: Mr. Chairman, I think that answers in part, but I am wondering on the time limitation. We have specified one week, and now an amendment for two weeks before and after. Is that time lapse also in the picture as far as our Council is concerned, from the Jurisdictions to the other countries?

Frank W. Bevan: In actual practice it is, sir.

Edward W. Foote: But it is a general understanding; it is not a specific ruling of The General Conference as this item, No. 4 on page 203?

Frank W. Bevan: That is right, sir. We have not spelled it out.

Edward W. Foote: Thank you."

Further Information Sought—Orris G. Robinson—Answers—Frank W. Bevan—Thomas B. Lugg

Orris G. Robinson (Baltimore—NE) asked for further

information. The answers were given by Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE) and Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC), General Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, as follows:—

“My question is one of information for The General Conference. Could you tell us what the average salary of the Central Conferences Bishops is?”

Frank W. Bevan: I think, Mr. Chairman, that Dr. Lugg has that information. The Budgets for the Central Conferences are set up by the Central Conferences. The Episcopal Fund makes a contribution to their Budget as they request it, and as it is determined by the Council.

However, I will ask Dr. Lugg to speak to that. That is a technical matter.

Thomas B. Lugg: (Illinois, NC): Mr. Chairman, the salaries for Bishops elected by Central Conferences are essentially determined by the Central Conference. The Central Conference sets up a Committee on Episcopacy. The Committee on Episcopacy reports to the Central Conference its recommendation for salary, house rent, travel, office expense, and so on.

That Budget is set up and sent to the Council on World Service and Finance, and so far as my memory goes, on immediate notice, each recommendation has been accepted over the past eight to twelve years. I think that perhaps twelve years ago there was a slight change, but since then the recommendation of the Central Conference has been accepted.

Now, they vary quite greatly, depending on the part of the country, depending on the strength of The Methodist Church they are in. Any average would not tell the story at all, because it is all relevant.

Orris G. Robinson: Mr. Chairman, that is not answering my question. What is the range, then? We will put it any way you want to so we can get an idea how much salary these men are getting. I know of one whose salary is \$2200.

Thomas B. Lugg: I don't have those facts here before me, at the moment, but I think that was four or eight years ago that he had that salary. If you are talking about a Bishop in the Central Conference, I think the salary is the lowest—it is \$3,000—for cash.

Further Information Requested—Chester A. Smith ()—
Given—Frank W. Bevan*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked for further information which was given by Frank Bevan (Troy—NE) as follows:—

“First, what control does the Church have through your Council over the visits by the Bishops abroad? I notice a great many of them go abroad. What control do you have over that; do you have any control there?”

Frank W. Bevan: I think, Mr. Chairman, if I am not mistaken, Members of the Conference, that the overseas trips by Bishops elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences, is determined by The Council of Bishops.

Chester A. Smith: The second question Mr. Chairman, is our balance in the Episcopal Fund, which would be used with reference to this matter particularly, the sum of one million dollars?

Frank W. Bevan: The balance, the surplus in the Episcopal Fund, is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$700,000.

The 2 per cent that we voted will not meet the Episcopal Budget for the quadrennium as it has been set up. In order to meet the Budget, we will have to use part of the surplus; and the surplus that we have, as you understand, is a working balance that we must have in order to meet the contingencies that arise from time to time."

Previous Question—B. B. Black—Ordered

On motion of B. B. Black (South Carolina—SE), duly seconded, the Previous Question was ordered in all matters pending in relation to the consideration of and action on Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote of The General Conference.

Amendment—Lester W. Auman—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Section II, No. 3—Adopted

The recommendation of the Council on World Service and Finance, paragraph 4 of Section II of Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, "Bishops Elected by Central Conferences," *DCA* No. 5, page 203, column 1, on motion of Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE), duly seconded, was adopted as follows:—

4. Travel of any Bishop elected by a Central Conference coming to the United States for an official meeting shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to the seat of the meeting and return, and his expenses in the United States shall be paid for not more than one week previous to the official meeting and for not more than one week following the adjournment of the official meeting. Bishops wishing to stay in the United States for a longer period for cultivation purposes may make such arrangements with the Board of Missions.

No. 3—World Service and Finance—"The Episcopal Fund"—Adopted

Report No. 3 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, "The Episcopal Fund," *DCA* No. 5, page 201, column 3; page 202, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 203, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 204, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 205, columns 1 and 2, on motion of Frank W. Bevan (Troy—NE), duly seconded, was adopted as a whole. For Report see Appendix, page 1998.

No. 14—Chairmen—Statement—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I think you begin to see why the Committee on Chairmen could not recommend an earlier adjournment time than we have recommended. It is certainly up to this Conference to move the business along, if you do not expect our concluding session, our morning session on Monday, to end up by midnight on Monday.

Therefore I believe that we should be conscious of this and without undue haste move the business along. When we come to some of these Amendments, which should not require very much debate, we know the way by which to bring The Conference at the time to the vote.”

**Amendment to Rules—Everett W. Palmer—A. Wesley Pugh
—Not Adopted**

Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to amend the procedure on debate as follows:—

“Since debate on each question is limited to four speakers, that after two speakers have spoken from the front half of the auditorium, two speakers from the back half of the auditorium be permitted to speak, if there are Delegates in the section who desire to speak.”

The motion to thus amend the procedure of debate, being duly seconded, Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, this is a condition which has obtained throughout the entire Conference. It is no reflection upon any Presiding Officer. Unless the Presiding Officer is equipped with unusual vision or some aid to vision the Delegates in the last half of the auditorium do not have the opportunity always to get the floor. I hope we will support this motion.”

Against Amending Procedure on Debate—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, spoke against the proposed amendment of Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W) as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, in the first place I think the Delegate who just spoke made an error in the statement he made. Our motion did not limit debate on every subject to four speeches. It limited debate on Amendments to four speeches, not on the main question.

Further, it would seem to me that we ought to hold to our Rules that we have established. Our Presiding Officers are eminently fair. I have been in the back row most of the time and I have seen a good many people get recognition back there. I think we are all right.”

Amendment—Everett W. Palmer—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W) to the Rules of debate, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Calendar Resumed—Charles D. White—Lay Activities—Ray H. Nichols (*)

Under the direction of Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE), Calendar Secretary, consideration of and action on Reports on the Calendar was resumed.

No. 1—Lay Activities—Ray H. Nichols (*)—“District Board of Lay Activities”—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 2. Subject, “District Board of Lay Activities,” *DCA* No. 3, page 119, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1520.

No. 2—Lay Activities—Ray H. Nichols (*)—“Methodist Men”—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 3, Subject, “Methodist Men,” *DCA* No. 3, page 119, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1521.

No. 3—Lay Activities—“Laymen’s Day”—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Withdrawn

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 6, Subject, “Laymen’s Day,” *DCA* No. 5, page 150, column 2, stating that the Committee had reconsidered Report No. 3, had voted Non-concurrence and requested that the said Report No. 3 be withdrawn from the Calendar. On motion of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, duly seconded, Report No. 3 of the Committee was withdrawn from the Calendar. For Report see Appendix, page 1521.

No. 4—Lay Activities—“Changing The Term Charge Lay Leader To Church Lay Leader”—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman

of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 12, Subject, "Changing The Term Charge Lay Leader To Church Lay Leader," DCA No. 5, page 189, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1522.

In connection with presentation of Report No. 4, Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, made the following statement:—

"In connection with Report No. 4 I think I should make reference to an editorial conflict between the action we took with reference to the Charge Lay Leader and the Church Lay Leader, that it is in conflict with a Memorial approved yesterday from another Committee, which simply brought forward the old *Discipline* provision.

It is our understanding that approval of this Resolution would be authorization for the Book Editors to make this conform with the Paragraph adopted yesterday. That Paragraph adopted yesterday was simply routine and not really germane to the action of that Committee."

The General Conference, by unanimous common consent, authorized the Book Editors to make the changes, as indicated.

No. 5—Lay Activities—"Election Of Church Lay Leader And Publication Of Names"—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Withdrawn

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 13, Subject, "Election Of Church Lay Leader And Publication Of Names," and requested common consent to withdraw Report No. 5. Common consent being unanimously granted, Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Committee on Lay Activities, withdrew Report No. 5 for the Committee. For Report see Appendix, page 1523.

No. 6—Lay Activities—"Report Of The General Board Of Lay Activities"—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 6 for the Committee, Calendar No. 14, Subject, "Report Of The General Board Of Lay Activities," DCA No. 5, page 189, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 6 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1524.

No. 7—Lay Activities—“Achieving The Objectives Of Methodist Men”—Ray H. Nichols—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 18, Subject, “Achieving The Objectives Of Methodist Men,” *DCA* No. 5, page 190, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1524.

No. 8—Lay Activities—“Report Of The Second Assembly Of The World Council Of Churches”—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 25, Subject, “Report Of The Second Assembly Of The World Council Of Churches,” *DCA* No. 5, page 192, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For report see Appendix, page 1525.

Questions Concerning Reports Lay Activities—Harold E. Burns—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Murray H. Leiffer—Mrs. John H. Werner (*)

Harold E. Burns (Erie—NE) raised a point of information which was answered by Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Secretary of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, point of information.

Mr. Nichols, I should like to know if in Report No. 5 the withdrawing of that section of the Report means that we are not requesting the publication of the names and addresses of Church Lay Leaders in Conference Journals?

Ray H. Nichols: No, it does not mean that.

Bishop Harrell: Give the page number.

Ray H. Nichols: Page 189. I think a statement from the Editors will be helpful. Murray Leiffer, Chairman of the Committee on Correlation.

Murray H. Leiffer: There are two legislative recommendations which request the District Superintendent to report names and addresses of certain persons. This particular Report, and also Report 27 from the Committee on the Ministry.

Since two of the proposed actions make the Superintendent responsible, the Committee on Correlation proposes that these directives become part of one inclusive statement and that this be placed under Paragraph 362 in the *Discipline*. You may recall that 362 lists all of the duties of the District Superintendent.

We therefore propose this as an action to cover both Reports.

Now, this is one of a series of items under duties of the District Superintendent.

Bishop Harrell: That will come before the Conference later, will it not?

Murray H. Leiffer: This can come as a substitute which has been accepted by both Committees, or it can come as a separate Report.

Ray H. Nichols: As to the question, it is not easy to eliminate that provision but to have it in the manner just suggested. When this matter comes before us, it will be included as an amendment from the other Committee and will be covered in order that the desire to have the names and addresses of the Lay Leaders printed in the Conference Journal will be included in the legislation to come up later."

Information Requested—Mrs. John H. Werner ()—Answered—Ray H. Nichols (*)*

Mrs. John H. Werner (*) (Baltimore—NE) raised a question for information and the answer was given by Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, as follows:—

"On page 190, under Report No. 7, under paragraph 267, subsection 2, they say, 'To co-operate with the Commission on Stewardship and Finance.' I realize that there will come another Report before this Conference recommending the change of the name from Commission on Finance to Commission on Stewardship. At this time the name has not been changed. May I ask the method of procedure?

Ray H. Nichols: With reference to that point, it will be understood that our covering motion will authorize the Editors of the *Discipline* to make this legislation conform with any subsequent legislation."

Calendar—Charles D. White—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale

Under the direction of Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE), Calendar Secretary, Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman, were taken up as follows:—

**No. 1—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
"Local Church Commission On Membership And Evangelism"—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 4, Subject, "Local Church Commission On Membership And Evangelism," *DCA* No. 4, page 150, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1527.

**No. 2—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
“A Mission To America”—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 5, Subject, “A Mission To America,” *DCA* No. 4, page 150, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1528.

**No. 3—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
“Observance Of Day Of Pentecost”—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 7, Subject, “Observance Of Day Of Pentecost,” *DCA* No. 4, page 150, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1528.

**No. 4—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
“Annual Conference Board Of Evangelism”—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 8, Subject, “Annual Conference Board Of Evangelism,” *DCA* No. 4, page 150, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1529.

**No. 5—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
“Monthly Report Of Commission On Membership And
Evangelism To Official Board”—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 9, Subject, “Monthly Report Of Commission On Membership And Evangelism To Official Board,” *DCA*, No. 4, page 150, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1529.

**No. 8—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
“Chairman Of Local Church Commission On Membership
And Evangelism”—Referred**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Mem-

bership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 10, Subject, "Chairman Of Local Church Commission On Membership And Evangelism," *DCA* No. 4, column 3 and page 151, column 1, and moved its reference to the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. The motion to refer, being duly seconded, Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee, spoke to the motion to refer as follows:—

Our Calendar Report No. 10 and our Committee Report No. 8 refers to the matter of having the Chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism elected at the fourth Quarterly Conference. There is other legislation to come before us respecting this and, therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move to refer this Report to the Committee on Correlation, with the instruction to report back to The Conference after comparable proposals from other Legislative Committees are received also.

The motion to refer was adopted.

**No. 10—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
"Personnel Of General Board Of Evangelism"—
AMENDED—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 15, Subject, "Personnel Of General Board Of Evangelism," *DCA* No. 5, page 189, columns 2 and 3, and requested common consent to insert the words, **"TWELVE MEMBERS FROM THE CHURCH-AT-LARGE, TO BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD,"** which had been inadvertently omitted by the printer, at the beginning of the bold-face type in line twenty-two of Report No. 10, so that the amended Report No. 10 will read as follows:—

That the portion of Chapter VIII, Sec. III, Paragraph 1468 Art. 3 membership that refers to Youth Members and reads as follows (beginning with line seven): ". . . three Youth Members elected by the National Conference of Methodist Youth; and twelve Members from the Church-at-Large, to be elected by the Board. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled in the following manner: those occurring among the Bishops to be filled by The Council of Bishops; those occurring in the memberships of the Jurisdictions to be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs; those occurring among the Youth Members to be filled by the National Conference of Methodist Youth; and those occurring in the Membership at Large to be filled by the Board itself," be changed to read as follows (beginning with line seven): ". . . **TWELVE MEMBERS FROM THE CHURCH-AT-LARGE, TO BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD;** three Youth Members, twenty-three years of age or under at the time of their election, nominated by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and elected by the Board. In making the nominations to the Board, the National Conference of Methodist Youth, in consultation with the

appropriate Staff of the Board involved, shall consider suggestions of nominations made by Annual Conference Methodist Fellowships and State or similar Units of The Methodist Student Movement. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth. The Chairman of the Program Area of Christian Witness of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission shall be one of the three youth members."

Ray W. Ragsdale, Chairman
Mrs. Ralph K. Surface (*), Secretary

Common consent being unanimously granted by The General Conference, the words inadvertently omitted by the printer were inserted at the proper place.

Question—Embree H. Blackard—Answer—Ray W. Ragsdale

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) asked if this Report No. 10, would enlarge the membership of the General Board of Evangelism, as by previous action of The General Conference in the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council on Wednesday, May 2, 1956, the membership of the various General Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church were to remain the same during the quadrennium of 1956-1960.

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee answered that the membership of the General Board of Evangelism was not enlarged by Report No. 10 of the Committee.

On the motion of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1531.

**No. 11—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
"Transfer Of A Church Member"—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 16, Subject, "Transfer Of A Church Member," DCA No. 5, page 189, column 3 and page 190, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1532.

**No. 12—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
"Duties Of Commission On Membership And Evangelism"—
—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Mem-

bership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 17, Subject, "Duties Of Commission On Membership And Evangelism," *DCA* No. 5, page 190, column 1, and his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1532.

**No. 13—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
"Chairman And Vice-Chairman Of District Committee On
Evangelism"—Action Deferred**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, and made two requests concerning Report No. 13, as follows:—

1st. Stated that the Subject should read, "Chairman And Vice-Chairman Of District Committee **ON** Evangelism," instead of "Chairman And Vice-Chairman Of District Committee **AND** Evangelism," a printer's error.

2nd. Asked permission to hold Report No. 13 for consideration of and action on until a later time, when a companion recommendation would be presented for consideration of and action on by The General Conference. By unanimous common consent, this request was granted.

**No. 14—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
"Pages 18-25 Of Report Second Assembly Of The World
Council Of Churches"—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 76, Subject, "Pages 18-25 Of Report Of Second Assembly Of The World Council Of Churches," *DCA* No. 8, page 373, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1534.

**No. 15—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
"A Bible Emphasis During The Quadrennium 1956-1960"
—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 77, Subject, "A Bible Emphasis During The Quadrennium 1956-1960," *DCA* No. 8, page 373, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1534.

**No. 16—Membership and Evangelism—Ray W. Ragsdale—
“Opportunity For Evangelism”—Amended—Ralph Taylor
Alton—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 78, Subject, “Opportunity For Evangelism,” DCA No. 8, page 373, column 2, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—Ralph Taylor Alton—Accepted—Ray W. Ragsdale

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) raised a question which was answered by Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism as follows:—

“With regard to this matter and the matter just adopted, they are a part of a group of recommendations which my study indicates to me will be presented by different Commissions concerning Quadrennial Emphases; and in implementing them I wonder if it is the plan that these be referred to the Quadrennial Commission on the Local Church in the Annual Conference which we adopted the other day on the recommendation of the Co-ordinating Council.

Ray Ragsdale: I am sure, sir, this could be done very well. It was our thought not to be in competition with the Quadrennial Program at all, but simply to give additional grist to the mill.

Ralph Taylor Alton: As I read the Report of that Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church, it indicated as points of emphasis to which this seems to me to refer, and I would like to have a correlation between this recommendation and that of the Quadrennial Committee on the Annual Conference level, which would seem to me to implement this motion.”

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, accepted the suggestion of Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC), there being no objection raised by any member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, or by any member of The General Conference.

Report No. 16 of the Committee was then adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1535.

**No. 17—Membership and Evangelism—“Membership Of
Abandoned Churches”—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted**

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 79, Subject, “Membership Of

Abandoned Churches," DCA No. 8, page 373, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1536.

Amendment Proposed—Chester A. Smith ()—Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell—Not Reconsidered*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 17 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, just adopted.

Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"Wait one minute, Brother Smith. The Chair certainly desired not to cut off any discussion, but this Report has already been approved, and if you wish to go back to it, it will be necessary for us to move reconsideration."

Motion to Reconsider—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to reconsider Report No. 17 of the General Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism. The motion was duly seconded, but on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Question—Mrs. Helen C. Waters ()—Answer—Ray W. Ragsdale*

Mrs. Helen C. Waters (*) (Delaware—C), a member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, inquired of the Chairman of the Committee what disposition had been made of Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 120, Subject, "Engaging Evangelistic Help," and Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California—W), Chairman of the Committee, stated the Report No. 18 would be presented later.

Calendar—Ministry—Charles D. White—Clergy Rights for Women

Under the direction of Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE), Calendar Secretary, Reports from the Standing Legislative Committee on the Ministry, were next considered.

No. 2—Ministry—"Clergy Rights For Women"—James S. Chubb—Minority Report—J. Dewey Muir

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented

Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 26, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women," DCA No. 5, page 192, column 3, with a Minority Report, DCA No. 9, page 439, column 3, and moved that the Rules be suspended for the consideration of and action on the Minority Report, which had appeared in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this morning. The motion to suspend the Rules for the purpose indicated, being duly seconded, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds vote of The General Conference.

Amendment—James S. Chubb—Approved

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, stated that the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision had suggested that the words, "*the foregoing*," found in line one of Paragraph 313, at the bottom of Majority Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry be deleted, and the word "**all**," be substituted therefor, so that Paragraph 313, as amended will read, as follows:—

"Women are included in **all** provisions except that **only unmarried women and widows may apply** as candidates for the traveling ministry or continue therein."

By unanimous common consent of The General Conference, the proposed amendment of James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, was approved.

Report No. 2 Presented—James S. Chubb—R. Marvin Stuart

At the request of James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, R. Marvin Stuart (California-Nevada—W) Chairman of the Sub-Committee, preparing Majority Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented the same to The General Conference.

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, before presenting R. Marvin Stuart (Nebraska-California—W) made the following statement:—

"Now, you have before you, of course, the Report to which all of us have been looking forward. It has been discussed pro and con. I think there is nothing new about it. It is before you now and in order that you might have the story of how we worked on it in this Committee of The General Conference, I have asked R. Marvin Stuart of the California-Nevada Conference, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, to present it."

R. Marvin Stuart (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Sub-Committee presented Majority Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, and made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I must confess that when I was made Chairman of this particular Sub-Committee and looked at the number of Memorials we had to consider, I felt as if the roof had fallen in on me.

This might not have been true had I had more experience in prior Conferences in working with either a Committee or Sub-Committee, but I immediately recognized, as did the members of our Sub-Committee, that we had an issue before us which must be considered very carefully.

As you know, there were more than 2000 Memorials on this subject.

Our first decision was to divide these Memorials among members of the Committee in groups of two members of the Committee, and each Memorial was considered; that is, we looked at all the Memorials.

After we had done this and following a period of informal discussion, we decided that we would ask each member of the Committee to express his or her opinion about this matter, raising questions or more particularly at this point indicating the point of view held by each person.

After this was done we agreed that we would take a straw vote on one matter, a clear-cut straw vote on Full Clergy Rights For Women—period.—or not.

When we had taken this straw vote by ballot, we realized that we had seven on one side and seven on the other.

We then came back and spent a number of hours in working on this.

Let me say that each one continued, without any thought of pressure, to think about this and to consider each point carefully.

I'd like to say that out of the Committee on Ministry, two members of that Committee are on this particular Committee.

One woman on our Sub-Committee said, “I came here to fight for Full Clergy Rights For Women,” but she said it with a smile, which is quite different from an experience I had in the Seminary when I had the opportunity to preach my first sermon.

I had come from a conservative background, and when I arrived at the Seminary I was under the false impression that the faculty members and student body lacked a real religious experience, and so I could hardly wait until my first opportunity in preaching clothes when I could at least convert the professor and members of that class.

I worked hard on that sermon. I remember the subject, ‘Redemptive Creation,’ from the text ‘Create in me a clean heart, O God.’

When I finished what I thought was a very persuasive presentation, my professor sat on the edge of the desk and said, “Marvin, your sermon would have been much more persuasive when, as you spoke about love, you had not gritted your teeth and pounded the desk so hard.”

Now, the women on our Committee presented the point of view which they had come to present in the spirit of love.

After we had worked through this carefully without any thought of making a motion, turning especially to the District Superintendents,

who are on our Committee, we recognized, as we went along, that we were up against two decisions; one, is this right as a matter of principle, the matter of Full Clergy Rights For Women. I think that almost, if not all, were persuaded that in principle we could not object to it.

The question then we faced, was this, are the difficulties, the practical difficulties in the way of this principle insurmountable?

We turned again, as I say, to our District Superintendents and as they presented very carefully, very persuasively some of the problems, practical problems, involved, it seemed to us that we were moving toward a conclusion which would, we realize, still be discrimination, would still be a compromise for some, but nevertheless which might be the most effective step which could be taken at this time.

Therefore, after hours of consideration, we finally came to the point where a member of the Committee presented the action which you have before you. And this Committee, which earlier in its deliberations had been divided on the more clear-cut issue, seven to seven, now unanimously approved what you have before you.

I think that gives you a careful and a complete report on the consideration and the action taken by the Sub-Committee on Full Clergy Rights for Women."

Question—William R. Cannon—Statement—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE) asked the question if the Majority Report should not be perfected before the Minority Report is presented, and cited Rule 23 of The Rules of Order, which reads as follows:—

Rule 23. PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTES

When a Resolution or Committee Report is properly before The Conference for consideration and action (even if amendments thereto are pending), a substitute therefor may be offered by any member moving that the same may be substituted for the Resolution or Report under consideration. The motion to substitute may not be considered or put, however, until the original Report or Resolution is perfected, including consideration of and action on any amendments to it which may have been offered. The Conference may terminate this perfecting process by ordering the Previous Question on the motion to adopt to Report or Resolution. If this be done, the vote shall immediately be taken on any amendments, to the Report or Resolution then pending, but the vote shall not be taken on the adoption of the Report or Resolution or on making the substitution until the substitute is also perfected. The main question, or Report, or Resolution, having been perfected, the substitute shall be considered, which consideration may be terminated at any time by ordering the Previous Question, in which case, after action on any amendments to the substitute then pending, the vote shall be taken on the motion to substitute. After this, without further notice, debate or amendment, the vote shall be taken on the motion to adopt, if the Previous Question thereon was ordered as above indicated as being allowable, or if it was ordered later. In the course of the foregoing perfecting process in the case of either the main question or the substitute, or both, the time to be consumed in presenting, considering and acting on amendments may be limited by action of The Conference. If this be done, the Previous Question may not be put on the adoption of the Report or Resolution, or on making the proposed

substitution until two members (including the Chairman of Committee presenting the Report and the member presenting the Substitute, if the pending question is the adoption of a Report of a Committee) shall have spoken on each side of the proposal to substitute or adopt, as the case may be, after the motions to amend, if there be any, have been acted upon if there be those who desire so to speak.

Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“We are presenting the Reports. We will perfect the Majority Report and perfect the Minority Report before a vote is taken.”

Notice of Proposed Amendment—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE) stated that he desired to make an amendment to Report No. 2 before it is finally put.

**Minority Report Presented with Request—J. Dewey Muir—
Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell**

J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) presented the Minority Report attached to the Majority Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 26, Subject, “Clergy Rights For Women,” DCA No. 9, page 439, column 3, making the following statement:—

“My name is Dewey Muir from the Illinois Conference, a Ministerial Delegate, presenting, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference, the Minority Report which you will find on page 439 of *The Daily Advocate*, Report No. 2. This is numbered 26 and 2.

Dewey Muir: I am requesting, Mr. Chairman, if it is possible, that in this Report, if the Substitute Report is not adopted the privilege of presenting to The General Conference another Substitute Report, which would not come from the Minority Committee but from myself, will be granted.

Bishop Harrell: I do not know a Rule by which that may be done.

Dewey Muir: I will ask for the privilege later.

Bishop Harrell: Very well, you ask for the privilege later and The Conference can act as it sees fit.”

Statement—J. Dewey Muir

In presenting the Minority Report, attached to Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, “Clergy Rights For Women,” DCA No. 9, page 439, column 3, J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) made the following statement:—

“I will not take your time to read the preliminaries. It is the recommendation of the Minority group, nine of us who have participated or are participating in this, calling to your attention that in the General

Committee the vote was 40 to 32, which does not indicate any unanimity of opinion.

Our recommendation is that **Therefore It Be Resolved That this General Conference retain its present policy as it relates to candidates for the traveling ministry as stated in Paragraph 313, Discipline of 1952.**

The ability to preach and to give leadership in the Church is not in any sense determined by sex. This is acknowledged. That some women have done excellent and outstanding work and service, is recognized. Ability to preach, to give leadership, have little to do with the real issue of granting Full Ministerial Rights to Women.

The General Conference has been deluged with a multiplicity of Memorials dealing with this question. Not all of these Memorials were in agreement that Full Clergy Rights should be granted to women. Without examination, however, one might assume that the multiplicity of these Memorials is a mandate from the churches and Conferences.

Upon examination of these Memorials, because of their similarity of statement, one may well conclude that they have come from a limited segment of the Church. Since the burden of these Memorials has to do with Full Clergy Rights For Women, let us raise this question: what are Full Clergy Rights and how are they constituted?

Ministerial rights we believe are vested in ordination rather than in Conference membership. Ordination is now available to the women of Methodism. We remind you that ordination, either as Deacon or Elder, gives to every recipient thereof, male or female, traveling preacher or local preacher, exactly the same rights, privileges, and prerogatives. There is no ministerial function or service which can be performed by an Ordained Elder who is a member of an Annual Conference, which cannot be performed by a Local Elder, man or woman.

The issue then becomes the sole matter of Ministerial Membership in an Annual Conference. It is the judgment of the Ministerial Members of the Committee on the Ministry that such request as has come before The General Conference is based upon a general theory that basically no privilege should be granted one sex which is denied to the other. In that noble sentiment we share. However, we are facing the realistic problems of administration of the law of the Church. It is at this point that our conclusions differ from the Majority Report.

We submit to you that the proposed legislation is an admission of the administrative problems involved, for it proposes that admission to Conference Membership shall be restricted to unmarried women and widows, and further provides that upon marriage, Conference Membership of a traveling woman preacher shall be discontinued.

We remind you that our traveling ministry operates within an appointive system in which ministering to churches where appointed, and churches accept pastors appointed to them. If the proposed legislation is enacted, let us not assume that women preachers will be sent to little churches, to undesirable churches, to undesirable circuits, or places no one else wishes to fill.

Rather, let it be assumed that any church to which a Bishop sees fit to appoint a Minister will accept that appointment without raising any question as to the sex of the Minister. In other words, admitting women to the traveling ministry ought never to be restrictive as to appointment, but open the way for appointment of a woman Minister to any church in Methodism.

We remind you that when any person is admitted as a Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference, the presiding Bishop must appoint

that person to a pastoral charge. If our Charges operated upon a Call System, the proposed legislation would present no problem, for under such a system a church would issue a call only to a minister whom the congregation desired.

Under our appointive system, every Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference must be appointed to a Pastoral Charge or some Special Appointment of the Conference, whether there is a Charge that wants that Minister or not.

I am keenly aware of the problems involved in appointing some men to churches, yet no church has said, 'No, we just do not want a man preacher.' Yet in trying to appoint even good women ministers—and I remind you that I come from one of the Annual Conferences of Methodism which has in its ministerial membership a woman member, plus our quota of women who are Approved Supply Pastors—yet in trying to appoint good women pastors, ministers, it is not uncommon for the answer to be, 'We just do not want a woman minister.'

In this, if they are—which we agree to, aside from the fact of the differences dependent on the fact that God created his children male and female, there ought to be no difference of standard or privilege based upon differences of sex.

Practically, until those demanding such legislation are committed not only to the legislation but to the receiving of women traveling preachers, not in general but in particular as Pastors of their own particular Charges, we are of the opinion that our present legislation, which does provide for ordination of women with all the rights appertaining thereto, but without membership in the Ministerial Membership of an Annual Conference, is best for our particular Church.

I trust that The General Conference, not out of any spirit of division, not out of any spirit of ill-will, but only with a sense of the importance of the problem of administration, will see fit to adopt the Substitute Report.

Thank you."

Substitute Offered—Leonard D. Slutz ()—Not Adopted*

Leonard D. Slutz (Ohio—NC) presented a Substitute for the Majority Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, as follows (DB-92) :—

"I move that Paragraph 313 of the *Discipline* be amended to read as follows:

'Women are eligible for all Orders of the ministry and full Conference Membership, *provided*, however, that a woman may be left without appointment, and thereby located, whenever the Bishop and Cabinet are satisfied that all reasonable efforts have been made and no suitable Appointment for her can be found.

'Her status and pension rights shall then be the same as those of a minister who has located at his own request.'

The motion to thus substitute, being duly seconded, Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), spoke to the same, as follows :—

"Mr. Chairman, we have had the issue very well defined for us by these two presentations. We have been told that both groups desire to

end discrimination but they are concerned with a practical problem, so we have been told we will reduce discrimination.

I submit that we would retain discrimination at one of the most important points. If my children are to be educated in the Sunday school, I would prefer that to be under the leadership of a married woman, rather than a single woman. I feel that a married woman with a normal family life is on the average better fitted to lead our Church than is a single woman.

We have been told, however, that there is a distinct problem, a practical problem, that of obtaining Appointments. I have talked with many District Superintendents on that score who say that that is the real objection.

Then, on the other hand, I have talked with as many as I could reach, of the women who were favoring this legislation. They say this substitute would be discrimination, but would be acceptable. They say that what they are looking for is to be treated as equals. They want equal rights and equal opportunity, where they are acceptable. They say they do not want a guaranteed appointment or a sure job or a guaranteed annual wage. But they want a right to be accepted where the church is willing to have them and where they can serve.

Therefore, I move this substitute."

Rulings—Bishop Costen J. Harrell—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, asked this question:—

"You are offering this as a Substitute to the Substitute?"

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) replied, as follows:—

"No, I am offering this as a Substitute to the Majority Report, which is the item before us for perfection."

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, made the following Ruling:—

"The Minority Report is in the form of a Substitute. It may be offered as an amendment to the Minority Report, if you so desire."

Time of Adjournment—Ruling—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

The hour of adjournment having arrived, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, made the following Ruling:—

"Now we are at the time of adjournment, and the Chair can recognize no one else."

The Secretary will please make the necessary announcements.

Announcements—Lud H. Estes—Leon T. Moore

Announcements were made by Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary, and Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate.

No. 15—Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

We are pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer at the session for Saturday morning, May 5, 1956, will be Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, until the Recess period; that from the recess period until adjournment, Saturday morning, May 5, 1956, the Presiding Officer will be Bishop J. Waskom Pickett of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference.

(Signed) H. Hughes Wagner, Chairman
William R. Cannon, Secretary

Thanks—Gavel—Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Bishop Costen J. Harrell thanked The General Conference for their courtesy and efficiency in helping to conduct the business of the morning's session.

Speaking of the gavel used at this session, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"The gavel I hold in my hand is not an old one. It is not connected with the past, but with a dream and a future. It speaks of a glorious piece of work that has been approved by our Church, and that is being undertaken, a Liberal Arts College in Alaska. Let it be a symbol of that task achieved."

**Adjournment—Report No. 2—Clergy Rights for Women
Pending—Benediction—Bishop James C. Baker**

The morning session of the Ninth Day, Friday, May 4, 1956, adjourned at 12:30 P.M. with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop James C. Baker, Retired, with further consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Clergy Rights for Women," and a Minority Report attached thereto, pending.

TENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1956

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop Willis J. King

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the afternoon session of the Tenth Day, Friday, May 4, 1956, in the Municipal Auditorium of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop Willis J. King, of the Overseas Service, and also of the New Orleans Area, Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair with consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar 26, *DCA* No. 5, page 192, Column 3, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women," with a Minority Report attached, *DCA* No. 9, page 439, column 3, pending.

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, stated that James R. Houghton, General Conference Director of Music, would announce the Hymn.

Hymn No. 342—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 342, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of the Hymn, under the leadership of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music.

Prayer—Bishop Edgar A. Love

Bishop Edgar A. Love, of the Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdiction, then led in prayer.

No. 15—Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made Report No. 15 of the Committee, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: The Committee of Chairmen feel that we have begun to make real progress in our consideration and adoption of the Reports of our Legislative Committees, and we urge you to continue this very fine record that you have been making so that we shall give proper attention to all important matters and get through on time and without too much haste.

The Committee would like to say this, that our Committee on the State of the Church has worked long and hard and had intended to have printed in this morning's *Advocate* three Reports. These Reports your Committee feels should be presented tomorrow morning. They

will be printed in the *Advocate* tomorrow. The Chairman of the Committee feels that while these are very important and have to do with the Social Creed, Family Life, and matters of that kind, that probably only one of these Reports will elicit debate. I am simply alerting the Conference now to the fact that tomorrow morning, at the suggestion of the Committee of Chairmen, we shall ask that the Rules be suspended and that these three Reports be considered following the recess probably of tomorrow, and following the Order of the Day which we have established then.

It would be after the Order of the Day, following Recess.

The point is that if you can find an occasion before the session tomorrow morning or sometime during the morning to read these three Reports from the State of the Church carefully, you will then feel that you had an opportunity to think about them, and after 12 o'clock, after noon then, we will ask that they be considered."

Business Session—Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Willis J. King—No. 2 Ministry and Minority Report

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made a statement regarding the parliamentary situation, as follows:—

"We shall resume The General Conference by Calendar No. 26. The Report is No. 2 that is before us. That has to be presented. There was an amendment made. I think we were under process of discussing that when we closed."

Against Substitute—Allen B. Rice

Allen B. Rice (Northwest Indiana—NC) spoke against the proposed substitute of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), as follows:—

"I am one of those peculiar individuals that is neither fish nor fowl. I am a District Superintendent, neither Minister nor Layman so far as I can see. I am speaking to this last amendment that was made. I am against discrimination, any kind of discrimination, and particularly that which throws in the lap of the Cabinet the solution of such a ticklish and difficult problem as would be involved in the matter of deciding on their part whether or not a woman in such a position was or was not capable of being appointed.

I think that is the kind of a difficult spot to put the Cabinet of any Conference in without the action of the Conference in particular. I certainly would be opposed, and I have a feeling that the District Superintendents who are here in some numbers have enough trouble of their own already without being given this extra onerous kind of duty. I certainly am opposed to it."

For Substitute—Claude Garrison

Claude Garrison (Ohio—NC) spoke for the proposed substitute of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), as follows:—

"Members of the Conference, I belong to this same class which Brother Rice described as neither fish nor fowl, but I differ in opinion with him. It seems to me that under this amendment the Cabinet, the

Bishop and the Cabinet have a directive that if and when it becomes impossible to make an appointment for a given individual and all possibilities of such an appointment have been exhausted by the Bishop and his Cabinet, it is clearly out of their hands. I favor the amendment as it has been presented."

Substitute—Marvin L. Boyd—Rulings—Bishop Willis J. King

Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC) desiring to offer a Substitute, asked for the ruling of the Presiding Officer on this point, as follows:—

Bishop King: Are you for the amendment or against it?

Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—NC): Against.

I would like to offer a substitution and to inquire whether it is in order at this time.

Bishop King: There can be, as I understand it, one amendment to an amendment.

Marvin L. Boyd: Yes, sir.

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Bishop King: We will give you opportunity, sir.

Against Substitute—Robert H. Duncan

Robert H. Duncan (Holston—SE) spoke against the proposed substitute of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I am opposed to the amendment.

I do believe that it raises a question that is not fair to men and women. I would not vote for such a Rule applying to us men.

I have an idea that other people, other Conferences, find the problem we have; namely, that many men would not get Appointments except that we have a Rule now that every man must be given an Appointment.

I feel like we should not have a Rule, a law, that would label people and suggest that churches might close their doors to these Pastors.

I am against the amendment, Mr. Chairman, because I believe it does not get at the problem before us. It seems to me that the problem is the matter of women rearing a family and that is avoided in the original Majority Report when it applies to women who are not rearing families.

I am opposed to the amendment."

Speaks to Pending Question—Henry Lyle Lambdin

Henry Lyle Lambdin (Newark—NE) spoke to the pending matters, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, a great question can be discussed on any one of several different levels.

The tendency in the discussion of the question concerning the admission of women into Full Conference Membership tends to drift always to the administrative level. The arguments seem to center around the perplexity of the District Superintendent who is trying to promote the Reverend Jane Doe, let us say, from Hardscrabble Circuit to the First Church of Licksillet.

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"As I understand it, may I state the situation as I understand it? You have the amendment offered by Dr. Slutz.

The Rules say that we may have two speeches on either side, or both sides. I am not quite clear whether we have exhausted that or not, that is the situation."

Point of Order—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) raised the Point of Order that already we have had more than two speakers on each side of the proposed amendment of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) and that if the Rules were not suspended, that speeches should be at an end on the substitute proposed by Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC).

Information and Question—John R. Wilkins ()—Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King*

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) called attention to the Constitution of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 22 of the 1952 *Discipline*, which reads as follows:—

¶ 22. *Art. II.*—The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all Constitutional Amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to The General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its Ministerial Members, and on the ordination of Ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to The General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the Lay Members may not vote on matters of Ordination, Character, and Conference Relations of Ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as The General Conference under the Constitution may determine.

and raised the following question:—

"Now, under the Constitution this matter is in the hands of the Annual Conference. Can a General Conference legislate and delegate that to the Cabinet?"

Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"The matter before us at the moment, sir, is the vote on this amendment. By the Rules we have had two speakers on both sides. The question now before you is the vote."

Questions—Merrill C. Johnson—Answers—Bishop Willis J. King

Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) asked the following questions, which were ruled upon by Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, as follows:—

"I have a point of information or interpretation. When an amendment is to substitute, sir, that limits debate on the original Report, does it not? If we adopt the substitute we do not debate the original Report.

Bishop King: This, sir, is not a substitute. It is an amendment, and we are clarifying the original motion.

Merrill C. Johnson: It is an amendment to substitute. If we adopt this, we do not adopt the other.

Bishop King: The Chair understands that it is an amendment to the original Report and this discussion is made with a view of clarifying and perfecting the original Report.

Merrill C. Johnson: I beg to differ."

Speaks to Pending Amendment—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, spoke to the pending substitute of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, we did not quite know what to say about this. This is very much in the spirit of the same legislation you find in the Majority Report. We find ourselves inclined to enthusiastically continue to support the Majority Report because it is a compromise legislation. It opens the door and enables us to get rid of another form of discrimination. I hope you defeat the substitution."

Substitute Amended by Common Consent—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

In view of the Constitutional question raised by James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) asked common consent of The General Conference to amend his proposed substitute by inserting the words, **"WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE,"** between the words, "may be left without appointment," and, "thereby located," so that the amended amendment will read (DB-93):—

"Women are eligible for all Orders of the ministry and full Conference membership; *provided*, however that a woman may be left without appointment, and **WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**, thereby located whenever the Bishop and Cabinet are satisfied that all reasonable efforts have been made and no suitable appointment for her can be found. Her status and pension rights shall then be the same as those of a minister who has been located at his own request."

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the insertion of the aforesaid words.

Amended Substitute Not Adopted—Leonard D. Slutz ()
—Ernest W. Peterson*

A request being made by The General Conference for a

reading of the proposed amended amendment of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Secretary of Documents, read the amended amendment as set forth above.

The proposed amended substitute of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

*Substitute—Amendment—C. Anderson Davis—Not Adopted
—Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King*

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) stated that he wished to make a substitute motion to the Majority Report at this time.

Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

“You are not in order, sir. There is a substitute, which is the Minority Report. You can only make an amendment this time.”

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) moved to amend the Majority Report by deleting the words (DB-94), “*that only unmarried women and widows may apply.*”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I am of the opinion that if we should pass this legislation without striking out this particular sentence we would still be discriminating against a large group of our women. In our own Annual Conference of the five women who are preachers, four of them are married women. These four married women have no children, or no home responsibility.

It seems there are many women who are married who would be more capable of carrying on this ministry than the women who are not married and those who are working.”

Point of Order—Norman L. Trott—Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE) raised the following Point of Order:—

“Mr. Chairman, as I understand it we have a Minority Report before us, a substitute for the Majority Report. This gentleman is submitting an amendment to the Majority Report, and should be out of order.”

Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"No. It is the Majority Report that is being perfected, sir, and being clarified. So he is in order if he is offering an amendment to the Majority Report."

Speech Resumed—C. Anderson Davis

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) resumed his speech, as follows:—

"I do not believe, Bishop and Members of The Conference, that we should discriminate against any of the women. It is the same type of thing that prevailed when women were trying to get suffrage, to vote. If we discriminate against our women in this particular thing it does away with the whole principle of women having equal rights in any field.

Women who go into the field of medicine, into the field of law and similar fields do not crowd it and do not create a problem.

I do not feel they would create a problem in the ministry. I feel that they would bring much dignity and add much to it. The District Superintendents and the Bishop have great problems at times placing our men who are in the ministry, and I am sure they would not have any more trouble placing the women."

Previous Question—Olin D. Jackson—Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota—NC) moved the Previous Question on the Minority Report.

Statement—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, asked if the Previous Question was moved on the pending amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C)?

Olin D. Jackson (Minnesota—NC) stated his Previous Question was on the Minority Report.

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"The Minority Report is not before us, sir. We are trying to perfect the Majority Report."

For Amendment—Everett W. Palmer

Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak in support of the amendment. We are in agreement, I think, by and large, that the principle at stake we support. Our problem is at the point of administration. We say it is more difficult to administer. However, we have two Paragraphs in the *Discipline*, Par. 375 and Par. 377, which will enable us, District Superintendents and Bishops, to deal with any woman who cannot be appointed satisfactorily. She can be dealt with exactly as a man can be dealt with, and that is what they want.

We give them opportunity to have Full Rights in the Clergy and to have Full Rights as Members of the Conference. Then with the Full Rights come the responsibility of meeting the standards and being able to be appointed. If they cannot be appointed as acceptable they may be persuaded to accept voluntary location, and if they cannot be persuaded there is always the possibility of resorting to involuntary location.

I believe they may be dealt with when there is an administrative problem exactly as men are dealt with when they are administrative problems.

I hope we support this amendment. We need to do this thing and we will have to do it some day. Why not do it now and do it graciously?"

Against Amendment—Joe E. Bowers

Joe E. Bowers (Oklahoma—SC) spoke against the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, theory is one thing and practice is another. We are all familiar, of course, with the fact that the *Discipline* does provide that a person may be located because of inefficiency or unacceptableness, but we also know the embarrassment that is brought to an Annual Conference when such a situation does arise.

A good deal of talk has been made about the predicament of the District Superintendent in this matter. He is not the one who is on the spot at all. Actually it is the local church. I think it should be made perfectly clear here, as was made clear formerly in a statement concerning this originally, that if we support this we should support it with the understanding that it means the local church is willing to accept the Appointment of a lady as a minister.

If we have the situation, as we have all had in our Annual Conferences and will have more repeatedly in our Annual Conferences if this substitution should pass, where an individual is unacceptable, it will not be as easy as one might think to simply bring about the embarrassing situation of publicly announcing that this person is not acceptable to be appointed, and therefore must be located.

In my honest opinion the women would be in a much poorer position with this substitute than they now are."

For Majority Report—Ashoke B. Singh ()*

Ashoke B. Singh (*) (Bengal—OS) spoke in favor of Full Clergy Rights for Women, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I want to make just a short statement. It will be for you to find out whether I am for the amendment or against the amendment. All I am for, Mr. Chairman, is for Full Clergy Rights For Women.

We from the far-flung ends of the world look up to America for inspiration and guidance in matters of progress and forward movement. I am amused at myself by the fact that I should come from the back woods of Bengal to champion the Full Clergy Rights of the all-powerful American woman.

The sentiments displayed by some of the masculine men of this Conference can be traced to our country also.

Some 50 years ago, there goes a story, a friend went to a village on a hunting expedition. There by the side of a river stood a master boatman. He asked, 'Do the crocodiles in the river cause any harm to human life?'

The master boatman smiled and casually replied, 'No harm to human life. They occasionally carry away goats and women.'

I have not yet stated my case. This is just an introduction.

Mr. Chairman, I can trace this splendid sentiment of masculine men back to England. Samuel Johnson, the famous English writer, was told that a certain woman preached remarkably. He replied, 'It may be remarkable preaching, sir, but it is not natural. Like a dog walking on his hind legs, you do not ask whether it is well done, but you are surprised that it is done at all.'

I was wondering whether such is the sentiment that you express here.

I should support Full Clergy Rights For Women."

Amendment to Amendment—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) moved to amend the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) as follows (DB-95) :—

Paragraph 313 shall read, "Women are included in all provisions, except that married women can only be so included by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the Annual Conference."

The motion to thus amend the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) being duly seconded, Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), spoke to the same as follows :—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: A day or two ago this Conference took historic action, action that moved forward upon a great principle. We moved forward against discrimination in one realm.

I believe we should with equal seriousness and similar Christian spirit face the principle involved today. It is long since the battle has been fought for equality for rights of women. In this Conference I hope that we may take equal pleasure in moving forward, in our action today, in this realm.

I have put in the safeguard of a three-fourths vote of the Annual Conferences involved. Certainly if you have that much democracy at work I can trust it and so can you.

The principle, Mr. Chairman, is a great one. Let us not be confused on this issue. Let us not lose our way in the multiplicity of amendment and parliamentary situation. The principle is, does Jesus Christ treat women as a child of God, entitled to the same privileges and rights as a man? I hope that we will not merely vote for the Majority Report and extend this right to unmarried women, but that we will likewise extend it under this safeguard of a three-fourths vote to the married women of our Methodism."

Against Amendment to Amendment—Farris F. Moore

Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) to the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I am against the amendment which has been proposed by Brother Radcliffe, but I want to ask a question. In the matter of our talking about non-discrimination, if you will simply turn to the back of the *Discipline*, on page 725, and take the word ‘deaconess’ and move it down the page, you will discover that there is a category that is set up specifically for women. They allow no man to invade it. There are dozens of categories within the work of the Church that no man is allowed to invade. If we are going to talk about discrimination let’s talk about discrimination in all of the phases of the Church’s life.

I am against it. I am in favor of retaining in the *Discipline* that which we already have.”

Against Amendment to Amendment—W. Jackson Huneycutt

W. Jackson Huneycutt (Western North Carolina—SE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) to the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I am speaking against this amendment to the amendment, because I favor Full Clergy Rights For Women, without respect of their marital status.

I would like to tell the Conference of a married woman Approved Supply Pastor, who works in Western North Carolina, who in 1953 was selected as the Rural Minister of North Carolina for the year. Her name is Mrs. C. O. Newell. She worked on the Crabtree charge and the Waynesville District for a period of six years. Part of that time was as Associate to her husband who was a Methodist Minister.

During her ministry there, four weak churches of a four-point Charge were revived; two new churches were built. At the other two points, extensive renovations were made on the sanctuaries, and educational facilities were built.

I am heartily in favor of Full Clergy Rights For Women, regardless of whether they are married or unmarried.”

For Amendment to Amendment—Lance Webb

Lance Webb (Ohio—NC) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) to the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of this Conference: I would like to speak to this issue in favor of this amendment, to bring up a point which I do not think has yet been brought up—that is, concerning our Lay Preachers.

In Ohio we have had an increase in Accepted Supplies of about 73 per cent in the last few years. I assure you we have had some very fine Local Women Preachers who have served acceptably in local charges, but it seems to me if we give them the Full Rights of belonging to the Conference, that we will be making it possible for many more women who have the ability and the training and all the qualifications, to respond to our need. Therefore, I believe that we should open the way.

This amendment, it seems to me, will remove the objections, or at least will make it possible for at least three-fourths of the vote of any Conference to decide whether a woman has the qualifications and does not have the drawbacks that would hinder her from serving acceptably. Therefore, I hope that we vote for this amendment."

Previous Question—Roy R. Roudebush (*)—Ordered

Motion of Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC), for the Previous Question on all matters pertaining to the prefecting of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, now before The General Conference, for its consideration and action on, duly seconded, prevailed by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Debate Closed—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, closed the debate on the pending matter, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I find myself very favorably impressed in its favor, but we have worked on the Committee and we got the type of compromise you would find in the Majority Report. I think perhaps on that basis and because we recognize here that we have a compromise, it would be well for the House to continue to support the Majority Report by continuing to reject the amendment."

Reading Called for—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

The General Conference requesting the reading of the proposed amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) to the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Document Secretary, at the request of Bishop Willis King, the Presiding Officer, read the amendment to the amendment, as follows:—

"Women are included in all provisions except that married women can only be so included by a three-fourths vote of the Annual Conference."

Proposed Amendment to Amendment Lynn J. Radcliffe— Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) to the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Proposed Amendment—C. Anderson Davis—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) to the Majority Report, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

For Minority Report—Lacy H. Burns

Lacy H. Burns (West Virginia—NE) rose to support the Minority Report.

Point of Order—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, raised the following Point of Order:—

“Mr. Chairman, I think the parliamentary situation is that now the substitute for the Majority Report is before you.”

For Minority Report—Lacy H. Burns

Lacy H. Burns (West Virginia—NE) stated that he was attempting to support the Minority Report.

Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“That will come before us in just a moment, sir. I want to get the gentlemen over there.”

Substitute for Majority Report—Marvin L. Boyd—Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC) requested permission to present a substitute for the Majority Report, and made the following statement:—

“I desire to introduce a substitute for the Majority Report. I was told that it was not in order at that time, and you had promised me the privilege of introducing that substitute when it comes to be in order.

The question had been called for on the perfecting of the Majority Report. I do not want to have it perfected without the privilege of offering the substitute.”

Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

“There is before us this Minority Report, which is a substitute for the Majority Report.

Marvin L. Boyd: And you are ruling that under the rules—

Bishop King: That it would have first consideration, sir. That the Minority Report would now need to be perfected before we could consider another substitute.

The Minority Report is before you now for clarification and for perfection."

Perfecting Minority Report—J. Dewey Muir

J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) spoke in favor of the Minority Report as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I do not know that there is much to do in perfecting the Minority Report, for the Minority Report simply calls for the retaining in the legislation of the Church, that legislation which already is in effect, to continue Paragraph 313 as it is presented stated.

I would like, Mr. Chairman, to make just one or two observations. First of all, I again remind you that the Report coming as the Majority Report, was adopted by the very slim majority of the Committee of 40 voting for it and 32 voting against it.

I also would call to your attention the fact that the very discussion which we have had this afternoon is at least in some measure indicative of our contention that such legislation as is proposed in the Majority Report would be very difficult to administer. Hence, Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference, it is for this reason that we bring before you this Minority Report, feeling that it should be lifted up and in your consideration, and that lest we be swept off our feet through just sentiment without considering all of the implications that are involved in administration, we submit to you this Minority Report for your decision."

For Minority Report—Mrs. Henry D. Ebner ()*

Mrs. Henry D. Ebner (*) (New Jersey—NE) spoke in favor of the Minority Report, as follows:—

"Bishop, first of all I would like to say that I think this is a very serious question that is before us, and although we have had some funny things happening, I think we should consider it in a very serious light.

I would also like to say that as a woman, as a Local Preacher in my Church, I have never felt that my Church has discriminated against me, but that wherever I wanted to serve, there seemed to be a door opened to me, to be able to serve.

I would remind you all of the many times that you have sat in a meeting where you have been privileged to see great groups of Missionaries coming to the platform, as well as groups of Deaconesses, and we have been impressed by the great number of years of service that they have given to our Church. But we have also been impressed with the fact that many of these women are beyond 50 years of age and we do not seem to be able to attract the younger women to fill up the ranks.

Now, if I were a young woman and God was calling me into full-time Christian service, I feel that the Ministry would be a very attractive field for me. I won't go into all of the details as to why it would; but if we open up another field of service for our younger women, when

at this time we do not have enough Deaconesses to work in our institutions and when we are bereft of those we need to fill up the ranks of the older Missionaries, I feel that we are making a big mistake.

I am not impressed, Bishop and Members of The Conference, Brothers and Sisters included, by the number of Memorials that have been sent in regard to this question, because I feel that many of them were sent in without the people realizing all that would be involved if this legislation were passed. I do know that of those that I have interviewed, and some in this very Conference, they said, 'Yes, we are in favor of Full Clergy Rights For Women, but I don't want a woman minister serving our church.'

Now, we do not want to discriminate further against our women, but if we enact such legislation we will find ourselves in the very embarrassing position of belittling many of our women who would be very glad to serve.

Now, there is an opportunity in our great Church for women to preach and we are very thankful for that. But before we vote on this question, those of us who might be tempted to vote to change our *Discipline* would have to answer yes to three very important questions, and I submit them in all seriousness.

First of all, if I voted yes, I would be able to say to my District Superintendent, 'Yes, send me a Woman Pastor.'

Secondly, the Ministers as well as the Laymen would have to say, 'I am willing to serve under a woman District Superintendent,' for if this goes through, we are not going to discriminate.

I do not like even to use the word 'discrimination' because in my mind it has always been connected with unhappiness and discontent. I have never felt that I needed as a woman to fight for equal rights with men. I feel I have far more rights than the men will ever have.

Furthermore, Bishop, my last question that I believe the Delegates of this Conference would have to answer in the affirmative if they vote yes, would be this: We are willing to elect a woman Bishop. Now, you may think that is rather exaggerated, but, believe me, it is not. You have had reference to the power of womanhood. I leave that to your own thinking.

I would urge that this be considered very seriously, that no more joking about it be passed around, and that you vote no when it comes to the Majority Report and that you support the Minority Report for the sake of the women of our Church."

Previous Question—A. Wesley Pugh—Not Ordered

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) moved the Previous Question on all before The General Conference. The motion was duly seconded.

Point of Order—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) raised the following Point of Order:—

"Does not our Rules provide there must be two speeches on each side of a major question like this before we move the Previous Question. I believe they do."

Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

“I think you are correct, sir.”

Against Minority Report—Mrs. Edwin S. Anderson ()*

Mrs. Edwin S. Anderson (*) (New England—NE) spoke against the Minority Report as follows:—

“I am President of the Conference Woman’s Society of Christian Service. In considering women’s place in the Church, since the early days when she was not even permitted to sit in the pew with the men of her family, to say nothing of having a voice in Church policy, to the turn of the century when she was gradually given more recognition, the present time finds women being given more recognition in all areas of service and meeting the same standards as men.

Membership in our Methodist Church has increased by nearly two million in the past fifteen years, and as a result is far short of ministers to stock adequately the churches and expand its Program. The reserve of well-trained women ministers is ignored because of tradition, thus losing valuable and much needed leadership.

Women are accepted as candidates for the ministry and are permitted to graduate from seminaries. They are permitted to perform all the services that men ministers perform, and they are required to attend the sessions of Annual Conference. Each woman minister brings her Lay Delegate. The Lay Delegate is permitted to sit within the bower of the church and has the privilege of the floor; but the woman minister has no privileges. Much of the opposition, I believe, to Full Clergy Rights is based on difficulties which may arise, should women become Conference Members. I believe that most of these difficulties are hypothetical and are magnified out of all proportion to their importance.

I should like to comment very briefly on one or two of them. We hear that the churches will not accept women ministers; but we know that some Conferences are already using them most satisfactorily. The Maine Annual Conference, for instance, has Mrs. Margaret Henrichsen, who started out with two small churches and is now serving five additional churches which had no Pastors. There are many other instances which I might cite, but time does not permit.

A woman Conference Member is guaranteed an Appointment is another one of the objections. But why not for women as well as for men, if they have equal opportunities and equal qualifications?

Occasionally a member has taken the Supernumerary Relation because for one reason or another he was not willing to accept the Appointment offered. A woman Member of a Conference would have the same privilege. A woman joining a Conference would understand the difficulties which might be encountered, and I feel sure that these difficulties would be in some way satisfactorily solved.

The churches which have given Full Clergy Rights to women have been greatly pleased with the results. The Methodist Church has always been able to adapt itself to change and should set an example in granting equal rights and opportunities of service to all its members, regardless of sex.

There is a definite trend toward giving Full Clergy Rights to qualified women, and I believe that Methodism should join that trend. After discussion with some of the District Superintendents, I am, of course, well aware of the difficulties involved in Full Clergy Rights. However, I feel that this Majority Report should be accepted and, therefore, I am speaking against the Minority Report."

Recess—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, called the attention of The General Conference to the fact that Recess was only five minutes away. By common consent The General Conference indicated that it desired to complete all matters pertaining to the consideration of and action on the Minority before Recess.

Against Minority Report—Miss Mary Lou Barnwell ()*

Miss Mary Lou Barnwell (*) (New York—NE), General Secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, spoke against the Minority Report, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I should like to make a statement regarding the second 'Whereas' in the Minority Report on page 439, the reference to recruitment of Deaconesses seems irrelevant to the subject of Clergy Rights For Women.

There is no intention to seek to recruit Deaconesses for the ministry, although Full Clergy Rights will enable any qualified Deaconess to apply for full membership in an Annual Conference, if she feels called to do so. This privilege should evoke no fear that there will be a great group of these women making application. Of 500 Deaconesses now active in The Methodist Church, all except 29 favor Full Clergy Rights For Women.

However, only 27 have any thought of possible consideration of assuming such relationship for themselves. They are primarily those who are serving in certain rural areas which are now handicapped because of the lack of sufficient number of well-trained ministers. Ten of the 27 are already serving as Supply Pastors. Full Membership in the Annual Conference will enable a greater degree of effectiveness for any minister.

We trust that the Program of Deaconess Work will in no way be confused with this issue on Clergy Rights For Women; in no way do we believe that the extension of Full Clergy Rights will affect the recruitment of Deaconesses."

Against Minority Report—Harold A. Bosley

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) was recognized and indicated he would like to speak against the Minority Report.

Point of Order—J. Dewey Muir—Sustained—Bishop Willis J. King

J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) made the Point of Order

that there had already been two speeches against the Minority Report, and therefore a third speech against the Minority Report would be out of order.

Ruling—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“That is the point we wanted to make. We need one speech in favor.”

Time Extended—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), duly seconded, prevailed that the time be extended to complete consideration of and action on the Minority Report, attached to Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, “Clergy Rights For Women.”

Statement—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: We are right now to the crucial issue which all of us recognize, as to how you vote. I suppose the issue is this, whether we are taking the daring or brand new opportunity to secure the type of woman who heretofore thought she could not actively enter the ministry.

I recognize the problems. I am a minister. I wouldn't want every woman on my Staff, but I know a couple in this Conference, if they will make application, they will get very good consideration and they would get their chance to preach regularly like the rest of us on the Staff, and I do it because of their merit, and that is exactly where we are.”

Closes Debate for Minority Report—J. Dewey Muir

J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) closed the debate for the adoption of the Minority Report, attached to Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, “Clergy Rights For Women,” with the following statement:—

“Let us understand that we move together, in whatever direction we move, seeking not only that here may be accomplished that which to the best of our ability and to the best of our particular judgment will fulfill the will of God as it relates to the ministry of The Methodist Church.

That we are of divided opinion, of course, is self-evident. Yet I am sure that those who are for this or for that are all of them trying to be motivated and guided by a spirit of love and a spirit of our Christ.

In presenting the Minority Report, the group doing so have brought in the Report without any thought of malice, without any urge of

contention, without any thought of anything other than that in our judgment it is to the best interest of our Methodist Church that we continue under the legislation under which we now operate. We do not have in our minds any thought of discrimination.

As has already been pointed out to you, so far as the functions of the Christian ministry are concerned, it is ordination which grants that privilege, and there is nothing which an ordained woman who is a member of an Annual Conference can do which she cannot do without membership other than to vote in the Annual Conference.

Already she has the same pension rights. Already she has the same privilege of the Sacraments. But we are convinced, as is evidenced even in the Report which comes from the majority of the Committee, that there are certain administrative problems which are involved.

We leave it to your hands and for your decision, and I have faith to believe that that which we propose and do shall be done only with the thought in all our minds that we are instruments in the hands of God trying to work out here not that which serves any special group, male or female, but that which serves the best interests of the Church and on-going Kingdom of our God."

J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) moved that the Minority Report, *DCA* No. 9, page 439, column 3, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women" be substituted for Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 26, *DCA* No. 5, page 192, column 3, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women."

The motion was duly seconded.

Closes Debate for Committee—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, closed the debate for the Committee, with the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I don't know, I find myself particularly proud of our Methodist women. I think they are about as capable, about as good-looking as any crowd of women I want to meet anywhere.

I don't know how the women are in your family but the one thing they don't get and want is the thing that makes them very unhappy. They tripped me up until I got smart and gave it to them. The one thing that many of them want, perhaps an overwhelming majority of them want, is the privilege, if they qualify, to become members of the Conference. Many of them think they do not get the church that they should—any Methodist minister must be used to that. We can't solve the practical problems until we have the opportunity to do so.

We have said for several quadrenniums now, 'Some day we will do it.' The time has come to do it now!

I hope you will reject the Minority Report and come speedily to a vote on the Majority Report.

I thank you.

And in the spirit of Dr. Muir, we say these things in the best of spirit, knowing that Methodists always do the things which in their judgment they think are wise and good and Christian.

Let us get on with the voting."

Minority Report Not Substituted

The vote was taken on the substitution of the Minority Report for the Majority Report, being Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women," and Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, stated that the motion to substitute the Minority Report was not adopted.

Count Vote—Adlai C. Holler—Ordered

On motion of Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE), duly seconded, a count vote was ordered by more than the required one-third vote of The General Conference, as provided in Rule 11 of the Rules of Order.

Count Vote Taken—William H. Wilcox () For 310—Against 425*

Under the direction of William H. Wilcox (*) (Oklahoma—SC), Secretary of Count Votes, a count vote was taken on substituting the Minority Report for Report No. 2, of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women," with the following results:—For substituting 310; Against substituting 425.

Bishop William J. King, the Presiding Officer, stated that the Minority Report was not substituted for Report No. 2, the Majority Report, of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women."

Recess Ordered—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: A while ago we moved to extend the time for the completion of this matter. But we did so with the idea that perhaps we were ready to vote on it. If it should develop that we are still going to debate the main question, the Majority Report, I think we owe something in courtesy to the ladies who are outside here.

We have told them that we would have a Recess at 3:45. They have been so kind to us that I believe we ought to take recess after this vote is announced, if there are to be other motions or substitutes presented."

Recess

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, declared The General Conference to be in Recess.

Reconvene—Bishop Willis J. King—Garrett Glee Club—Austin C. Lovelace—James R. Houghton (*)

At the conclusion of the Recess period, Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference to order for the completion of the business pertaining to the afternoon session of the Tenth Day, Friday, May 4, 1956, stating that James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, would present the singers.

Garrett Glee Club Presented—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, presented the Glee Club of Garrett Biblical Institute of Evanston, Illinois, and their Director, Austin C. Lovelace (*) (Rock River—NC).

Under the direction of Austin C. Lovelace (*), (Rock River—NC), the Glee Club of Garrett Biblical Institute rendered the following selections:—

"Sing Ye Praises"	Schuetz
"Out of the Depths"	Bach
"Built on the Rock"	Lindemann
"Salvation Belongeth to Our God"	Tschesnokov
"When Jesus Wept"	Billings

Thanks—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer for The General Conference, expressed thanks to Austin C. Lovelace (*) Director and the Glee Club of Garrett Biblical Institute, for their presence and their inspiring music.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"As the Chair sees the parliamentary situation it is as follows: The Minority Report was not accepted. The Majority Report is before you. Before it is presented there are two matters I would like to have you indulge the Chair in. The first is a question of privilege to Dr. J. Dewey Muir who is the Chairman of the Minority Report. The second has to do with a substitute to be offered by Dr. Marvin L. Boyd of the Northwest Texas Conference. We promised to let him have the privilege after Recess, and we feel in honor bound to do that.

I shall now be glad to have Dr. J. Dewey Muir state his privilege."

Personal Privilege—J. Dewey Muir

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, recognized J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) for a matter of high personal privilege.

J. Dewey Muir (Illinois—NC) made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I voice to you my very great appreciation for the very fine way in which you received the presentation of the Minority Report which has been before you, which you have rejected, and come now to a consideration of the Majority Report.

I am quite convinced of this: that Methodists ought not always to agree, but in this we really ought always to agree that we disagree agreeably. You have been a great crowd to present a Minority Report before, and I want you to know that personally I am deeply appreciative.

I also want to state my position: that the Minority Report having not been accepted I am swinging my support to the Majority Report, and trust that without a great deal of further debate or deliberation you will enact it as the legislation of this General Conference.”

Substitute—Marvin L. Boyd—Withdrawn

Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC) was recognized and presented a substitute for Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 26, DCA No. 5, page 192, column 3, Subject, “Clergy Rights For Women,” as follows (DB-96):—

Delete all of Paragraph 313 of the 1952 *Discipline* which reads as follows: “*Women are included in the foregoing provisions, except in so far as they apply to candidates for the traveling ministry.*”

and insert a new Paragraph to read, as follows:—

“Any Annual Conference may include women in the provisions of the *Discipline* which apply to the traveling ministry, and may establish limitations for the inclusion of women in such provisions.”

The motion to thus substitute, being duly seconded, Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I have no disposition to delay the final decision of this Conference. It is my opinion that this is one possibility which has not been before us for consideration and which should be considered before our final decision is made.

In all of these matters we have talked in terms of a principle and then of implementing that principle. It seems to me that when we permit women to be admitted in Annual Conferences anywhere we approve the principle of Clergy Rights For Women.

The chief problem is not a problem of principle but a problem of obstacles which seem to many of us in some places to be almost insurmountable. Because of that fact we believe that the Constitution of the Church places great responsibility in the matter of the traveling ministry upon the Annual Conference, and that is where it properly belongs. It is the Annual Conference that assumes the responsibility of providing for a traveling preacher once they have been admitted into the Membership of that Conference.

Now, if any Annual Conference is ready at this time to admit married women without restriction, this substitute makes that possible. It makes it possible for any Annual Conference when and if it is ready to admit women either with or without restriction to do so.

It seems to me the Annual Conference being the body which assumes the responsibility should have this privilege. Those of us who do not think our Conferences are ready certainly do not want to do anything that would prevent any Conference that is ready from admitting women under these circumstances.

We feel that when and if we should be ready, this would give us the opportunity and provide the proper procedure to make that possible.

I simply offer this in the belief that it might represent the way that would most nearly enable every Conference to do the thing which it is ready and prepared to do, and which would ultimately bring about the best solution.

Some discussion has been made along the line that if this Majority Report prevails, four years from now another step will be taken.

If this is adopted there would be no necessity for ever taking another step, for every Annual Conference would always be able to go as far in this matter as it is ready and willing to go, and it seems to me a very difficult matter to expect an Annual Conference to go any further than that until it is ready.

I think that is about all I have to say, sir."

Point of Order—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) raising a Point of Order, made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, Point of Order, if you please, sir. The Point of Order is that we are acting under the Previous Question made by Roy R. Roudebush (*) and passed by The Conference relating to the completion of the Majority Report. The Presiding Officer very courteously extended to Mr. Boyd the privilege of presenting his substitute.

It seems to me unless we back up on what we have already done, in ordering the Previous Question, that this courtesy should be curtailed pretty quickly."

Withdraws Substitute—Marvin L. Boyd

Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC) made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, if we were acting under the Previous Question then I was out of order in presenting the substitute.

Bishop King: I admitted that to begin with, Mr. Boyd. It was a matter of indulgence.

Marvin L. Boyd: I was then out of order, sir, I would like to withdraw it. I do not wish to present anything when I am not in order. I understood previously that I was out of order at that time, before Recess, and that when the time came, before somebody offered a motion on the Previous Question on all before us—the very thing that has happened—I would have the privilege to present this substitute, when

it would be in order. I do not wish to present anything if I am out of order."

Previous Question Reconsidered—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made the following statements:—

"Will the body agree to reconsider the Previous Question? As many as will agree, let it be known by a show of hands; opposed. It is reconsidered.

You are now in order, Dr. Boyd."

Statement—Marvin L. Boyd—Substitute Not Adopted

Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC) stated that he did not desire to consume the time of The General Conference, and moved the adoption of his offered substitute. The motion was duly seconded.

The motion to substitute, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Substitute—William H. Alderson—Amended—Adopted

William H. Alderson (New York East—NE) moved as a substitute for Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 26, DCA No. 5 page 192, column 3, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women," that Paragraph 313 of the 1952 *Discipline* reading as follows:—

"Par. 313. Women are included in the foregoing provisions, except in so far as they apply to candidates for the traveling ministry."

be deleted.

The motion to thus substitute, being duly seconded, William H. Alderson (New York East—NE), spoke to the same, as follows:—

"We have just voted in this Conference by a vote of 345 to 310, I think it was, that we did not want this Paragraph to remain in the *Discipline* as it is. I feel that that means we want some change at this point. If we delete Paragraph 313, we have solved the problem of discrimination which some have been calling it, and both men and women are on an equal basis, when they come before the Annual Conference for Admission. It is then wide open without any conditions whatsoever, for the Annual Conference to decide whether or not on the basis of qualifications, the man or the woman, the applicant—whichever it is—shall be admitted.

This Conference started out very cautiously on the question of discrimination. It then became very bold and, I think, Divinely led and took some great forward steps at that point. We have been very cautious on this question up to the present time. I think the moment has come for us to take this Paragraph out of the *Discipline*, which lets us start with everybody on an equal basis.

The Methodist Church has always been capable of handling situations by proper legislation, as these necessities have arisen, and if the elimination of this Paragraph creates difficulties, then in future years we can take care of those difficulties.

I hope, sir, that this motion to substitute will prevail."

No Remarks—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry stated that he had nothing further to say.

Amendment to Substitute—Zach T. Johnson—Adopted

Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE) moved to amend the substitute of William H. Alderson (New York East—NE) by changing its phraseology to read as follows (DB-98):—

Paragraph 313 when amended will read, "Women are included in the foregoing provisions, and may apply as candidates for the traveling ministry as provided for in Chapter 3 of the *Discipline*, Title—Traveling Preachers." Paragraphs 321-356.

The motion to thus amend the substitute, being duly seconded, Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE), spoke to the same as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: This is a positive approach to this, and it simply says we are willing to admit any woman who can meet the same conditions that men now meet, to enter any Conference. It leaves the matter for the Conference to decide on the basis of the general conditions laid down in the *Discipline*, and the specific requirements for admission into any Conference.

Let us give the women the perfect right to apply on the same basis as any member of any Annual Conference in Methodism. This does that."

Previous Question—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Ordered

On motion of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), duly seconded, the Previous Question was ordered in all matters pending before The General Conference.

Question—Marvin L. Boyd—Answer—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC) raised a question which was answered by Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—SC) as follows:—

"Are we to interpret the fact that a motion has been admitted for the Previous Question, to indicate that we have not been operating under the Previous Question?

It seems to me that we are either under the Previous Question or we are not under the Previous Question. We should have these motions

before us and permit debate. If we are under it, we should be under it.

Lynn J. Radcliffe: I moved the Previous Question on the main motion. We must, under our Rules, proceed to perfect the substitute which was the Minority Report.

After that is turned down, other substitutes are in order. My motion, however, precludes further discussion of substitutes and is on the entire matter that is before us."

Amendment to Substitute Read—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

At the request of The General Conference, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W) Secretary of Documents, read the proposed amendment of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE) to the proposed substitute of William H. Alderson (New York East—NE) for Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women," as follows:—

"That Paragraph 313 shall be amended to read: Women are included in the foregoing provisions and may apply as candidates for the traveling ministry as provided for in chapter 3 of the *Discipline*, Title—Traveling Preachers, paragraphs 321-356."

Result of Vote Announced—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, stated that it seemed that from the show of hands the proposed amendment of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE) was not adopted.

Count Vote Ordered—Zach T. Johnson

On motion of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE), duly seconded, a count vote was ordered by The General Conference by more than the one-third vote required by Rule 11 of the Rules of Order

Question—Russell E. Clay—Answer—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W) asked for a clear statement of the pending matter, and the answer was given by Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Secretary of Documents, at the request of the Presiding Officer, Bishop Willis J. King, as follows:—

"A YES vote would be in favor of the proposed amendment of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE) to the substitute of William H. Alderson (New York East—NE); a NO vote would be in opposition to it."

Further Calls for the Reading of Proposed Amendment

Further requests for the reading of the proposed amendment of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE) to the proposed

substitute of William H. Alderson (New York East—NE) being made, Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W) Secretary of Documents, again read the proposed amendment of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE), as follows:—

“Paragraph 313, when amended will read, ‘Women are included in the foregoing provisions and may apply as candidates for the traveling ministry as provided for in Chapter III of the *Discipline*, entitled “Traveling Preachers,” Paragraphs 321 to 356 inclusive.’”

Suggestion—W. Ralph Ward

Motion of W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) duly seconded, prevailed, that The General Conference be seated, and then the Count Vote be taken.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“You are now voting on the amendment to the substitute. The substitute proposes to eliminate Paragraph 313. The amendment to the substitute proposes to retain much of Paragraph 313, but rephrasing it, adding to it in the language that was read by the Secretary.”

Question—Leonard D. Slutz ()—Answer—Bishop Willis J. King*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) asked a question, which was answered by Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I want to ask a question of parliamentary inquiry. I want to ask the Chair if the Chair interprets this amendment to grant Full Clergy Rights To Women, which is what I understand it to be and is the reason I am for it.

Bishop King: My understanding is that this amendment grants Full Clergy Rights To Women.”

Question—Ralph Taylor Alton—Answer—Bishop Willis J. King

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) raised a question which was answered by Bishop William J. King, the Presiding Officer, as follows:—

“Bishop, I would like to ask for a judgment from the Chair, too, as to whether the substitute to which this is an amendment is not also an enactment for Full Clergy Rights For All Women.

Bishop King: I think so. What the substitute does is to eliminate any reference to women putting them in the same class as other candidates for the ministry. This proposes, as I understand it, simply to make it definite as to women.

Ralph Taylor Alton: Then, this is discriminatory legislation in favor of women.”

**Count Vote—William H. Wilcox (*) For Amendment 389—
Against 297**

Under the direction of William H. Wilcox (*) (Oklahoma—SC), Secretary of Count Votes, a Count Vote was taken on the proposed amendment of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE) and resulted, as follows:—For the amendment 389 votes, against the amendment 297.

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, announced that the substitute of William H. Alderson (New York East—NE) as amended by the proposed amendment of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE) had been adopted, and reads as follows:—

“Paragraph 313, when amended, will read, ‘Women are included in the foregoing provisions, and may apply as candidates for the traveling ministry as provided in Chapter III of the *Discipline*, entitled “Traveling Preachers,” Paragraphs 321 to 356 inclusive.’”

Motion to Adjourn—Charles P. Bowles—Not Adopted

Charles P. Bowles (Western North Carolina—SE) moved that we do now adjourn.

Point of Order—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry raised the Point of Order that The General Conference had moved to extend the time to complete all matters in connection with the consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Committee, Subject, “Clergy Rights For Women.”

Point of Order—G. Alfred Brown

G. Alfred Brown (Central Texas—SC) raised a further Point of Order that the motion to extend the time was simply for the hearing of the results of the Count Vote, and not to complete the pending legislation.

Motion to Complete Pending Matters—Asbury Smith

Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE) moved to extend the time to complete consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry. The motion was duly seconded.

Motion to Adjourn—Charles P. Bowles—Not Adopted

The motion of Charles P. Bowles (Western North Carolina—SE) that we do now adjourn, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Complete Pending Legislation—Asbury Smith—Adopted

The motion of Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE) to extend the time to complete consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women," on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Previous Question—James M. Ewing (*)—Ordered

Motion of James M. Ewing (*) (Mississippi—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, ordering the Previous Question on all pending matters before The General Conference.

Amended Substitute Adopted

The motion to substitute the substitute proposed by William H. Alderson (New York East—NE) as amended by the adopted amendment of Zach T. Johnson (Kentucky—SE) for Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 26, DCA No. 5, page 192, column 3, Subject, "Clergy Rights For Women," the Majority Report of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

No. 2—Ministry—Adopted as Amended

Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 26, DCA No. 5, page 192, column 3, Subject, "Clergy Rights for Women," as amended by substitution and amendment, was then adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1546.

Appreciation—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, thanked all parties concerned for their spirit of co-operation and courtesy in the consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Committee, Subject, "Clergy Rights for Women."

Onita McCulloh—Silent Prayer—James S. Chubb—James W. Henley

As a highly privileged matter James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, Members of The Conference, may I express to you my sincere thanks for the courtesy and your good judgment. Will you please pause a moment. Gerald McCulloh, who was to have been on the platform with us, was called home as his daughter is very, very ill.

May I not have the high courtesy of asking us to pause for one moment of silent prayer for him?

Bishop King: A matter of privilege. We will ask Dr. Henley if he will come forward to make a statement. Dr. Henley is the Pastor of Mr. McCulloh.

Dr. Henley: A host of you who are here know and love Gerald McCulloh. He was called home last night because of the severe illness, sickness of his daughter, Onita. Word has come this afternoon that Onita is at the point of death and the doctors give very little encouragement, and all of us who have heard that have been tremendously distressed.

Let me suggest, Mr. Chairman, a request to you that you invite all of us to stand in a few moments of silent prayer for this daughter of one of our own families, and for the family and those who minister to her."

The General Conference stood in silent prayer.

Announcements—Lud H. Estes—Leon T. Moore

Various announcements were made by Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, and by Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) Secretary-Designate of The General Conference.

Thanks—Gavel—Bishop Willis J. King

Bishop Willis J. King, the Presiding Officer, thanked The General Conference for the courtesy shown him this afternoon, and stated that the gavel used was presented to him by the Liberian Annual Conference, and that it is made of ivory.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop John M. Springer

The afternoon session of the Tenth Day, Friday, May 4, 1956, of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned at 5:10 P.M. with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop John M. Springer, Retired, of Africa.

TENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1956

EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy—James R. Houghton (*)—Charles I. Carpenter

Pursuant to adjournment, The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the Tenth Day, Friday, May 4, 1956, in the Municipal Auditorium at Minneapolis, Minnesota, at 7:45 P.M., with Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction, presiding, who stated that due to the absence of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), caused by a slight illness, that Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE), Chief of Air Force Chaplains, would lead the singing.

Hymn 44—Charles I. Carpenter

Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) announced Hymn No. 44, "Day Is Dying In the West." The General Conference stood, and joined in the singing of the Hymn, under the direction of Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE).

Prayer—Bishop A. Frank Smith

Still standing, The General Conference was led in prayer by Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction.

MacMurray College Choir—Charles I. Carpenter

Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) presented the Choir of MacMurray College of Jacksonville, Illinois, the Director, Henry E. Busche (*) (Illinois—NC), and the Organist, Robert Glasgow (*) (Illinois—NC).

Under the direction of Henry E. Busche (*) (Illinois—NC), Director, the MacMurray College Choir rendered the following selections:—

"Father Almighty," by Brahms

"O Magnum Mysterium," by De Victorio

"We Hasten With Feeble But Diligent Footsteps," by Bach

Thanks—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, expressed the thanks of The General Conference for the presence of the MacMurray College Choir, their Director, and the fine music they had rendered.

Announcement—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate of The General Conference made an important announcement at this time.

Recognition—Miss Georgia Harkness (*)—Lynn H. Corson

On a matter of high personal privilege Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE) was recognized, and made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman, this is a day of particular triumph and significance to one of the Members of this group who for many years has been looking forward to this moment when Full Clergy Rights For Women would be voted by this General Conference. I refer to Dr. Georgia Harkness.

I think that it is a matter only due her as a courtesy from The General Conference to express the appreciation of The Conference for this valiant fight she has waged for this cause for many years and express to her how we know that on this day she must have peculiar satisfaction in the knowledge that this fight has eventuated in final victory for her cause.

Let us salute Dr. Georgia Harkness.”

The General Conference stood in applause.

Response—Miss Georgia Harkness (*)

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) responded with the following statement:—

“I must have a moment to thank you for this very wonderful expression.

Some of you wondered why I didn't speak this afternoon. It says in the Bible there is a time to speak and a time to be silent. I thought we would do better if we let the rest of you speak. Thank you.”

Order of the Day—Recognition Service—Bishop W. Earl Ledden—Clarence M. Dannelly (*)

The Order of the Day having arrived, the Recognition Service for the Bishops who are to retire at the approaching session of their respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences, and also for those Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, who retire at this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy recognized Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Retiring Bishops Recognized—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of

Bishops of The Methodist Church invited those Bishops who are to retire at the 1956 session of their respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences to come to the platform, namely:—

Bishop Raymond L. Archer, Singapore Area, Southeastern Asia, Central Conference.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis Area, South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference.

Bishop Clare Purcell, Birmingham Area, Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Bishop Clement D. Rokey, Lucknow Area, Southern Asia Central Conference.

Bishop Ralph A. Ward, China Central Conference.

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, addressed The General Conference as follows:—

"I know it seems incongruous to have these strong leaders of the Church standing before us as Bishops who will be retired before the next session of The General Conference. They are all known, trusted and loved, and there will be full recognition at the Jurisdictional Conferences and others to which they are related; but they are also related to every one of us; in a sense they dramatize the unity of the Church and that is why you wanted them presented at this session of The General Conference.

Theodore Parker once paid a most unusual tribute to a man. He said, 'Praise be to God for three good things—the sun, the moon and Ralph Waldo Emerson.'

Now, is man dwarfed in such cosmic company? Not in the Christian view, for the only meaning there is to the world and the whole creative process is in the life and the meaning of man, and I am sure that the Christ who said how much greater than a sheep would likewise say, how much greater than the sun and the moon is a man, and when a man has devoted his life to the service of God and has given such distinguished services as these dear leaders of ours have given, we feel that there is no company in the universe that can dwarf them.

I would be inclined, Mr. Chairman, to move to amend the motion by Theodore Parker by substituting for Ralph Waldo Emerson the name of any one of these Bishops. The world has been their parish. I do not dare start to speak about any one of them individually. It would take the entire session, because there is a fascinating story that might be told about the service of any one of them, a story that is well known and will be better known as the years go by.

We do recognize them on this occasion. Before all the trumpet sound for them on the other side, a fanfare, we pray, that may be long

deferred, we sound their name before God in gratitude for their fellowship and in tribute to their shining achievements by God's grace."

Bishop W. Earl Ledden then presented the Bishops and The General Conference stood, and applauded.

**Judicial Council Members Presented—Bishop W. Earl Ledden
—Clarence M. Dannelly (*)—J. Ernest Wilkins (*)**

Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented Clarence M. Dannelly (*) of The Judicial Council, with the following statement:—

"The Judicial Council has an increasingly significant place in the life of the Church and in our sense of appreciation. At this time, I would like to call upon Dr. Clarence M. Dannelly to give recognition to some things upon the hearts of The Judicial Council, and I am sure upon ours, too."

Clarence M. Dannelly ()—J. Ernest Wilkins (*)—Presented*

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama—SE) spoke of the work of The Judicial Council in the work of The Methodist Church, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, friends of The Conference, Council of Bishops, visitors in the galleries: The Judicial Council begins its part of this period of recognition with the statement about its place of service in the work of the Church. The Judicial Council, which is included within the structural organization of The Methodist Church, is one of the three co-ordinate branches of its government, analagous, in fact, to the government of the United States with its Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches.

Division II of the Church's Constitution establishes The General Conference as the Legislative Branch.

Division III deals with the Bishops as the Executive Branch, and Division IV constitutes The Judicial Council as the Judicial Branch.

The historical development of this achievement by the Church is interesting. Prior to 1934, when The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, established The Judicial Council, the Bishops made Judicial Decisions, including Decisions on the Constitutionality and legality of the acts of The General Conference as well as of their own actions.

Prior to the United Conference in 1939, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church passed on the constitutionality and legality of Denominational Actions, including those of its own body. This was done through adopting Reports of the Judiciary Committee which made Reports as other Committees. This Committee was in existence only during The General Conference session.

The Plan of Union provided that there should be a Judicial Council and the Uniting Conference, in accepting The Judicial Council from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, established in the structure of The Methodist Church this third branch of government. The Judicial Council has tremendous responsibilities. When decisions from Bishops,

actions of your body, requests of Boards and Commissions reach this Council for review and ruling, it must act. You can realize the concern in which it acts in the light of the Constitutional provision, 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 44, that 'all decisions of The Judicial Council shall be final.'

The Judicial responsibility is discharged obviously with the hope and prayer that under God decisions will always be in accordance with the Constitution of The Methodist Church, pleasing in the sight of the Lord and profitable for the Church and the Kingdom.

Apparently there is need in the Church of more information concerning the place of The Judicial Council in the structure of the Church. It is the understanding of The Council that plans are under-way to accomplish this purpose.

And now, Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, it is my privilege to present the only officer of the Council not retiring at the end of this Conference by direction of the recognitions.

He is held in high esteem by The Council members. He is held in this high esteem for his unusual effectiveness. In addition to entering into deliberations fully, in the discussions of The Council, he is an All-America Secretary, and if he continues in that position as long as Bishop Oxnam did as Secretary of The Council of Bishops, I am sure that his associates will present him with a Paul Revere bowl.

I present a valiant associate, the Honorable J. Ernest Wilkins, prominent Chicago attorney and at present Assistant Secretary of Labor in President Eisenhower's official family.

Mr. Wilkins."

The General Conference stood, and applauded.

Recognition of the Judicial Council—J. Ernest Wilkins (*)

Deceased Members—Charles B. Ketcham—Walter C. Buckner—Walter A. Stanbury.

Retiring Members—Hawes P. Clarke—L. Dorsey Spaugy—Fred B. Noble ()—John Taylor Alton—Marvin A. Childers (*).*

Retired Members Present—Henry R. Van Deusen ()—Martin E. Lawson (*)—Wrights G. Henry, Sr.*

J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington—C), Secretary of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, made a brief statement concerning the Deceased Members, the Retiring Members, and the Retired Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church present at this session of The General Conference, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, this is neither the time nor the place when I should either admit or deny or attempt to explain the gracious remarks made by Mr. Dannelly. I hope that the historian will sometime record his prophecy as an accurate one.

During the past quadrennium The Judicial Council has lost three Members by death.

On April 2, 1953, Dr. Charles B. Ketcham, Minister from the North

East Ohio Conference and President of Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio. Dr. Ketcham was elected to The Council in 1944 and re-elected in 1952. He was Secretary of The Council from 1948 until the date of his death. He had given nine years of service on The Council.

On September 12, 1953, Dr. Walter C. Buckner, Minister from the Southern California-Arizona Conference. Dr. Buckner was elected to The Council at the Uniting Conference in 1939, re-elected in 1940 and 1948, and had served as Vice-President of The Council from 1952 until the date of his death. He had given fourteen years of service on The Council.

On March 10, 1954, Dr. Walter A. Stanbury, Minister from the Western North Carolina Conference. Dr. Stanbury had been elected to The Council in 1948 and served until the date of his death. He had given six years of service on The Council.

On the minutes of The Judicial Council are Resolutions concerning these three men. We shall not read them now, but we trust that some Member of this Conference will make it possible for us to record in the Journal of this General Conference these Resolutions.

Perhaps some of you do not know, but during this General Conference we have had in attendance Judge Henry R. Van Deusen of Pennsylvania, Judge Martin E. Lawson of Missouri and Dr. W. G. Henry, Sr., of Alabama, three of the Members which served on this Council continuously from 1939 to 1952, and two of whom served on The Judicial Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from 1934 to 1939.

Unfortunately, Judge Van Deusen and Judge Lawson had to return to their homes before this time. We do have with us, however, Dr. W. G. Henry, Sr., who has given more than fifty years of service to The Methodist Church, and I am asking you to permit me to introduce him for a bow at this time.

Dr. W. G. Henry, Sr.

Five members of the present Judicial Council come to retirement at the close of The General Conference by reason of age. It is the desire of The Council to present them to you with a few brief words of appreciation. We begin with the youngest and end with the oldest in years of service on The Council.

Dr. Hawes P. Clarke, Minister from the Virginia Conference. Dr. Clarke was elected a Reserve Member of The Judicial Council in 1949. When Dr. Buckner died on September 12, 1953, Dr. Clarke took his place on The Council. Although the years in which Dr. Clarke has had opportunity to be of service on The Council have been few, his long years of experience in the ministry and his discernment in the interpretation of the law of the Church have enabled him to make valuable contributions to the Decisions that have been before us.

Dr. L. Dorsey Spaugy, Minister from the Pittsburgh Conference. Dr. Spaugy was elected a Reserve Member of The Judicial Council in 1948. When Dr. Ketcham died on April 2, 1953, Dr. Spaugy took his place on The Council. His years of service have been few in number also but we have learned to value highly the integrity of his spirit and his thought and his rugged insistence upon an unswerving loyalty to the law as set forth in the *Discipline*.

Fred B. Noble, a Layman from the Florida Conference—SE. Dr. Noble was elected a Member of The Council 1952. All of us regret that the age limitations in our law prevent him from finishing his term. His legal experience and his long years of service in many areas of the

work of The Methodist Church have made him a very valuable member of The Council. His insight of legal interpretations and his aptness in expression have served The Council again and again in clarifying its thinking and finding proper expression for its judgments.

Dr. John Taylor Alton, Minister from the Ohio Conference. Dr. Alton was elected to The Council in 1948 and now completes eight years of service. He has served as Vice-President of The Council since July, 1954. During his years of service, The Council has had the benefit of his clear thinking and sober judgment with respect to all matters coming before The Council. His judicial mind, his wide experience in every phase of the Church work and his penetrating insight into the fundamental law and *Discipline* of the Church have made him a most valuable Member of The Council.

Marvin A. Childers, Layman from the Southwest Texas Conference, President of the Council. Only man left on The Council from the time of its organization in 1939. Elected to The Judicial Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the time of its formation in 1934, elected to The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church in 1939; re-elected in 1940 and in 1948. Has served longer than any other man in this capacity, twenty-two years of continuous service on The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church. He has been President of The Council since 1949 and has given an effective leadership to the work of The Council during the past years.

And may I say to you, because of his abiding interest in The Methodist Church, Judge Childers got up off a sick bed after two major operations less than three months ago to come here to be with us in our meeting this year.

All of these men have rendered an effective service for The Council and The Methodist Church.

I took my pencil out and added up their years of service in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Church and despite their youth the record will show that they have contributed more than 250 years of service to the Christian Church.

Certainly I consider it a great privilege and a great honor to have this privilege to present them to you, and while I do not have a vote on the floor of The Conference, Mr. Chairman, may I have the courage to request that Judge Childers, by reason of his long and faithful and efficient service to the Church, be permitted the privilege of speaking to this General Conference on behalf of our Retiring Members?"

Addresses Conference—Marvin A. Childers ()*

Marvin A. Childers (*) (Southwest Texas—SC), President of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, addressed The General Conference, as follows:—

"Bishop Kennedy, Members of The General Conference: I am grateful for the privilege that you have extended me in speaking to you briefly concerning the work of The Judicial Council.

I am very grateful to you, Mr. Wilkins, for those gracious words of introduction, and I join with him in every nice thing he said about the other Members of the Council.

I believe that the twenty-two years of service entitles me to tell a story which I believe has some bearing on the length of time that I have served on The Judicial Council.

There is a phonograph record known as 'Ten Little Fingers and Ten

Little Toes,' from Alabama. A lady down in Texas decided she wanted that record and she looked up in the telephone directory the number of what she thought was a record shop and she called and a man's voice answered. She said, 'Have you Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes From Alabama?'

He said, 'No, but I have a wife and ten children in Texas.'

She said, 'Is that a record?'

He said, 'I do not know whether it is a record or not, but it is above the average.'

Unless you have elected someone at this session of The Conference under 48 years of age, I presume my record will have to stand for some time to come.

The work of The Judicial Council is not always easy. Occasionally we receive something of great importance. We receive a number of things by way of reference that are of very little importance to the Church at large, but occasionally we find something that is of great importance to the Church at large. We have to make research. We carry with us a trunk library, and occasionally we have to call libraries. At this session even we had to call on the Journal of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1936 Session of The General Conference in order to make sure we were making a correct Decision.

We have adopted a policy. We adopted it in the beginning in 1939, that the Plan of Union is the Constitution of The Methodist Church, and that we are to follow it and not the Constitution of the ME Church, South, or the Methodist Episcopal Church or the Methodist Protestant Church.

We have tried as far as possible to maintain that policy all along and see that the Constitution of The Methodist Church is upheld and that it is not whittled away by Jurisdictional discussions.

During this session of The Conference we have made, I believe, nine Decisions. Five had accumulated during the year. The Council of Bishops has referred two matters to us for decision, and the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas has referred two matters to us. So you see we have work that affects The Methodist Church around the world.

I want again, to express my appreciation for the fine association that I have had with the men on The Council across the years. Four of the men of The Council remain. I have had experience with them. I know them, and I am sure from the type of the men that you have elected at this session that we need have no apprehension concerning 'leaderization' for the future. They will be held on a high plane indeed.

We are grateful to you for all your courtesies and we hope that our service will be of service to you in your regular work as members and officers in this great Church we love.

Thank you."

Statement—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"It is a very high moment. I know you will realize what service has come to our Church through these men we have honored tonight, Bishops and Members of The Judicial Council."

Motions Re Judicial Council Decisions—Chester A. Smith (*)

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) was recognized and moved that The General Conference request the Publisher of The Methodist Church to publish the Decisions of The Judicial Council in book form, starting from the beginning to the present time.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, stated that this was being done, authorized by former action of The General Conference.

No. 16—Committee of Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: The Committee would like me to say to you that we trust there will be nothing that will hinder a fairly lengthy session tonight, and one that will move with as much speed as you will allow. You will begin to see that with this session tonight and only part of tomorrow available to us, we shall have a long session on Monday and one that perhaps you will not much enjoy, because of the speed that will be necessary in passing many of the Reports.

Unless we move as rapidly as we can, we will not accomplish all that we must do.

Further, the Committee desires to have presented before you the Reports in which we feel that there is the deepest interest and where we ought to give you sufficient time for proper consideration on the part of all of you. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, with the consent of the Conference, I should like to ask that we permit the Chairman of the Committee on Ministry to proceed and to present one additional Report from his Committee before we move on to the next Committee.”

No. 5—Ministry—“Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure”—James S. Chubb—Minority Report—Norman L. Trott

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, was recognized for the presentation of Report No. 5 of the Committee, a Majority Report, Calendar No. 54, DCA No. 7, page 290, column 3, Subject, “Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure,” and a Minority Report attached thereto, presented by Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE) and others, DCA No. 8, page 380, column 3.

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, requested the following to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of both the Majority Report and the Minority Report:—Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC), J. Willard Leggett, Jr. (Mississippi—SE), and Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE).

Jurisdictional Men Serving Overseas Not Involved—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:—

“If you will turn to page 290 *DCA*; Calendar 54—Report No. 5—Committee on the Ministry. It is the understanding of the Chairman that there is one statement that should be in. Several members of the Committee have reminded me that we agreed among ourselves that this Report would not apply to the Jurisdictional men who served overseas.”

By common consent of The General Conference, the following amendment was added to Report No. 5, as explained by James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC):—

“AND FURTHER, THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO BISHOPS ELECTED BY JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE, WHO SERVE OVERSEAS.”

Majority Report Presented—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, the Majority Report, Calendar No. 54, *DCA* No. 7, page 290, column 3, Subject, “Limitation of Episcopal Tenure,” with the following statement:—

I think the parliamentary situation is that after this presentation he (Norman L. Trott) makes his presentation of the Minority Report and then moves a substitution. Just a word about this:

I was very, very proud this afternoon due to the fact that we Methodists can handle controversial subjects in good, hearty fashion. I think Dr. Muir set a good, high standard of sportsmanship and high Christian conduct, something I wish I could do myself under similar circumstances. Our attitude has always been in The Methodist Church that it is better to bring all feelings out on the floor in open discussion, particularly where it might be able to get on the level of personalities. We must not let it be so tonight.

There have been some 373 Memorials concerning this subject in various forms coming to this Conference. They came from all over the Church, practically speaking, and that was the reason why the Sub-Committee brought in a Report. We discussed it in our Major Committee and then we brought in the Report which we bring to you tonight, which in brief is this:

That within the continental United States, beginning in 1960, to be effective, the tenure of a Bishop in an Area shall be eight years.

This is in response to a general petition and feeling on the part of the Church. A good deal of feeling was there, and as you can see the result of the voting was 46 for, and 29 against. I gladly present this report to this body, for your consideration, for your debate, and for your adoption.

Thank you.”

Proposed Amendment—J. Wesley Hole ()—Not in Order at This Time*

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to amend the Majority Report by deleting the word "two," in the bold face type in line two of the proposed amended Paragraph 440 and in line four of Paragraph 440, and substituting therefor the word "three," so that the amended Paragraph 440 will read as follows:—

Resolution on appointment of Bishops for limited period on a given Area.

To amend Paragraph 440 of the 1952 *Discipline*, line 3, by adding after the word "same," **For a period not to exceed THREE successive quadrenniums. This provision, however, shall not apply until the Jurisdictional Conference of 1960.** So that the Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Par. 440. Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal Residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops to the same **for a period not to exceed THREE successive quadrenniums. This provision, however, shall not apply until the Jurisdictional Conference of 1960.** The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California—W) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"I think I can understand, Mr. Chairman, why a farmer who has experienced a long dry spell would enjoy a change in the weather more than one who has been enjoying normal rainfall. Where I come from we are very well pleased with the Episcopal weather we have had, and are not committed to change.

I am committed to the policy of rotation and I would favor, if we are going to have a policy of rotation for the Bishops, certainly at least a twelve-year period rather than an eight-year one, and I will give you two reasons:

In the first place, if there is a situation that needs correction, our present legislation provides the process by which it can be accomplished. I do not see the logic in requiring all of our Bishops to be rotated every eight years in order to provide relief for one or two isolated situations which can be corrected under the present legislation.

My second reason is a matter of consistency with the policy we adopted for ourselves. In 1952 we adopted a policy of rotation for members of Boards and Commissions. We set a period of eight years as the limit. After four years of trying an eight-year limit, we came to the conclusion at this session that eight years was not enough, and so we extended it to twelve years. It seems to me that if we are going to give ourselves twelve years of tenure on Boards and Commissions, the least we should do is to give the Bishops the same length of time in the Areas to which they are assigned. To me, this is simply a matter of good judgment, and I hope that you will agree with me that the sensible thing to do on this, if we are going to have tenure, is to extend it to twelve years."

Point of Order—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

“I think we ought to straighten ourselves out here. I am not sure whether I can do it, but the Chairman of the Committee has not presented fully this Report. They intended to present it through two voices, within the time limit assigned for the Majority Report.

Immediately after that presentation, as I understand it, should be the Minority Report which will be presented, and then we have the amendment to perfect these two Reports.”

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, made the following Ruling:—

“I will be guided by The Conference, but I read the Rule and it sounds to me as if we perfect the Majority Report before the Minority Report comes in.”

Further Statement—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) made a further statement, as follows:—

“We haven’t had the presentation.”

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, made the following Ruling:—

“We can certainly have the presentation. I thought it had been presented and there was nothing else to add to it. If you will wait, however—whoever was going to speak—I will recognize you in a minute.

We will first have the other person or persons speak to this.

Dr. Godbold.”

Majority Report—Albea Godbold

Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) spoke for the Majority Report as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I am a Ministerial Delegate from the St. Louis Conference. Let me say at the outset that we hold in high esteem the office of Bishop, and the fine men who serve in that capacity. Let me say, also, that the proposed legislation has nothing to do with current Episcopacy. As a matter of fact, many Memorials came before our Committee on the Ministry dealing with that subject, and we voted Non-concurrence in all of them.

As we think of it, the Term ‘Episcopacy,’ is not in keeping with the historic concept of the term ‘Episcopacy’ in Christendom. Let me say also that the proposed legislation we think will be helpful to The

Methodist Church and for several reasons. For one thing, the present legislation in the *Discipline* is not entirely adequate. As it is written, the idea is that we shall move our Bishops from time to time as we move the Pastors and the District Superintendents. But in effect it is difficult, under the present legislation, to move a Bishop. It is difficult to move a Bishop unless he desires to move.

I am thinking of one of our Districts, one of our Jurisdictions. The Methodist Union has been in effect for seventeen years. There were six Episcopal Areas in that Jurisdiction until four years ago; now there are seven, there. In the seventeen years, only three of the Bishops have moved, and in each instance at their own wish, usually going back to what they considered their home Area.

When the Jurisdictional Conference meets this year, one of those Bishops will retire, and six will remain Effective. Of the six Effective, five will have been in their Areas for eight years or more, and while I cannot say what will be done at the Jurisdictional Conference, there are indications that probably not one of those five will move at that Jurisdictional Conference. It is not easy, under our present legislation, to move a Bishop in our Church. It may be somewhat like an ex-President of the United States said about the President in the White House—that if he wants the nomination for a second term, he can get it.

It may be that the leaders of his party and many of the people may want to nominate someone else, but he said, in his position he can have it if he wants it. In view of that we think the legislation should be improved in the manner which we are suggesting. Then we think it would be helpful in the second place, because we need a variety in our leadership and our administration. We are not thinking only of moving Bishops, we are thinking of bringing Bishops into the Area.

Every man is somewhat different in his type of administration. We need the benefit of the different types, and that can be done only if we move our Bishops from time to time.

In the third place, I think this legislation will be helpful because it will improve the morale of our preachers and our churches. You understand, of course, that if a Bishop has been in an Area for two quadrenniums or so, many times he has had to say no. He has to say no to preachers and to churches. He would not be a good Bishop unless he knew how and when to say no. And if those to whom he has to say no realize that within three years, four years, or five years there will be a change, perhaps they can take our Methodist system with more grace and loyalty. Of course, the new Bishop who comes in will probably have to say no to the same people and to the same churches, but they will feel better about it.

We know, of course, there will be objections to this proposed legislation. We would not try to make out to you that there are not arguments on both sides. There are. There is no system that will completely be perfect. But what we wish to say is that we believe the legislation proposed will be more effective and more helpful in our Church, which we now have in the *Discipline*. Someone will object, I am sure, that a Bishop has to remain in an Area at least four years before he knows the preachers and the churches, but let me say to you that the same arguments were presented when there were proposals to limit the time that a District Superintendent can serve on a District.

And then, the argument is not as cogent as it seems, because of the character of the work of a Bishop. He is an administrator; he is an ecclesiastical strategist. A General in the army does not know the privates by name. He has Colonels and Captains and Lieutenants and

Sergeants who can give him information, while he gives his time to the responsibility of strategy, military strategy and tactics!

So the Bishop is not a Bishop like those in the Churches that have a Diocesan form of government, where they go around and baptize the babies and confirm those who are to be received into the Church. We have a General Superintendancy. Their task is that of Ecclesiastical Statesmanship and Administration. So I think it is a little beside the point to say that it takes a Bishop four years to learn his Area.

Then some will say when a Bishop goes into an Area and builds it up that he gets work started and that he needs to stay on and on, in order that he may carry out that work. That is the same as saying a man is indispensable. We believe there are no indispensable men. General Omar Bradley in his Memoirs of the Second World War said that in the Pentagon they say all the indispensable men in the army are already buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Some will say if you are going to apply it to the Bishops you should apply it to the Pastors and have a limit on the pastorate."

Statement—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Will you excuse me, Doctor, I want to interrupt. I want to do what The Conference wants done. We were instructed to spend just ten minutes. If Dr. Chubb is going to talk he will have very little time, unless you stop right away. But if you want to take the whole ten minutes it is all right. Whatever The Conference wants to do. We have been urged to move along tonight. I want to follow the Rules, if that is what you want done."

Question—Albea Godbold—Reply—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC), made the following statement:—

"Dr. Pugh said we might have ten minutes. I thought I had only taken about five."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, replied, as follows:—

"No, you have taken eight. It is just whatever you think ought to be done."

Continues Remarks—Albea Godbold

Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) made a statement, and continued his remarks, as follows:—

"Unless Dr. Chubb wishes to take the time I will continue at least another minute.

There is a difference between the work of the Pastor and that of the Bishop. The Minister is a Pastorate preacher, the Bishop is an Administrator. Therefore we have reached the time, I think, when in democracy, whether it be in the State or in the Church, if democracy

is functioning we desire a change in our leadership from time to time.

The Constitution of the United States now says that the President of the United States, however capable he may be as an administrator and leader, shall serve only eight years.

We realize, of course, that some will say if you are going to have it, make it twelve years, but in our opinion that would be unwise. Most of our Bishops, though not all certainly, are elected in their fifties or late fifties. If a man serves twelve years probably he would have only one more Quadrennium. It would hardly be fair to ask him to move into that Quadrennium.

So we bring before you this legislation. We believe it is important for the work of the Church. We believe that it will be helpful. Let me say again that we hold in high esteem our Bishops and their great work. We have fine men; yes, some great men in our Council of Bishops today. They are doing great work. We believe that this will help them to do greater work in the Church. We believe this will lessen the demand for Term Episcopacy.

As our Chairman says, we have scores and scores of those Memorials requesting that the Bishops be moved once every eight years. We believe our people will accept. We believe this will lift up in the eyes of our people the office of the Bishop. It will cause our people to hold these great leaders in esteem, and it will make more effective their work in The Methodist Church and the Kingdom of God."

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, stated that the time was up for the presentation of the Majority Report, and ruled that the Minority Report should now be presented, before we begin to perfect the Majority Report.

Minority Report Presented—Norman L. Trott

Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE) presented the Minority Report, *DCA* No. 8, page 380, column 3, Subject: "Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure," with the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to present for your attention the Minority Report as found on page 180 of the *Daily Advocate*. It is under the caption Minority Report, to be attached to Calendar No. 54, the Committee on the Ministry, Report No. 5.

I do not believe that you need to have this read to you. In substituting the Minority Report for the Majority Report all that we intend to do is to preserve the present structure of the *Discipline*.

In presenting this Report I would like to divide the time if I may, having Dr. Finis Crutchfield and Dean William Cannon speak to the Minority Report."

For Minority Report—Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr.

Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr. (Oklahoma—SC) spoke in favor of the Minority Report as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of this General Conference: We are limited in time in our presentation of this Minority Report. We are

going to talk rapidly and cover parts very quickly, if possible. I hope you will stay with us on it.

We of the Minority have listed about 25 good reasons why this should not be done, why the Minority Report should be substituted for the Majority Report. We won't have time to list them all but I shall pick out some of the more salient ones and present them.

First of all, we believe that if The General Conference had acted on its 'Commission for A Study of the Jurisdictions' before the Commission on the Ministry had adopted this Resolution, our Report would be the Majority Report.

Two nights ago we set up 'A Commission to Study the Jurisdictions.' We said in Section 1: We hereby wish this Commission to make a thorough study of the Jurisdictional System, with special reference to its philosophy, its effectiveness, its weaknesses, and its relationship to consider this very fully.

The Study Commission of the Jurisdictions that you have set up will face this problem every time it meets. We already have machinery to the future of The Methodist Church.

There is no real reason for this General Conference to take any quick or abortive action on this matter now.

The second thing is that there are many persons here with minds more judiciously inclined than mine, who think this is a Constitutional matter and will end up in a judicial snarl inside of two days. I cite Division 3, the Section on the Episcopacy, Item 34, Article I of the Constitution of The Methodist Church, in which this action is very definitely involved. It seems to me that this is a Constitutional matter, and it seems to many more of you who know more about it than I do that it is a Constitutional matter.

The third reason: Everything that we desire to effect can now be taken care of by the 'Committee on the Episcopacy' in each Jurisdictional Conference. There are perhaps some abuses in isolated situations. If with the same courage we go to the Jurisdictional Conferences that we come to this General Conference, we can handle this matter.

I would like to point out also that those who desire a redress for certain grievances and relief are not going to get it under this present Resolution of the Majority. It goes into effect in 1960. And frankly, the Majority Report is so vaguely written—and I mean this very kindly—that you cannot tell by reading it whether it means that the eight-year period is retroactive or whether it begins in 1960 and begins to be applied eight years thereafter. I don't think this group at all would agree after reading it as to what it really means.

Another thing about all the Memorials that have come in. I served on the Commission on the Ministry, and I picked out as a typical example—I happen to know the church personally, the minister and the persons within that church that sent in the Memorial—a church that has less than 90 members, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship is comprised of three little girls in the 7th grade. They have sent in a Memorial on limiting the tenure of the Episcopacy. If anybody challenges this I shall be happy to point to that particular reference in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, but I would rather not do so here, unless there is a challenge on the matter.

Now let's get down to the real reasons for not adopting the Majority Report. In the first place, it affects the age at which we elect our Bishops. This General Conference has no right to suggest to the Jurisdictions when they shall elect Bishops. The present Majority

Report says to elect them for an eight-year period, or rather, to change them at the end of an eight-year period. Suppose that a person is in his late 50s, almost turning 60. He has eight years then to serve before he is to be moved in the last four years. He will serve in perhaps some other Area. Nobody will want a man facing retirement and only has four years to go to work.

This will say to elect men either earlier or later. It discriminates against an age which some of us feel is a very good age at which to consider men for the Episcopacy. The General Conference has no right to set up certain age discriminations. We talked about discriminations all this week. It is well for us to consider this now.

Then there is the bedlam it will create in the College of Bishops in the matter of moving. Listen, brethren, everybody here regrets to have to move because some other fellow was forced to move.

All of these Bishops do not get elected at the same age, and they do not die at the same time, and they do not retire exactly at the same age, because of the law of their birthdays and the time of retirement. That means that some Bishops will have to be moved at the end of an eight-year period, and some who have only served four years will have to move to accommodate others. This will create a sort of grasshopper situation in the College of Bishops.

That brings up another matter I am concerned about. This sort of a Majority proposition does not grant The Methodist Church the right to develop great regional leaders. I will be very brief.

I want to give time to Dean Cannon, so may I skip a lot of things I want to say and get down to the one basic thing.

All this matter bears on what you really think the Episcopacy is. The Bishops to me are the living symbols of The Methodist Church in action. They are the only symbols we have. This is the beginning of a movement and trend in our Church to move away, to box in and cut down and reduce the effectiveness of our Bishops to the status of General Secretaries. I would oppose anything in this field.

Thank you."

For Minority Report—William R. Cannon

William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE), Dean of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, spoke in favor of the Minority Report, as follows:—

"This proposed legislation limiting the tenure of Bishops seems to me very unwise legislation. Brother Crutchfield has already called attention to the fact that it is unnecessary. The Episcopacy in Methodism is not Diocesan. That is, it is reviewed every quadrennium and Bishops are assigned on the basis of the needs of the Area and their talents to meet those needs. This legislation is obviously unfair. We lay upon the Bishop the proposition that we do not require of any other of our men in the Church except District Superintendents. One of the Laymen in our Committee on Ministry said to me with an amusing grin on his face, 'You were willing to vote the Bishops an eight-year tenure in one Area, but we could not get a beggar's dozen to move the preachers every four or eight years.'

This compromises the dignity and prestige of the office. Historically in the Roman Church and in the Greek Church, a man stays put, unless he is transferred to some other Diocese or for some real reason. A Methodist Bishop will be moved out of a given place, while the

Roman Catholic and the Episcopal Bishop stays on and becomes the symbol of Christianity in that place.

Do you think Bishop Corson should have been invited to pray the prayer of both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions if he had not had a long and honorable stay in the Philadelphia area?

But I am concerned with one thing, and one only. This arbitrary moving of the Bishops may prove actually injurious to the Church. Bishop Candler spent all of his Episcopal life living in the City of Atlanta. He had a home there. Well, I am a part of the faculty of the University which has capital assets of more than fifty million dollars. That University was started by Bishop Candler and as long as it continues to operate, his name will be blessed by every region and person that it serves.

Just one statement more and I am through. If a Bishop is no more than the Presiding Officer of an Annual Conference, the President of a General Board, the Chief Member of a Cabinet which stations preachers and a world traveler at the expense of the Church, then he is, in my humble judgment, a creature most miserable and the more quickly our Church adopts the Term Episcopacy with as short a term as possible, the better. But if a Bishop is, as I believe he should be, a preacher of the word of God without compromise, a man of brilliant, intelligent and humble spirit, a wise administrator and a farsighted ecclesiastical planner, a true statesman who dreams world dreams and has the ability to bring them to realization among men, then he should be honored in heart and love and we should not lay careless hands upon legislation that would impair his effectiveness.

After all, a Bishop should be what Pope Gregory I said about himself—a servant of the servants of God—and he works for the whole world wherever the Church is, though he may be stationed in one place.

I think of what the Church historian said about Pius. He said about him that he was a simple parish priest whose parish became the world. We have great Bishops and they must be allowed to exercise their influence where it is needed and to continue that influence until the great enterprises of the Kingdom of God are brought about through their leadership and their inspiration.

I hope that we will accept the Minority Report as a substitute for the Majority Report."

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, stated the parliamentary situation to be as follows:—

"Let the Chair state the situation as he understands it now. The Minority Report has been presented. It cannot be acted upon now until the Majority Report is perfected. Dr. Hole, a little while ago, presented an amendment to that Majority Report, as you recall, substituting three quadrenniums for two quadrenniums. The body is now at liberty to make any changes, anything they want to do in the perfecting of the Majority Report."

Against Majority Report—Harold A. Bosley

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) spoke against the Majority Report as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I should like to oppose the Majority Report and the amendment also that is offered to it, because of what seems to me to be a refusal on our part to face the simple fact that we do not have confidence in the structure of our Church at this point. We have a Committee on Episcopacy. I believe in Democracy. I believe that that Committee, if it carries out its duly authorized functions, is the one that ought to look after this matter. I do not believe we ought to create rules in which we take automatic refuge from the hard duty of democratic leadership. We are a Church put together in such fashion that we assign real responsibility to groups of men, and after this afternoon, women, who meet together for a specific purpose of passing on judgment, the purpose of passing judgment as to character and effectiveness of the leadership of the Church.

I am speaking very bluntly when I say we ought to take full advantage of the fact that this Committee is charged with the duty of appraising and, if necessary, reassigning the Episcopal Leaders of the Church every four years. Four years, I am quite certain, though I have not had this experience, under some Bishops might be quite enough. There might be other circumstances where a Bishop at the end of eight years would be leading a church in a certain Area in a kind of struggle for civil liberties, in such a critical fashion that he needed to be left there. It is easy to imagine situation after situation and to call up from our own experience situations in which we may need the continuous leadership of a man who has demonstrated the ability to lead.

I believe that in the present machinery of the Church we have all we need in order to guard ourselves against an ineffectiveness and inefficiency, and it is our fault if we don't use it."

*For Minority Report—Laurence Everett Nye—Out of Order
—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy*

Laurence Everett Nye (Oregon—W) started to speak for the Minority Report.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, ruled that as The General Conference was perfecting the Majority Report, a speech in favor of the Minority Report was not in order at this time but would be later when the process of perfecting the Minority Report had been reached.

For Majority Report—Against Amendment—John Owen Smith

John Owen Smith (South Carolina—SE) spoke for the Majority Report, and against the proposed amendment of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W) as follows:—

"I am speaking for the Majority Report.

There is one factor here, sir, that seems to me has not been lifted up thus far. I have a feeling that through the years there has been some merit in the itinerant system of The Methodist Church. We down our way have not called it the grasshopper maneuver or leaping from one point to the other when we thought of the itinerant system.

I don't think a Bishop has ever come to our Area during my ministry

that I wasn't very—I regretted very greatly when he left, but that does not mean I did not come to love the one who was coming in very greatly and our entire Conference and our Jurisdiction, I feel it will do the same in our Methodism. It seems to me we are getting pretty close to a point of abolishing this itinerant system in a great many respects.

There seems to me no relationship whatsoever in this idea that because we have lifted the tenure of members of our various Commissions and Committees to twelve that we should do the same for the members of our Episcopacy. There is no relationship there. It is an entirely different thing.

I have a feeling that some way, somehow it will be the best for the most in the long run, a finer sense of unity, if there is merit in this itinerant system that it go all the way through.

Thank you very much."

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"That speech was against the amendment and we are on the amendment, Brethren, so the next one in order would be someone who wants to speak for it."

Point of Order—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, raised the following Point of Order:—

"Has there been two speeches on each side of the amendment? If so, we are under that Rule."

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"Has there been, Mr. Secretary? I thought we had one more here. Am I wrong? Nobody calls me, so we go ahead."

Motion to Refer—W. Ralph Ward—Not Adopted

W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) moved to refer the entire matter under consideration to the newly created Commission on Study of the Jurisdictional System, and made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, it has been suggested here by one of the speakers from the platform that if the action of day before yesterday had been known that this matter would have been brought to The Conference differently. If it is in order, I would like to ask The Conference to refer this matter to this new Commission set up to study the Jurisdiction of our Church."

The motion to refer was duly seconded.

Constitutional Question—Nolan B. Harmon

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) was recognized and called the attention of The General Conference to Paragraph 37, Article IV of "Division Three. Episcopacy," which reads as follows:—

"The Bishops of each Jurisdiction and Central Conference shall arrange the plan of Episcopal Supervision of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within their respective territories."

and then called attention to Paragraph 440 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:—

"Section V. Assignment of Bishops.

Par. 440. Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal Residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops to the same. The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas."

Statement Challenged—Alva I. Cox, Sr.—Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr.

Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC) spoke to the statement of Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr. (Oklahoma—SC) as follows:—

"I happen to have been Secretary of the Committee on Ministry. At this moment, in the light of the basis on which the motion to refer was made, I should like to challenge the statement the speaker made concerning his conviction about what the Committee might have done had it acted later than it did.

There was no further official discussion of the motion, of the matter, after the action was taken about the study of the Jurisdictions in the Committee. What was said in the cloakrooms and in the corridors of course I do not know. I think it would be a mistake to presume that a different action might have been taken had it been taken later in the week."

Reply—Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr.

Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr., replied to the statement of Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC) as follows:—

"I made the statement to which Dr. Cox refers. As he has indicated my conviction was a personal conviction. I do not say that the Committee had said so. I will say this, however, the Committee on Ministry was heavily burdened, as you know, with more Memorials than perhaps any other Committee had at this Conference. Our Chairman and Secretary have done a magnificent job, but on a matter so important and with other matters so important before us.

I do not feel that the limited time that we spent on this one afternoon is sufficient, and several of the members of the Committee, if they would care to rise at this time and sustain me, who have told me, and I take them at their words, they would have changed had this been

done, and I believe the weight or the evidence of their testimony would support what I said.

And I think a subsequent vote will bear it out."

Previous Question—Embree H. Blackard—Ordered

On motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE), duly seconded, the Previous Question on the matter of referral was ordered by The General Conference, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Closes Debate—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, closed the debate on the question of referral as follows:—

"I think it would be a mistake to make this referral and to imply that this is not proper for The General Conference. We went into that a bit before we decided to enthusiastically bring this before the body.

I think it is within your province. You have every right to rule on this. I hope you do not refer it; that is, vote on it tonight."

Motion to Refer—W. Ralph Ward—Not Adopted

The motion of W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NC) to refer the pending matters regarding "Limitation of Episcopal Tenure," to the new created "Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System," on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"We are still on the amendment—no, we are not because two have spoken on each side, and I think you cannot speak further on the amendment, unless you wish to amend the amendment or bring in some other motion referring to this general Report. We must pass along to the consideration of the Minority Report.

Is there any other word on this?"

*Amendment by Common Consent—Chester A. McPheeters
—James S. Chubb—Accepted*

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) raised a question which was answered by James S. Chubb as follows:—

"I am wondering where is the protection or the safeguards for Bishops elected in Jurisdictions to serve in the mission fields in either of these Reports? I think that is very important and needs to be provided for somewhere in one of these Reports.

James A. Chubb: As a matter of fact, I said editorially in the beginning it was my understanding, it was called to my attention by many

members of the Committee, that Jurisdictional Bishops serving in the Overseas Areas would not be affected by this. For some reason it did not get there. You accepted it so it is in the minutes and it would be provided for.

Chester A. McPheeters: It would be a part of your Majority Report?

James S. Chubb: Correct."

Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, the Majority Report, Calendar No. 54, DCA No. 7, page 290, column 3, as thus amended by common consent of The General Conference, reads as follows:—

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Report No. 5

Subject: Limitation of Episcopal Tenure.

Adopted April 30, 1956.

Memorial Serial Number, or Numbers, 3800, 3827, 4310, 4311, 4312, 4494.

Total membership of this Committee, 81.

Number present when this Report was acted on, 75.

Number voting for adoption of this Report, 46.

Number voting against the adoption of this Report, 29.

Number not voting, 0.

Resolution On Appointment Of Bishops For Limited Period On A Given Area.

To amend Paragraph 440 of the 1952 *Discipline*, line 3, by adding after the word "same," For a period not to exceed two successive quadrenniums. This provision, however, shall not apply until the Jurisdictional Conference of 1960 and further, this provision shall not apply to Bishops elected by Jurisdictional Conferences, serving overseas. So that the Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Par. 440. Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal Residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops to the same for a period not to exceed two successive quadrenniums. This provision, however, shall not apply until the Jurisdictional Conference of 1960 and further, THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO BISHOPS ELECTED BY JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES, SERVING OVERSEAS. The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas.

James S. Chubb, Chairman

Alva I. Cox, Sr., Secretary

Amendment—J. Wesley Hole ()—Not Adopted—James S. Chubb Speaks on Amendment*

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, spoke to the proposed amendment of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W) as follows:—

"I hope you do not sustain this amendment for twelve years for practical purposes. That means that, well, you couldn't do much moving if you wanted to. We thought of eight years, we had twelve and, of course, we thought of four. We struck the compromise of eight

because we thought it would give a Bishop a chance. It would be very practical legislation."

Motion of J. Wesley Hole () to Amend—Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Russell E. Clay—Not Adopted

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to amend Report No. 5, the Majority Report, of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 54, DCA No. 7, page 290, column 3, Subject, "Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure," by deleting "1960," from lines eight and seventeen, and substituting therefor "1964," so that the amended Report No. 5, the Majority Report will read, when amended, as follows:—

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James S. Chubb, Chairman
Alva I. Cox, Sr., Secretary

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W), spoke to the same as follows:—

"If you will turn to the *Daily Christian Advocate*, page 112, you will find that under tenure in the Report of the Co-ordinating Council, second Report, concerning our Boards and Agencies, we said that we would not make tenure for our Boards and Agencies retroactive. Eight years from this General Conference would be 1964.

I certainly hope that this General Conference does not set up for itself those who are on the Boards and Agencies of the Church a standard which they are not willing to have our Bishops have. Certainly we do not want to discriminate in this way, and, therefore, I hope that we will make this substitution and make it begin in 1964."

For Minority Report—Ralph W. Sockman

Ralph W. Sockman (New York—NE) spoke in favor of the Minority Report as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I want to support the position of the Minority Report, but I think this is the only time I will get my speech in because I want to oppose the amendment just for these one or two reasons.

I am for Democracy. I am also for flexibility. I do not believe that you can rigidly prescribe a tenure in The General Conference without crippling the action of the Jurisdictional Conference.

That Conference now is losing its prestige because it has so little authority unless there are Bishops to be elected. It seems to me that our members of the Episcopacy Committees of the Jurisdictional Conferences are probably all here in The General Conference. They have heard this debate.

They know that there is a sentiment throughout the Church that feels we should have a rotation in the Episcopacy, and I agree that the principle of rotation is sound, but I do think that the Jurisdictional Committee of the Jurisdictional Conference through its Episcopacy Committee is the one who will assume that responsibility and it is the one which has really the ability to assume it.

Therefore I speak in opposition to setting 1964 just because I am against the general principle of tenure in its fixed application."

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, stated the parliamentary situation to be as follows:—

"Now the amendment is before you which makes it 1964 instead of 1960."

Closed Debate on Amendment—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, spoke to the proposed amendment of Russell E. Clay (Southern California—W) as follows:—

"I think this amendment would quite undo anything we had in mind. There were those who said to start it this year. We thought that would not be fair and with the wisdom Methodists usually have, we have said 1960, if it were feasible to do it at all, 1960 will do.

I hope you will leave the date 1960 in and then vote on the main motion."

Amendment Russell E. Clay—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

For Minority Report—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE) spoke in favor of the Minority Report as follows:—

"I want to speak, Mr. Chairman, in support of the Minority Report because I believe that the proposition of the Majority Report is bad legislation, and for the following reasons:

First of all, it is bad because it does not take into account a local situation. It has an inflexibility about it that virtually cancels out the consideration of Area needs in particular. It overlooks the question of the advisability of the continuing leadership in an Area, and it rules out, so it seems to me, the possibility of the consideration of personal factors in the continuation of Episcopal leadership.

An arbitrary principle oftentimes gives rise to abominable practice.

Our Bishops now can be moved at the end of four years if in the judgment of the Committee on Episcopacy, a competent Committee, deems advisable. We could not as Ministers want to operate under an arbitrary law for good reasons. The principle of Ministerial Tenure in any one church was abolished in Methodism long ago, and we ministers hope for good.

Why, therefore, is the principle thought to be any more meritorious as applying to the Episcopacy? Why should a great Church like The Methodist Church reduce the stature of the high office of the Episcopacy by making it temporary and transient? Neither the Episcopal Church nor the Roman Catholic Church make this mistake.

In the second place, I think it is bad legislation because it can put a Bishop in a position of having four years remaining before retirement and under the proposed rule having to move to a new Area; conceivably some Area that had just had such a four-year Episcopal Appointment might be faced with a second similar Appointment of four years, that would be fair neither to the Episcopal leadership nor to the Area.

I support, Mr. Chairman, the Resolution of the Minority Report."

For Majority Report—Robert H. Duncan

Robert H. Duncan (Holston—SE) spoke in favor of the Majority Report as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: It has been said in this debate that—or at least it has been implied that one of our chief purposes is to correct some difficulty in a misfit or undesirable Bishop. I am a member of the Committee on Ministry. That element has not at any time entered the discussion.

As far as I am concerned, we are one of the very privileged Areas. We like to keep our Bishop indefinitely. I think every man in the

Committee on Ministry felt that the Bishop in his Area was entirely satisfactory; at least nobody said anything to the contrary.

It is the feeling of the Committee, certainly it is my feeling, and I believe the Committee making the Majority Report that we ought to have the itinerant ministry all the way from Bishops down to our local Pastors.

I have this quote from one of our Bishops a few years ago. We were talking about terms for Pastors, District Superintendent and Bishops. He said this to me:

‘I believe that if a Bishop is any good, he ought to be passed around. If he isn’t any good nobody ought to have to put up with him more than eight years.’

Well, I believe that. I believe that the strong Bishops—I guess they are all strong—I believe that the Bishops ought to be passed around as the strong leaders in the pastorates. If they have peculiar gifts, they can do great work building an Area in those particular interests and abilities that they have, and then go to another Area where that same type of ministry is needed.

There is nothing personal against our Bishops. There is nobody that I know of trying to get rid of a Bishop. It is merely an attempt, it seems to me, to apply the itinerant ministry in our Methodism.

For Minority Report—Laurence Everett Nye

Laurence Everett Nye (Oregon—W) spoke in favor of the Minority Report as follows:—

“I wish to support the Minority Report. I wonder what would have happened to Ralph Sockman’s ministry if we had been passing him around all these many years?

We are talking about an itinerant Methodist ministry. Itinerant does not mean a limitation. I have sought particularly to speak because I am now in my twelfth year in a local church. If I were now finishing up a period of twelve years, which say, would have been the limit, which I could have stayed there, I would be spending my time, as would a Bishop or anyone under the same circumstances, looking and wondering and preparing for the next stopping place.

We are talking tonight, in my estimation, not about administrators who should be passed around, but about shepherds who should build fundamentally and on strong foundations as long as they possibly can. Our Bishops go into these Areas, shepherd Ministers and shepherd people and shepherd churches. By the time they come to know the last little outpost in their Area and the last little man in their Annual Conferences, they are prepared to build for the long future.

If you will pardon me, at the time of the death of the late Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, which occurred on Friday afternoon at six o’clock, of his Oregon Annual Conference which took place in my church, he carried with him the destinies of no less than fifteen to twenty young men whom he had personally brought to the Pacific Northwest to help him build that into a greater Area.

Sure, his successors have done well, by all of these men, but their real destinies lay in the heart of the man who brought them there.

When our Bishops scour the seminaries and bring to our Areas the finest men they can find and build together personal attachments and personal loyalties to these Areas, it means that through the long

years this fundamental building will be done by shepherds who stay put, not by administrators who jump around!"

Previous Question—Weldon Crossland—Ordered

On motion of Weldon Crossland (Genesee—NE), duly seconded, the Previous Question on all matters pertaining to Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, was ordered by The General Conference, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Closes Debate for Minority Report—Norman L. Trott

Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE) closed the debate in favor of the Minority Report, as follows:—

"First, may I express appreciation for the fine spirit in which I was privileged to work with the Committee on Ministry. While we have honest differences of opinion, I think that we all hold each other in great appreciation. I would like to say that I particularly respect the statement of Dr. Duncan of the Holston Conference. There wasn't a single man who spoke for this limited tenure but who prefaced his remarks with a statement indicating great affection for the Bishops of his Area and appreciation for the fact that each had an exceptional one.

The only particular desires I could discover were that these men were all anxious that no particular Area should have a monopoly on a single Bishop, and that all these Bishops should be shared. I believe that we should curb these benevolent impulses in the interest of all the Areas involved and that we should adopt the Minority Report, which simply maintains the present legislation.

As you make up your minds, may I quickly lift up these additional facts for your consideration? First, will you remember that every Bishop except those elected this quadrennium—that is, in the Jurisdictional Conferences coming up—every Bishop will change in 1960. Think of that.

Second, on the law of averages, one half of the Bishops will be able to serve only four years in their last Area assignments.

Next, I know we all want to select the best men that the Church can offer for our Council of Bishops. Each time we impose a restriction, we reduce our choice.

Next, it has been stated that the legislation embodied in the Majority Report would not affect our Overseas Bishops. I would like to call to your attention the fact that the Judicial Decision eliminated anything of distinction between the Bishops in the Jurisdictions serving at home and those who serve abroad. And I believe that if this eight-year rule is imposed, it will affect our Overseas men. It will mean that Bishop Booth will come back from Africa, and that one of the men, perhaps without particular skills in this field or particular inclinations, will have to take his place."

Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE) moved to substitute the Minority Report, DCA No. 8, page 380, column 3, Subject, "Limitation of Episcopal Tenure," for Report No. 5, the Majority Report, of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, DCA No. 7, page 290, column 3, Subject,

"Limitation of Episcopal Tenure." The motion was duly seconded.

Closes Debate for Majority Report—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry closed the debate in favor of the Majority Report as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: Undoubtedly most of us have made up our minds exactly how we are going to vote on this. That is the nice thing about Methodists—we can do it. I think a couple of things should be said. One is this:

Suppose we let The Judicial Council make its Judicial decisions after we vote on this. That is what we have them for.

In the second place, this is our Council. My attitude, my destiny, my relations with the Bishops—and I have had nothing but the nicest, and I anticipate nothing else—nevertheless it is the purpose of the Methodists to have their own thoughts and accord them an opportunity.

If you believe in the Majority Report, vote your convictions; if it is the Minority Report you want, vote your convictions.

We brought in this Majority Report under pressure, somewhat. The more we brought it in, the better we thought of it. It is somewhat like the little boy who did so well his daddy went to the kennel to buy him a dog. He made the mistake of taking the little boy with him. When they got there, the daddy wanted a nice looking dog, and the boy didn't. He picked up a little red puppy. 'Why did you want that little red pup,' the dad asked the boy.

'Because the little red pup has a happy ending.'

We want our Episcopal system to have a very happy ending in operation."

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"The Minority Report is before us and the Previous Question has been called for.

I will allow questions, but no debate."

Secret Ballot—Leonard D. Slutz ()—Rulings—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) raised the question of a secret ballot and Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, ruled, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman: I rise to make a privileged motion.

Bishop Kennedy: I don't think that is in order, Mr. Slutz.

Leonard D. Slutz: Yes, it is, Bishop.

Bishop Kennedy: All right, we will hear it.

Leonard D. Slutz: Last night Dr. Albert Day spoke more effectively and more succinctly than ever I could, concerning the delicacy and sensitivity with which we have to approach any problem affecting in any way either the office or persons of Bishops for whom we have so much affection and respect.

Men from many sections of the country have indicated to me that the question before us is another which is so bound up with sentiment and personal affection that they find it difficult, if not impossible, to express their convictions without grave danger of misinterpretation.

Bishop Kennedy: Mr. Slutz, you are out of order, and I so call it.

Leonard D. Slutz: I will make the motion first.

Bishop Kennedy: There is no motion to be made.

Leonard D. Slutz: I am calling the method of motion, which is a privileged motion.

Bishop Kennedy: All right, let's hear it.

Leonard D. Slutz: I would like to finish my sentence, if I may. I have just two or three words to say.

Bishop Kennedy: I think it is argument. If you make the motion, make it.

Leonard D. Slutz: I will make the motion first, and then the statement, if it is seconded.

Bishop Kennedy: All right.

Motion for Secret Ballot—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) moved that the Rules be suspended to take a secret ballot on the pending matter. The motion to suspend the Rules being duly seconded, Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) spoke to the same as follows:—

“What I was trying to say was that men from many sections of the country have indicated that the question before us is one that is so bound up with sentiment and personal affection that they find it difficult, if not impossible to express their sentiments without misinterpretation, but mistaken inference.”

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

“You can make the motion, but you cannot argue it. It is before the House for vote. If you wish a secret ballot, you may lift the hand; opposed, the same.”

Motion for Secret Ballot—Leonard D. Slutz ()—Not Adopted*

The motion of Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC) for a secret ballot on the pending matter, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Questions—Charles S. Kendall—Rulings—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) asked questions which were ruled on by the Presiding Officer, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, as follows:—

"I have a question which I think will further confuse the issue. As I understand it, if the Minority Report is adopted, then the situation continues as it is. Under our Jurisdictional System, that is. Would the Chair rule whether that is correct?

Bishop Kennedy: I would say that that is right.

Charles S. Kendall: If that is defeated and the Majority Report is adopted, then as you read this carefully, I am sure it would take The Judicial Council to decide whether or not it starts the eight years in 1960.

Bishop Kennedy: Dr. Kendall, we are on the Minority Report, and when we take care of that we will go on to whatever you have in mind. However, I think that is out of order right now.

The Previous Question is called for. We are about to vote on the Minority Report."

Minority Report Adopted—Substituted For Majority Report

On being put to the vote of The General Conference, the Minority Report, attached to Report No. 5, the Majority Report of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 54, DCA No. 8, page 380, column 3, Subject, "Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure," was adopted and substituted for the Majority Report; Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 54, DCA No. 7, page 290, column 3, Subject, "Limitation of Episcopal Tenure."

*No. 5—Ministry—"Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure"—
Adopted as Substituted*

The Minority Report of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 54, DCA No. 8, page 380, column 3, Subject, "Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure," having previously been adopted and substituted for the Majority Report of the said Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, appearing on page 290, column 3 of DCA No. 7, was now adopted as Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry. For Report see Appendix, page 1548.

No. 17—Committee of Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, according to our procedure, which you established,

we would normally come to the Committee on Missions, but Mrs. Brooks has asked to pass her time because some of the Reports that she would like to present have not been printed. Therefore we turn to the Committee on Pensions, Lester A. Kilpatrick, the Chairman."

Motion Withdrawn—Monk Bryan

Monk Bryan (Missouri—SC) moved, as a privileged motion, that The General Conference make unanimous the action of this afternoon in granting Full Clergy Rights For Women, with the understanding with the Presiding Officer, that if the proposed motion would cause any debate, he would withdraw it. The motion was duly seconded.

The Presiding Officer, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, inquired if there was any objection to the motion. Objection being raised; Monk Bryan (Missouri—SC) withdrew his motion.

Resolutions of Appreciation of Deceased Members of the Judicial Council—Ordered Printed—Merrill B. McFall

On motion of Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC), duly seconded, the Resolutions of Appreciation of the Deceased Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, prepared by The Judicial Council, were ordered printed in the Journal of The General Conference, without reading. For Resolutions see Appendix, pages 2047-2052.

No. 1—Pensions—"Pension Legislation"—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Charles L. Calkins—A. Thomas McIlwain—George A. Huggins (*)—Charles L. Burrall, Jr. (*)—Frank Webber (*)—Adlai C. Holler—Harold C. Buckingham—Roland P. Riddick—Donald A. Odell (*)

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, was recognized and stated that Report No. 1 of the Committee Calendar No. 41, DCA No. 6, page 239, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 240, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 241, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 242, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 243, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 244, column 1, Subject, "Pension Legislation," would be presented in three sections, namely, Chapter I, General Board of Pensions; Chapter II, Permanent Funds; Chapter III, Annual Conference Organizations, would be presented by Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada—W); Section II, to be presented by Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) consists of Chapter IV, Pension Code; the third section will be presented by Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE) consisting of Chapter V, Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, and Chapter VI, Lay Employees Pension Fund.

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, requested the following to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of Report No. 1 of the Committee:—

A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi—SE), General Secretary of the Missouri Corporation; Charles L. Calkins (South Dakota—NC), General Secretary of the Illinois and Maryland Corporations; George A. Huggins (*), Actuary for the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church; Charles L. Burrall, Jr. (*), Assistant Actuary of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church; Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada—W); Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE); Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE); Roland P. Riddick (Virginia—SE); and Donald A. Odell (Southern California-Arizona—W).

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, made a preliminary statement as follows:—

"Report 1 of the Committee on Pensions represents the results of four years of study given by the members of the Board of Pensions and by the members of the Committee on Pension Legislation. Consideration has been given to matters referred by the 1952 General Conference and to other matters arising from suggestions received from numerous Annual Conference organizations and pension offices.

The Reports and Recommendations to this General Conference were unanimously adopted by the members of the Board of Pensions and the Pension Legislation Committee. The Pension Committee of The General Conference has considered these Reports and Recommendations and numerous Memorials.

Report 1 comes to you with the unanimous vote of the Pension Committee of The General Conference. The Report will be presented to The General Conference in three sections, the first being Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 on pages 239, 240 and column 1 on page 241, *DCA*. We are asking Mr. Frank Webber of the California-Nevada Conference to present for your consideration the first section of the Report."

Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada—W) presented the first section, consisting of Chapter I, "General Board Of Pensions"; *DCA* No. 6, page 239, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 240, column 1; Chapter II, "Permanent Funds," *DCA* No. 6, page 240, columns 1 and 2; Chapter III, "Annual Conference Organizations," *DCA* No. 6, page 240, columns 2 and 3; and page 241, column 1, with the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman, this Report deals with a great deal of detail. We are going to attempt to summarize it, the provisions here, and then give opportunity for questions after the summary.

First of all, I would like to call your attention to the note which

appears in column 1 on page 239 *DCA*, just above the section that is marked Part VIII, which states that the title General Board of Pensions is to be substituted for the title Board of Pensions whenever it appears, and the Annual Conference Board of Pensions or its abbreviated form Conference Board of Pensions is to be substituted for the title Board of Conference Claimants wherever it appears throughout the text; that is, the text of Part VIII.

The 1952 General Conference ordered the Board of Pensions to prepare during the ensuing quadrennium and to present to this General Conference a Plan for merger of offices so that the Board may operate as the single Agency preserving the three present legal corporate entities.

Beginning with the first meeting of the Board of Pensions following The General Conference of 1952 the Board initiated the study as directed and continued the consideration throughout the Quadrennium. The Report and Recommendations of the Board were unanimously adopted by the Committee on Pensions of this Conference and are presented here in Paragraph 1601 to 1613. A, inclusive.

Now if you will turn to your text on page 239 *DCA* we will attempt to summarize the paragraphs.

Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada—W) moved the adoption of Chapters I, "General Board Of Pensions," Chapter II, "Permanent Funds," and Chapter III, "Annual Conference Organizations," which he had just presented and explained to The General Conference.

The motion was duly seconded.

Questions—Frank C. Love ()—Answers—Frank Webber (*)*

Frank C. Love (*) (Central New York—NE) asked several questions which were answered by Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada—W), as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, since these are important matters that are being thrown out at us hurriedly, I ask that I be allowed to ask a question.

Bishop Kennedy: All right.

Frank C. Love: What is the provision for the election of the Directors or Trustees, whatever they may be termed, for this Pension Fund? How are they elected? How are they chosen?

Frank Webber: I understand, Mr. Chairman, the election is for an eight-year term. The classes are staggered.

Frank C. Love: By whom are they elected?

Frank Webber: They are elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences.

Frank C. Love: And to whom will the Corporation make a Report?

Frank Webber: The Corporation reports to The General Conference. The Report is found in the Book of Reports that was sent to each Delegate prior to this session of The Conference.

Frank C. Love: So they will make a report each Quadrennium to The General Conference?

Frank Webber: I understand that is correct."

Question—Lloyd M. Bertholf ()—Answer—Frank Webber (*)*

Lloyd M. Bertholf (*) (California-Nevada—W) asked the following question, which was answered by Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada—W) :—

“Mr. Chairman, on page 239 of the *Advocate*, the third column, where it refers to Executive Secretary, are we to understand now that that will be changed to General Secretary in accordance with the action we took, as shown by the chart on page 207 ?

Frank Webber: I am informed that the answer is yes, it will be so changed.”

Question Re Membership General Board of Pensions—Dwight E. Walter ()—Answer—Frank Webber (*)*

Dwight E. Walter (*) (Ohio—NC) raised the question regarding the membership of the General Board of Pensions which was answered by Frank Baker (*) (California—W) as follows :—

“Mr. Chairman, did I understand you to say that the number of members of the General Board is changed from the standard which we have established ?

Frank Webber: No. My statement was that the method of selecting the numbers was slightly changed, of selecting the members, but that the total number was the same as was authorized by the 1952 General Conference.”

Chapters I, II, III Adopted

Chapters I, II and III of Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, as presented by Frank Webber (*) (California-Nevada—W), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, were adopted.

Chapter IV. Pension Code—Adlai C. Holler

Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) next presented Chapter IV, “Pension Code,” *DCA* No. 6, page 241, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 242, columns 1, 2 and 3, explaining the changes proposed and requested common consent to insert the words,

“PROVIDED, ALSO, THAT RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED TO AN APPROVED SUPPLY PASTOR WHO HAS BEEN RETIRED BY REASON OF AGE OR DISABILITY PRIOR TO HAVING RENDERED TEN YEARS OF APPROVED SERVICE,”

to follow Item 20 in bold face type at the top of column 2, page 242, *DCA* No. 6, so that the amended Item will read as follows :—

20. Money received for the support of Conference Claimants shall be

appropriated only for the payment of pension or relief benefits to Conference Claimants and the administrative costs of the Pension Program *PROVIDED*, ALSO, THAT RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED TO AN APPROVED SUPPLY PASTOR WHO HAS BEEN RETIRED BY REASON OF AGE OR DISABILITY PRIOR TO HAVING RENDERED TEN YEARS OF APPROVED SERVICE.

The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the insertion of the words requested, the omission being caused by a printer's error.

Courtesy Request—J. Earl Moreland ()*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE) asked if the rest of the Chapter IV could not be presented without reading, as The General Conference had the printed record.

Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) stated he was almost through with the presentation of Chapter IV.

Amendment—Albert D. Hagler—Adopted

Albert D. Hagler (Florida—SE) moved to amend Paragraph 1620, DCA No. 6, page 241, column 2, by adding the following paragraph (DB-99):—

“An Annual Conference, on recommendation of its Board of Conference Claimants, may, by a two-thirds vote of THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IN the Annual Conference, grant annuity and/or necessitous relief to a wife for her years of approved service without granting annuity to a husband who may have disqualified himself by some moral dereliction, mental illness or other cause beyond the wife's control.”

so that Paragraph 1620, as amended, will read:—

¶ 1620.

3. The widow of a deceased Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference or of a deceased Approved Supply Pastor who remarries shall have no Annuity Claim during such marriage until her attainment of age 65, at which time her Annuity Claim may be reinstated; but if such subsequent marriage be dissolved by such husband's death or by legal process, the Annual Conference on recommendation of the Conference Board of Pensions may reinstate her Annuity Claim thereafter subject to the provisions of the Pension Code.

5. The Clearinghouse is hereby authorized to assign and transfer the obligation for the payment of the claims of the widow and minor children of a deceased Member of an Annual Conference to such other Annual Conference as said widow may request in writing, subject to the consent of the Conference Board of Pensions of the Annual Conference thereby obligated; *provided*, however, that the requirements of Divided Annuity Responsibility as set forth in ¶ 1636 shall be observed.

“An Annual Conference, on recommendation of its Board of Conference Claimants, may, by a two-thirds vote of THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IN the Annual Conference, grant annuity and/or necessitous relief to a wife for her years of Approved Service without granting annuity to a husband who may have disqualified himself by some moral dereliction, mental illness or other cause beyond the wife's control.”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Albert D. Hagler (Florida—SE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"It would seem to me, sir, that the wording of the amendment would be its own argument. I recognize that it takes a great deal of courage to submit an amendment in this highly technical field, but I would like to make the suggestion that a Memorial covering this went before the Committee and they felt it was sufficiently important to refer it to a Study Committee of the Committee on Pensions for Report, I take it, at the next General Conference. That action is reported on page 104 of the *Advocate*. The Committee made a partial coverage in its recommendation on page 241, column 2, Disciplinary Paragraph 1620, section 3, with regard to widows or divorcees. But the Committee failed to cover certain problems of wives who are neither widows nor divorcees. I should like to cite just one illustration, though I could cite several. In the four years since I have been taken out of religious work and made a District Superintendent, I have known of three such cases. I served as President of the Board of Stewards in The Methodist Episcopal Church of a Conference, as Chairman of the Committee on Transition of two Conferences at the time of unification, by appointment of the Bishop, and as Chairman of the Board of Conference Claimants since, so that I am trying not to be too forward in offering this amendment, but I regret the Committee's action to refer to a Committee for an additional four years, for this reason, and I will cite but one case.

If you were the wife of a Methodist minister who had given long years of service to the Church and you were now seventy years of age, if your husband had been under psychiatric treatment but surrendered his credentials and departed for parts unknown with the major fraction of the family's lifetime savings and you had waited for three years for some possible correction in the Pension Code to take care of such a matter, and then your General Conference voted to postpone an additional four years, so that seven long years went by after the age of seventy, you might think that it demanded attention, as I do.

I would like to read the amendment again. I think the Conference can then make up its mind. You will notice the protection and restrictions given here which I think are ample safeguards.

'An Annual Conference, on recommendation of its Board of Conference Claimants, may, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in the Annual Conference, grant annuity and/or necessitous relief to a wife for her years of Approved Service, without granting annuity to a husband who may have disqualified himself by some moral dereliction, mental illness or other cause beyond the wife's control.'

If the Committee, or if Dr. Kilpatrick can give to the Conference some good reason why this should not be done, I would be happy to withdraw my amendment, but meanwhile I move its adoption."

Amendment Not Accepted—Lester A. Kilpatrick

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, stated the Committee does not accept the proposed amendment as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: This very question and even the specific case was before the Committee. It was discussed at length and, in the first place, we do not feel that it is wise to adopt

legislation for one case. Second, we felt that this should be submitted to our Pension Legislation Committee for study.

The Committee does not accept the amendment."

For Amendment—William H. Alderson

William H. Alderson (New York East—NE) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of Albert D. Hagler (Florida—SE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: I simply rise to add my word of sincere support in behalf of this addition or amendment to this Report.

I am the head of our Board of Conference Claimants in our Conference, and we could duplicate a number of times the case which this brother has cited, parallel cases to it. This is a point in this legislation that ought to be covered. It is technical, I know that, but those of us who have to deal with these cases firsthand plead for the support of this Conference. If it should prove unwise legislation it can be changed later. In the meanwhile it will give us a chance to help necessitous cases that now are barred from help because this point in the legislation is not covered.

I hope that this amendment will prevail."

Refer Amendment—Lester L. Roush—Not Referred

Lester L. Roush (Ohio—NC) spoke to the pending amendment, and moved its reference to the Pension Legislation Committee as follows:—

"This matter has been carefully and thoroughly considered by the Committee on Pension Legislation with a great many hours spent in study and consideration as to how this need might be met.

We see no way of meeting it now on any basis or philosophy on which our Pension Code now rests. We believe that it needs to be referred for consideration for another quadrennium in spite of what has been said in regard to its postponement. We believe if all the points that are involved in this are to be argued out it will take a long time yet on this Conference floor and if they are to be argued out and thoroughly settled, of course, it must be done on this floor.

If The Conference wishes to do that, we are prepared to do it. I doubt if you do. I, therefore, move that it be referred to the Pension Legislation Committee and report back to the next General Conference, sir."

Against Referring—Anthony Hearn

Anthony Hearn (South Georgia—SE) spoke against referring the proposed amendment of Albert D. Hagler (Florida—SE), as follows:—

"I hope the Conference will not pass this motion to refer, but will adopt the amendment. As a District Superintendent and also as a Pastor, I, too, could cite instances where such permissive legislation would be an act of mercy."

Closes Debate—Lester A. Kilpatrick

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, closed the debate on the pending amendment, as follows:

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I do not desire this Committee to prolong the debate. We stated that it was before us and was given very careful consideration. At the same time it is a tug on our heart strings just the same as it is on yours.

We feel that the Conference Claimant, the old one, we used to call the former, would be sort of sitting in judgment on particular cases; that is, as to who was guilty of what. That is one thing.

The second is we do not feel that we are in a position now to adopt this legislation but, of course, it is up to The General Conference, Mr. Chairman.”

Motion to Refer—Lester L. Roush—Not Adopted

The proposed motion of Lester L. Roush (Ohio—NC) to refer the proposed amendment of Albert D. Hagler (Florida—SE) to the Pension Legislation Committee, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment Adopted—Albert D. Hagler

The proposed amendment of Albert D. Hagler (Florida—SE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Amendment—Farris F. Moore—Not Adopted

Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) moved to amend Paragraph 1623, DCA No. 6, page 241, column 3 (DB-100), by inserting the words, “**after consultation with the World Service and Finance Commission of the Annual Conference,**” to follow the words, “of the Conference Board of Pensions,” in line two of the second paragraph of Paragraph 1623, so that the amended Paragraph will read as follows:—

¶ 1623. Apportionments. 1. The recommended Standard Annuity Rate shall be a sum equivalent to one per cent of the average salary of the Conference. (See ¶ 1618 §§ 5, 6.)

The Annual Conference, on recommendation of the Conference Board of Pensions, **AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE COMMISSION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**, shall determine the Annuity Rate payable; whereupon the said Board shall compute the amount necessary to meet the prospective Annuity disbursements according to the Annuity Rate determined. After taking into consideration any amount to be received from other sources for the support of Conference Claimants, the total amount necessary shall be apportioned to the several pastoral charges of the Conference on such basis as the Annual Conference may from time to time determine. In case the basis of Apportionment adopted is that of

a percentage of the cash salaries of the ministers, where there is more than one minister serving a pastoral charge the Apportionment thereto shall be on the basis of all cash salaries paid to such ministers.

Amendment Not Accepted—Lester A. Kilpatrick

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, stated the Committee could not accept the proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE).

Speaks to Amendment—Farris F. Moore

The proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE), being duly seconded, Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“Now, Brethren, I served for a good time on the World Service and Finance Commission of an Annual Conference, and there has to be some Financial Program set up and some Budget determined within the Annual Conference, and I do not believe that any single claim within the Annual Conference ought to take place over the rest of the claims at the Annual Conference, and I think it is only fair that the World Service and Finance Commission be consulted in the matter of setting of these rates since they do have to bring it finally to the Annual Conference. And I believe that it is only fair and just that they be consulted. Therefore, I move this amendment and I hope certainly that it shall prevail.”

Speaks to Pending Amendment—Lester A. Kilpatrick

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pension, spoke to the pending amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: In the handling of this particular part of the work, the Committee on Conference Pensions—I will call it, the old Conference Board of Conference Claimants does not consult with the Commission on World Service and Finance although in some Conferences we do say something to them about the total amount of Apportionment we may wish to levy upon the churches. But as far as setting the Annuity Rate, the money comes into this particular fund, it does not pass through the World Service and Finance Commission's Funds. It is really a separate matter. That is why we do not consult with the World Service and Finance Commission.”

For Amendment—George H. Atkinson ()*

George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada—W) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) as follows:—

“As a Chairman of the Conference Budget Committee for the World Service and Finance Commission, in the Conference Commission we have had this problem and I am in favor of this amendment. I do not think that the World Service Commission should have the right to

set the Annuity Payment without regard to the Board of Conference Claimants. On the other hand, it is a very difficult thing to work up a Budget and have this item come in with no total control over it whatsoever.

We in the West in rapidly growing Conferences, where we have a large stake and Church Extension, Missions and so forth, are having our Conference Budgets go up between fifteen and twenty per cent almost every year, and this idea of having the Conference Claimants be able to send their Apportionment directly to the Conference without any regard to the World Service Program is very embarrassing to say the least.

I think that for a Unified Program this amendment would help, and I would like to support it."

Against Amendment—Nathaniel J. Golding

Nathaniel J. Golding (North Mississippi—SE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) as follows:—

"I simply would like to say this, that when the Apportionment Rate is suggested by the Board of Conference Claimants, it must be voted on and approved by the Annual Conference and it, therefore, has a chance and the opportunity of voting it down.

One other item I would say. I am heartily in favor of Church Extension, Mission Programs and everything else that pertains to the on-going Church, but if each one of you could happen to be a Treasurer of the Fund to which these people must look for support, I believe you would come to the conclusion that meat and bread sometimes is a little more important than the building of a new church."

Closes Debate—Lester A. Kilpatrick

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, closed the debate on the proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, just a word: I think that the last speaker has pretty well covered the ground, and it has been an established custom and practice of The Methodist Church for many years to have this particular Fund handled by the Conference Board, or the Board of Conference Claimants, and the Apportionment Rate and so on fixed and the Annuity Rate, and it is our mind that it should remain there."

Amendment Not Adopted—Farris F. Moore

The proposed amendment of Farris F. Moore (Tennessee—SE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Claude M. Temple—Accepted—Lester A. Kilpatrick

Claude M. Temple (Illinois—NC) moved to amend (DB-101) Paragraph 1630, Item 8, at the bottom of page 242, column 1, DCA No. 6, by the insertion of the words, "**those present and voting in,**" between the words, "three-fourths

vote of," and, "The Annual Conference," in the last line at the bottom of page 242, column 1, *DCA* No. 6, so that the amended Item 8 will read as follows:—

¶ 1630.

8. A minister cannot present his credentials to and be accepted into the ministry of another Denomination and at the same time retain his standing in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. Such action constitutes withdrawal from our ministry; *provided*, however, that if a Ministerial Member while in good standing in an Annual Conference voluntarily withdraw from the ministry of The Methodist Church in order to enter the ministry of another Church, upon the attainment of age sixty-five and retirement from the ministry of such other Church or Denomination, upon recommendation of the Conference Board of Pensions and a three-fourths vote of **THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IN** the Annual Conference in which ministerial membership was last held, he may be recognized as a Conference Claimant and allowed an Annuity Claim on account of Approved Service in The Methodist Church.

and also to amend the adopted amendment of Albert D. Hagler (Florida—SE) by adding the words, "**THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IN**," between the words, "by a two-thirds vote of," and, "the Annual Conference," so that this adopted amendment, as amended by the proposed amendment of Claude M. Temple (Illinois—NC), will read as follows:—

"An Annual Conference, on recommendation of its Board of Conference Claimants, may, by a two-thirds vote of **THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IN** the Annual Conference, grant annuity and/or necessitous relief to a wife for her years of approved service, without granting annuity to a husband who may have disqualified himself by some moral dereliction, mental illness, or other cause beyond the wife's control."

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, accepted the proposed amendment of Claude M. Temple (Illinois—NC) for the Committee, at both places indicated, there being no objection being raised by any member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, or by any member of The General Conference.

Question—Charles W. Avery, Jr. ()—Answer—Lester A. Kilpatrick*

Charles W. Avery, Jr. (*) (Genesee—NE) raised a question concerning "Proportional Payment," as set forth in Paragraph 1624, *DCA* No. 6, page 241, column 3, which was answered by Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, as follows:—

"I would like to ask the Chairman of the Committee a question relative to Paragraph 1624, the third column of page 241, entitled 'Pro-

portional Payment.' It seems to be inconsistent with the Paragraph numbered 1618 above it in the middle of that column because it makes no reference to any other manner in which the Apportionment shall be levied other than a direct Apportionment of the Pastor's cash salary. If that is the case, I desire to make an amendment if the option of the Annual Conference is taken away.

Lester Kilpatrick: I think, Brother Avery, if you look at that, it is not a matter of the Apportionment so much as it is this matter of the four items of ministerial support and the meeting of same and so on and so forth, rather than the amount of the Apportionment which is just as we have always done, and if a man didn't pay, say, for instance, for the Conference Claimants Fund or the Episcopal Fund, he was then—well, he was guilty of not paying it, that is all."

Amendment—Charles W. Avery, Jr. ()—Not Adopted*

Charles W. Avery, Jr. (*) (Genesee—NE) stated that if the Chairman, Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC) does not see fit to clarify the matter, he would move to delete section 1 of Paragraph 1624.

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, stated he had no further comment.

Charles W. Avery, Jr. (*) (Genesee—NE) then moved to delete (DB-102) Item 1 of Paragraph 1624, DCA No. 6, page 241, column 3, which reads as follows:—

¶ 1624. Proportional Payment. 1. *The amount payable by any pastoral charge on the Apportionment to it for the support of Conference Claimants and for the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund shall be directly proportionate to the total amount of cash salary or salaries paid by the charge to the Minister or Ministers serving it. When the Apportionment to the pastoral charges for the support of Conference Claimants has been determined, payments made thereto by each pastoral charge shall be exactly proportionate to the amount of salary or salaries paid to the Minister or Ministers serving it.* (¶¶ 822, 823)

The motion to thus delete, being duly seconded, Charles W. Avery, Jr. (*) (Genesee—NE), spoke to the same as follows:—

"In the Genesee Conference we have concluded with several other Conferences the study of this Apportionment situation, and we are now on the basis of the decimal weighing in the Pastor's cash salary and membership. Some Conferences include current expenses less building and major repairs in weighing in for the decimal.

It seems a step backward to penalize the Pastor's cash salary with every Apportionment of this kind, and I do not desire to see this General Conference take that step backward with this type of legislation."

Speaks to Proposed Deletion—Adlai C. Holler

Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) spoke to pending motion of Charles W. Avery, Jr. (*) (Genesee—NE) to delete as follows:—

"I think the point has already been covered and is an unnecessary addition because this does not say that it must be fixed by any percentage of the salary, but regardless of the method the Annual Conference uses to fix it, when you fix the amount for Conference Claimants, it then becomes relative to the Pastor's salary. My own Annual Conference, for instance, does not use the salary as a basis, but amounts to my charge are relatively fixed as soon as the amount is fixed and the percentage thereby fixed and it can differ in every Annual Conference."

Reply—Charles W. Avery, Jr. ()*

Charles W. Avery, Jr. (*) (Genesee—NE) made the following statement:—

"I simply refer the Chairman again to the statements that are in that Paragraph which say the Apportionment shall be in direct proportion to the Pastor's cash salary, and unless that is rectified, I think that should be deleted."

Motion to Delete—Charles W. Avery, Jr. ()—Not Adopted*

The motion of Charles W. Avery, Jr. (*) (Genesee—NE) to delete Item 1 of Paragraph 1624, DCA No. 6, page 241, column 3, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Previous Question—Embree H. Blackard—Ordered

Motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE), duly seconded prevailed, ordering the Previous Question in all matters before The General Conference, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"The Previous Question is called for. We may have questions but not debate."

Question—Harold F. Kellogg

Harold F. Kellogg (Ohio—NC) raised the question if there was any provision made for widowers of ministerial members? The Committee had no reply.

Inquiry—H. Hughes Wagner—Answer—Adlai C. Holler

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) raised some questions which were answered by Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) as follows:—

"I wish to ask just a question. This is a serious question. I have not read this through; I confess that. I also confess that if I did I probably wouldn't understand it. However, I do know that in our Annual Con-

ferences in the Board of Ministerial Training, every new young preacher taken in On Trial costs the Conference something for his Pension needs. I know it is difficult now to take a young man in On Trial who is going into educational work, to be a teacher or perhaps a Chaplain on a campus.

Is there any place in here where it is possible for a young preacher to waive his Pension rights and therefore waive the necessity of the Annual Conference to pay into the Fund for him?

Bishop Kennedy: Can you answer that, Dr. Holler?

Adlai C. Holler: I think I get your point, and it is a little difficult to answer. We take these new men coming in, these young men, and we take up their years of what we call "prayer to be admitted into the full Conference," in connection, from the time they join On Trial, and so forth. But if they are going into some other branch of service, that will pay them a Pension, then they themselves must relinquish their right to an Annuity at a certain time. They usually do, but we are covering them until they do that thing.

H. Hughes Wagner: Do I understand they cannot do it at the time they come in On Trial, knowing they will never be a minister in a parish, knowing they will always be covered by some other forms of Pensions? Can they not waive it and still be a Christian minister and a member of the Conferences?

Adlai C. Holler: Brother, that is one of the items that is being considered for further study. It is something just coming into the picture in recent years. We will have something for you at a subsequent Conference, but not at this Conference.

H. Hughes Wagner: In 1960, or so on?

Adlai C. Holler: I guess so.

Inquiry—G. Wesley Lewis ()—Answers—Adlai C. Holler
Charles L. Calkins*

G. Wesley Lewis (*) (Wyoming—NE) raised some questions which were answered by Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) and Charles L. Calkins (South Dakota—NC) as follows:—

"I would like to direct through you a question to the Chairman. It is relative to procedure: at the bottom of page 248, *DCA*, Paragraph 1630, under the heading No. 8. It is relative to a minister who has served a number of years and is in this Conference, then leaves the Conference and goes to another Denomination.

When he has reached the age of 65, if he has left his money with the Conference where he held membership, why should it be necessary for him to go through this procedure in order to get the money which he is entitled to? And I refer to the two-thirds vote of the Ministerial Members of the Conference.

Adlai Holler: This is a section we have not yet come to.

G. Wesley Lewis: There is one question asked regarding this, and I hoped to get mine in, but it wasn't possible.

Bishop Kennedy: That is not before us yet. Will you hold it until we get to that? We are on the Previous Question.

Adlai Holler: May I say something in answer to that?

Bishop Kennedy: Yes.

Adlai Holler: On page 242, DCA, at the bottom of the column there are two places where this provision is made. One is in the Reserve Pension Program, which is not yet under consideration. In the Reserve Pension Program is the provision that if a minister leaves his money in the Fund, he will have the right to claim an Annuity at the attainment of age 65, or retirement from such other Denomination. The money that he has put in he either gets back in cash or he retains his Annuity Claim thereby.

However, in this other situation, in the Pension Code, we have to make some provision if we are going to do this, whereby this Annuity Claim may be re-established.

The Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church, the Congregational Church, have established comity of relationship on Pension Programs. In the Pension Program then, it is necessary for us to provide a way whereby an Annual Conference may re-establish the man's claim after he has left the Church and retired from such other Denomination, and if he is in good standing.

G. Wesley Lewis: If he is in good standing?

Charles L. Calkins: If he is in good standing he is entitled to make this petition to his Annual Conference, and the Annual Conference can do what is provided."

Inquiry—W. Vernon Middleton—Answer—Charles L. Calkins

W. Vernon Middleton (Philadelphia—NE) raised the question which was answered by Charles L. Calkins as follows:—

"I would like to ask Dr. Calkins this question concerning the legislation proposed in Paragraph 1631, in the middle column. I realize it is under Special Conference Claimants, but in the bold face type you list Agencies of The Methodist Church which may be counted for determining eligibility, but that the Annuity will be based only on terms of a preferred service of his pastorate charge.

Is that not confusing?

Charles L. Calkins: I suppose it is confusing, but it is not confusing for the purpose it is intended. This situation has arisen where we have had individuals who are serving as Supply Pastors, Approved Supply Pastors up to seven or eight years. Then they were offered by an Annual Conference Board an opportunity to serve as a Director of a religious, educational, so forth, group for the Conference Board, or something of that sort. If they took it, it would disqualify them for Pension under Special Conference Claimants Provisions.

Now, this says that if such persons had seven or eight years of service as a Special Conference Claimant and then begins to work for such Board or Agency, the Board or Agency providing the Pension thereafter, the seven or eight years prior to that time is not lost, but is counted, and the service with the Board or Agency added to the seven or eight years qualifies the person for the ten years of minimum.

Now, it is a backward way to get at it, but it seemed to be the only proper way we could, at this time.

W. Vernon Middleton: But it refers only to Approved Supply Pastors.

Charles L. Calkins: That's right."

Amendment—Asbury Smith—Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE) moved an amendment, which was ruled out of order, as follows:—

"I am referring to Paragraph 1623, page 241, *DCA*. The last part of that Paragraph closes, 'In case the basis of Apportionment adopted is that of a percentage of the cash salaries of the Ministers, where there is more than one Minister serving a pastoral charge the apportionment thereto shall be on the basis of all cash salaries paid to such Ministers.'

I would like to ask the Chair if the group would object to changing 'shall' to 'may'? This makes a great deal of difference.

Bishop Kennedy: I think that is out of order. We are on the Previous Question. You can ask a question, but you cannot argue. We are going to vote on it.

Asbury Smith: I ask if it can be changed to 'may' from 'shall'?

Bishop Kennedy: It is still out of order."

Questions—Dean E. Richardson—Answers—Charles L. Calkins

Dean E. Richardson (Genesee—NE) raised some questions which were answered by Charles L. Calkins (South Dakota—NC) as follows:—

"I should like to ask concerning the Paragraph 1620, Section 3, on the comment relative to widows of deceased Ministers, and so forth. I would like to ask Dr. Calkins or the Chairman whether or not this is in line with the general practice of Pension Codes of other Denominations, and of similar professional groups to our own. I have in mind particularly the matter that relates to the deprivation of Annuity Claim during a period a woman is married.

Charles L. Calkins: Mr. Chairman, this is not in accord with most Pension Programs.

Dean E. Richardson: Will you give us the reason for that?

Charles L. Calkins: There has been considerable discussion and considerable amount of correspondence which has come to the Pension Legislation Committee, and some Memorials, which would provide that since the widows pension is really upon the Minister-husband's service, that she has some sort of an earned right in the Pension. That just because of re-marriage she should not lose that right.

Now, the Pension Legislation Committee and your Pension Committee here were unwilling to give her that right from the time of her re-marriage on. However, they felt that it might be proper to give her that right after she had attained the age of 65. Thus if a widow of 35 or 40 re-married a couple of years later, she would lose her right until age 65, but then she could get it back again.

Now that, again, is somewhat in line with the legislation that you just passed over the Committee's recommendation, giving a person, a woman, a claim when her husband was still living. It is all the same type of legislation.

Dean E. Richardson: Well, it is quite distinctive with this Code, then. It is not in common practice?

Charles L. Calkins: It is not in common practice."

Question—Bruce L. Middaugh—Answer—Charles L. Calkins

Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE) raised a question which was answered by Charles L. Calkins (South Dakota—NC) as follows:—

"I should like to ask for an interpretation of Paragraph 1624 on page 241, *DCA*, Section 1, proportional payment. I may not understand it properly, and maybe it doesn't mean what it seems to say, but it looks to me as if it says that in the latter part of it, that if a charge overpays its Pastors' salaries by 10 per cent, it must also overpay its Conference Claimant's amount by 10 per cent. Does it say that, sir?

Charles L. Calkins: No, sir."

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"We will have questions as long as you wish to ask them, but we are still under the Previous Question."

Question—Elmer D. Landreth—Answer—Adlai C. Holler

Elmer D. Landreth (Northwest Texas—SC) asked a question which was answered by Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina—SE) as follows:—

"On page 241, *DCA*, the second column, at the top of the page, I would like to ask the Chairman to say a word, tell us the reason for this added wording, 'or completed forty years of full time approved service, as defined . . .' That hasn't been discussed. We would like a little light on it.

Adlai C. Holler: Mr. Chairman, when a man reaches 65 there is no argument of course; that is mandatory. We are not going to have many people now coming under this who will reach forty years' service before reaching 65 years of age, but in industry and many other areas of life, forty years is well beyond the time required before a person is eligible to retire.

It was the sense of our Committee, after discussing this quite at length, that we should at least make provision for those who had forty full years of service, even though they had not made the calendar year 65, make them eligible to retire at their own request."

Chapter IV Pension Code Adopted as Amended

Chapter IV, Pension Code, General Regulations, *DCA* No. 6, page 241, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 242, columns 1, 2 and 3, was adopted, as amended.

Motion to Adjourn—John R. Van Sickle (*)—Adopted

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) moved that we do now adjourn. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, with the proviso that the following matters requested by the Presiding Officer, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, be taken up and disposed of:—

“Will the Conference allow two brief matters that have to come before us before we adjourn? There are nominations to be given by the Secretary of The Council of Bishops, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. I am going to ask him to give those at this time.

Dr. John Wilkins asked for a privilege a while ago, and I told him I would recognize him. I don't think this will take long.”

Nominations Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented elections and nominations of The Council of Bishops for nine different groups, separately, and action was taken on each, as indicated:—

No. 1—Delegates to the North American Study Conference on “The Nature of the Unity We Seek” (DB-103)

The Council of Bishops nominated the following Delegates:—

Abbey, Merrill R. (Detroit—NC)
 Anderson, Bernhard W. (California-Nevada—W)
 Bollinger, H. D. (Northwest Indiana—NC)
 Bosley, Harold A. (Rock River—NC)
 Clair, Jr., Bishop Matthew W. (Central Jurisdiction)
 Copher, Charles B. (Lexington—C)
 Cranston, Earl (Southern California-Arizona—W)
 Cushman, Robert E. (North Carolina—SE)
 Cuninggim, Merrimon (Northwest Texas—SC)
 Ensley, Bishop F. Gerald (North Central Jurisdiction)
 Ferre, Nels (*) (Congregational Minister)
 Hager, Wesley H. (Saint Louis—SC)
 Harkness, Miss Georgia (*) (Troy—NE)
 Herbert, Jr., Chesley C. (Western North Carolina—SE)
 Hill, Daniel C. (*) (Washington—C)
 Holt, Bishop Ivan Lee, *Ex Officio* (South Central Jurisdiction)
 Howes, Allan J. (*) (Pittsburgh—NE)
 Kennedy, Bishop Gerald H. (Western Jurisdiction)
 Kepler, Thomas (*) (North-East Ohio—NC)
 Kearns, F. E. (*) (Wisconsin—NC)
 Knox, John (*) (Virginia—SE)
 Loder, Dwight E. (Minnesota—NC)
 Martin, Bishop William C. (South Central Jurisdiction)
 McCulloh, Gerald O. (Minnesota—NC)
 Michalson, Carl (*) (Minnesota—NC)
 Muelder, Walter G. (New England—NE)
 Olson, John F. (North-East Ohio—NC)

Olson, Oscar Thomas (North-East Ohio—NC)
 Outler, Albert C. (North Texas—SC)
 Oxnam, Bishop G. Bromley (Northeastern Jurisdiction)
 Quillian, Jr., Joseph D. (North Texas—SC)
 Ramsdell, Edward T. (*) (Tennessee—SE)
 Richardson, Harry V. (Central Alabama—C)
 Stokes, Mack B. (Holston—SE)
 Trott, Norman L. (Baltimore—NE)
 Watkins, Bishop William T. (Southeastern Jurisdiction)
 Wicke, Bishop Lloyd C. (Northeastern Jurisdiction)
 Williams, Walter (*) (Colorado—W)

By common consent the above thirty-eight Delegates nominated by the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church were unanimously elected.

No. 2—Urban Life Committee (DB-104)

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church elected the following to the Urban Life Committee:—

Northeastern Jurisdiction:—Bishop W. Earl Ledden
 Southeastern Jurisdiction:—A Newly Elected Bishop (Bishop Bachman G. Hodge)
 Central Jurisdiction:—Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
 North Central Jurisdiction:—Bishop Marshall R. Reed
 South Central Jurisdiction:—A Bishop to be Elected (Bishop Eugene M. Frank)
 Western Jurisdiction:—Bishop Glenn R. Phillips

No. 3—Educational Emphasis of the Quadrennial Program (DB-105)—Lud H. Estes

On motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, the following nominations of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church were elected as the Committee on Educational Emphasis of the Quadrennial Program:—

Northeastern Jurisdiction:—

Ministers:—F. LaMont Henninger (Central Pennsylvania)
 Warren G. Odom (Central New York)
 Leonard Rigglesman (West Virginia)
 Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia)
 Laymen:—Herbert F. Barrett (Genesee)
 Leo H. McKay (Erie)
 Ralph G. Luff (Philadelphia)
 John Perkins (Peninsula)
 John H. Starie (New Hampshire)
 Edmund L. Tink (Newark)

Southeastern Jurisdiction:—

Ministers:—Luther A. Harrell (South Georgia)
 Glenn C. James (Florida)
 Joel D. McDavid (Alabama-West Florida)
 W. Lemuel Clegg (North Carolina)
 Laymen:—Pendleton Gaines (South Carolina)
 Roy Black (North Mississippi)

N. Craig Beasley (Tennessee)
 John C. Bogg (Virginia)
 Guy E. Snively (North Alabama)
 Luther L. Gobbel (Memphis)

Central Jurisdiction:—

Ministers:—Levi B. Miller, Jr. (Washington)
 S. Marion Weeks (Florida)
 Julius S. Scott, Sr. (Texas)
 John A. Greene (Lexington)

Laymen:—Alonzo W. McBride (Washington) (A)
 Mrs. Robert K. Gordon (South Carolina)
 Robert E. Hunt (Upper Mississippi)
 Mrs. Thelma McCallum (Lexington)
 John T. King (West Texas)
 John W. E. Bowen, Jr. (Lexington)

(A) Note:—See page 993 of Saturday's session for changes in nominations of the Laymen from the Central Jurisdiction for the Commission on the Educational Emphasis and the Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System. Editor)

North Central Jurisdiction:—

Ministers:—James M. Buxton (Wisconsin)
 Rockwell C. Smith (Oregon)
 Robert M. Hamil (Rock River)
 C. Maxwell Brown (North Dakota)

Laymen:—C. Gilbert Wrenn (Minnesota)
 Paul Thompson (Iowa-Des Moines)
 John Lester Buford (Southern Illinois)
 Glen Thompson (Indiana—NC)
 Donald E. Holbrook (Michigan)
 J. Fred Essig (North-East Ohio)

South Central Jurisdiction:—

Ministers:—Leland Clegg (Oklahoma)
 Monroe Vivion (Texas)
 Donald E. Redmond (Southwest Texas)
 A. Leland Forrest (Nebraska)

Laymen:—Joe J. Mickle (Louisiana)
 Willis M. Tate (North Texas)
 J. Everett McCluhan (Southwest Missouri)
 Matt L. Ellis (North Arkansas)
 Law Sone (Central Texas)
 Mrs. Kenneth L. McGill (Central Kansas)

Western Jurisdiction:—

Ministers:—R. Franklin Thompson (Pacific Northwest)
 Carl L. Stocking (California-Nevada)
 Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona)
 R. J. Wilson (Wyoming State)

Laymen:—Lloyd M. Bertholf (California-Nevada)
 Laurence Cooper (Southern California-Arizona)
 Chester M. Alter (Colorado)
 Herman Forslund (Oregon)
 G. Herbert Smith (Oregon)
 Martin Frazier (Southern California-Arizona)

No. 4—*Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System (DB-106)*—*Amendment*—*Chester A. Smith*—*Out of Order*—*Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy*—*Point of Order*—*Benjamin I. Thornton (*)*—*Ernest J. Peterson (*)*

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, read the names of the nominations of The Council of Bishops for the Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System.

Question—*Chester A. Smith (*)*—*Answer*—*Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked a question which was answered by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I desire to ask Bishop Oxnam whether or not in the nominations for members from the Northeastern Jurisdiction there is a Negro?”

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam: The answer is, there is no Negro. Last evening the body charged with consulting with The Council of Bishops made no such nomination after the matter had been proposed to it, and the College of Bishops did not bring such a nomination. The answer is no.”

Chester A. Smith () Nominates Peter J. White (*)*—*Point of Order*—*Benjamin I. Thornton (*)*—*Sustained*—*Ruling*—*Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend the list of nominations by deleting the name of Hurst R. Anderson (*) from the Lay Nominees of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, and substituting therefor the name of Peter J. White, Sr. (*). The motion to thus amend was duly seconded.

Point of Order—Benjamin I. Thornton (*)—Well Taken

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) started to speak to his proposed motion to amend when Benjamin I. Thornton (*) (South Georgia—SE) raised the following Point of Order:—

“The Conference ordered The Council of Bishops to make these nominations after consulting with their Delegation or Delegation Leaders. There are no nominations to be made from the floor.”

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"I think your point of order is well stated. I think Brother Smith is out of order on this.

The motion therefore is to elect, those who have been nominated. It is before you. Is there further discussion?"

Ruling Challenged—Chester A. Smith ()—Ruling Sustained—The General Conference*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) challenged the ruling of the Presiding Officer, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, do you rule that I am out of order?"

Bishop Kennedy: Yes.

Chester A. Smith: I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Bishop Kennedy: All right. Would you like to speak first?

Chester A. Smith: Yes, sir.

Bishop Kennedy: Go ahead."

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke as follows concerning his challenge of the ruling of the Presiding Officer, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: We have come to the point in this General Conference of whether or not we are going to accept everything which the Bishops present to us in the way of nominations, or whether we are going to accept and stand by our rights, and if we want to change one of their nominees we will have that right. It is the privilege of The General Conference to change the nominations of the Bishops, and to substitute for any name they present to us another name.

I think the ruling of the Bishop that I am out of order in presenting this name is a disfranchising of the Members of this General Conference and is a most undemocratic procedure.

I ask the Members of The General Conference not to sustain the Bishop in his ruling."

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, spoke as follows concerning his ruling:—

"Now I think according to the Rule the Chair has a right to speak one word to defend his Ruling. All I will say is that according to our action the Bishops were instructed to nominate, after consulting with the leaders of their Delegations. There was no provision made for nominations from the floor of The Conference. I therefore assume that you expected only the Bishops to make the nominations after this consultation.

Will those who would sustain the Chair raise their hand. Those who will not sustain the Chair.

I guess the Chair is sustained. Thank you.

Now the motion before us to elect, to elect those who have been nominated. Is there a motion?"

On motion of Ernest J. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), duly seconded, the following nominations of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church were elected to constitute the Commission To Study And Recommend Action Concerning The Jurisdictional System:—

Northeastern Jurisdiction:—

Bishops:—G. Bromley Oxnam (Washington Area)
Fred P. Corson (Philadelphia Area)

Ministers:—Ralph W. Sockman (New York)
John E. Hannifan (West Virginia)
Walter G. Muelder (New England)
Dean E. Richardson (Genesee)

Laymen:—Charles C. Parlin (Newark)
George W. Culberson (Pittsburgh)
Mrs. Emil M. Hartl (New England)
DeWitt C. LeFevre (Northern New York)
Hurst R. Anderson (Minnesota)
Mrs. Christine Marple (New Jersey)

Southeastern Jurisdiction:—

Bishops:—Arthur J. Moore (Atlanta Area)
Paul N. Garber (Richmond Area)

Ministers:—Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia) (A)
C. Cooper Bell (Virginia)
Leonard H. Cochran (South Georgia)
R. Laurence Dill, Jr. (North Alabama)
D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston)

(A) Note:—Nolan B. Harmon was elected a Bishop by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Thursday, July 12, 1956. The College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction elected W. Lemuel Clegg (North Carolina) to fill the vacancy. Editor)

Laymen:—Ben M. Stevens (Mississippi)
Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (Western North Carolina)
Fred B. Noble (Florida)
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman (Tennessee)
R. Lee Blackwell (Louisville)
Lee Roy Ussery (Alabama)
J. Carlisle Holler (South Carolina)

Central Jurisdiction:—

Bishops:—Willis J. King (New Orleans Area)
Edgar A. Love (Baltimore Area)

Ministers:—Noah W. Moore, Jr. (Delaware)
Cosum M. Luster (Texas)
Charles F. Golden (Lexington)

Laymen:—James P. Brawley (Georgia)
Thurman L. Dodson (Washington)
Mrs. Mary M. Drake (Tennessee)
Richard V. Moore (Florida)
John T. King (West Texas) (B)

(B) Note:—See page 993 of Saturday's session for change in the Lay Nominees of the Central Jurisdiction on this Commission and also on the Commission On The Higher Emphasis On Christian Education. Editor)

North Central Jurisdiction:—

Bishops:—Marshall R. Reed (Michigan Area)

Richard C. Raines (Indiana Area)

Ministers:—Harold A. Bosley (Rock River)
Alvin J. Lindgren (Wisconsin)
Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit)
Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio)

Laymen:—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa)
Fremont Fletcher (Minnesota)
Mrs. A. K. Laing (Illinois)
Paul V. Shearer (Iowa-Des Moines)
Leonard D. Slutz (Ohio)
Lawrence Riggs (Northwest Indiana)

South Central Jurisdiction:—

Bishops:—A. Frank Smith (Houston-San Antonio Area)
William C. Martin (Dallas-Fort Worth Area)

Ministers:—Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. (North Texas)
William E. Trice (Louisiana)
Finis E. Crutchfield, Jr. (Oklahoma)
Lyman S. Johnson (Central Kansas)

Laymen:—Lester L. Keyser (Southwest Texas)
J. Clinton Hawkins (Saint Louis)
Mrs. Clyde Kirk (Missouri)
Charles A. Stuck (North Arkansas)
William H. Wilcox (Oklahoma)

Western Jurisdiction:—

Bishops:—Donald H. Tippet (San Francisco Area)
Glenn R. Phillips (Denver Area)

Ministers:—Frank S. Williams (Southern California-Arizona)
Raymond E. Balcomb (Oregon)
John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada)

Laymen:—Mrs. Rena M. Taylor (Colorado)
Mrs. Alice Baun (California-Nevada)
Mrs. Frances Swayze (Pacific Northwest)
Thomas Payne (Montana)
Vern Orr, Sr. (Southern California-Arizona)

No. 5—Commission on Promotion and Cultivation (DB-107)—Don A. Cooke

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church elected the following Bishops to serve on the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation:—

Northeastern Jurisdiction:—John Wesley Lord (Boston Area)
Southeastern Jurisdiction:—Marvin A. Franklin (Jackson Area)
Central Jurisdiction:—Matthew W. Clair, Jr. (Saint Louis Area)
North Central Jurisdiction:—D. Stanley Coors (Minnesota Area)
South Central Jurisdiction:—William C. Martin (Dallas-Forth Worth Area)
Western Jurisdiction:—A. Raymond Grant (Portland Area)

On motion of Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE) the following nominations of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church were elected as members of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation:—

Harold W. Griffis (Troy—NE)
 Offie L. Hathaway (North Carolina—SE)
 Claude W. Williams (*) (Mississippi—C)
 Ray W. Labbit (*) (Detroit—NC)
 Harry O. Ritter (Kansas—SC)
 Henry C. Welch (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

No. 6—Co-ordinating Council Vacancy (DB-108)—Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. ()—T. Russell Reitz (*)—Eugene M. Frank*

Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC) having previously been elected a member of the Co-ordinating Council of The Methodist Church, on nomination of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, and at this session of The General Conference having also been elected a member of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, thus creating a vacancy in the membership of the Co-ordinating Council in compliance with Paragraph 902, 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:—

“902. Members of The Council shall be ineligible for membership in The General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference, or in any General or Jurisdictional Board, or for administrative service in any connectional office.”

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church nominated T. Russell Reitz (Kansas—SC) to fill the vacancy thus created on the Co-ordinating Council, and, on motion of Eugene M. Frank (Kansas—SC), duly seconded, T. Russell Reitz (*) (Kansas—SC) was duly elected to the same.

No. 7—Council on World Service and Finance—Vacancy Filled—(DB-109)—R. F. Curl—G. Lemuel Fenn—Paul V. Galloway

On nomination of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) had previously been elected a member of the Council on World Service and Finance. This General Conference of The Methodist Church had also elected R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) a member of The Judicial Council, thus creating a vacancy on the Council on World Service and Finance, according to Paragraph 902 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, which reads as follows:—

“Par. 902. Members of The Council shall be ineligible for membership in The General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference, or in any General or Jurisdictional Board, or for administrative service in any connectional office.”

On nomination of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) was nominated to fill the vacancy on the Council on World Service and Finance, and on motion of Paul V. Galloway (Okla-

homa—SC), G. Lemuel Fenn was duly elected a member of the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church.

No. 8—Directors of Religion in American Life (DB-110)
—Charles D. White

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church nominated for election as Directors of Religion in American Life, the following:—

Frank W. Burr (*) (Newark—NE)
W. Carl Walton (*) (Newark—NE)
Ralph Stooddy (New England Southern—NE)
Robert G. Mayfield (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC)
Karl K. Quimby (Newark—NE)

On motion of Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE), duly seconded, the above named Directors were duly selected.

No. 9—Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas (DB-111) Par. 2008, 1952 Discipline—Ira B. Loud

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church presented nominations for the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, and on motion of Ira B. Loud (West Texas—C), duly seconded, there were elected as follows:—

Bishops from Jurisdictional Conferences:—

W. Angie Smith (South Central)
Fred P. Corson (Northeastern)
Richard C. Raines (North Central)
Frederick B. Newell (Northeastern)

Bishops from Central Conferences:—

Newell S. Booth (Africa Central)
Shot K. Mondol (Southern Asia Central)
Sante Uberto Barbieri (Latin America Central)
Friedrich Wunderlich (Germany Central)

Northeastern Jurisdiction:—

Minister:—Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia)
Layman:—Robert F. Oxnam (*) (New England—NE)

Southeastern Jurisdiction:—

Minister:—Nathaniel J. Golding (North Mississippi)
Layman:—William C. Brannon (North Alabama)

Central Jurisdiction:—

Minister:—E. W. McMillan (Georgia)
Layman:—Hally P. Johns (Delaware)

North Central Jurisdiction:—

Minister:—Stewart D. White (Rock River)
Layman:—Mrs. Charles E. Wegner (Minnesota)

South Central Jurisdiction:—

Minister:—Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska)
Layman:—Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr. (Texas)

Western Jurisdiction:—

R. Marvin Stuart (California-Nevada)
Gerald Schlessman (*) (Rocky Mountain)

<i>Africa Central Conference</i>	Edgar Cooper
<i>China Central Conference</i>	E. Pearce Hayes
<i>Germany Central Conference</i>	Ernst P. Scholz
<i>Central Southern Europe Central Conference</i>	William G. Thonger
<i>Latin America Central Conference</i>	Howard W. Yoder
<i>Northern Europe Central Conference</i>	Harald Lindstrom (*)
<i>Philippines Central Conference</i>	Ernest E. Tuck
<i>Southern Asia Central Conference</i>	Edwin B. Paul
<i>Southeast Asia Central Conference</i>	U On Kin

Amendment to Rules of Order—John R. Wilkins—Withdrawn

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) moved to amend the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, page 193, 1956 Handbook for Delegates, by deleting “(1) Committee of Chairmen, which reads as follows:—

“(1) Committee of Chairmen. *The Chairmen of the several Standing Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and the Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee Reports to the Conference in such order as to expedite the business.*”

and substitute therefor the following (DB-112):—

(1) Business Committee. This Committee shall be composed of four Laymen and three Ministers appointed by The Council of Bishops from the regularly elected Delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops, preceding the session of The General Conference. The Secretary of the General Conference shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee, and shall convene the Committee prior to the opening of The Conference. Its duties shall be as follows.

a. Consult with Agencies and leaders of The Methodist Church concerning the timing of their Reports to The General Conference.

b. Obtain from the Chairmen of Legislative and Administrative Committees their requests for the scheduling of their Reports on the Business Agenda.

c. Report to each business session of The General Conference its recommendations for the Business Agenda, including Committee Reports and other business.

The motion to refer, being duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

No. 18—Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, was recognized, and made the following statement:—

"Our Rules require, if you refer this now to the Committee on Rules, that the Committee shall report thereon not later than the following day.

I want you to know what you are doing if you refer this to us. You are asking us to consider a matter as important as this, with the business that we have on us now, and report on it tomorrow. I do not think we can do it.

What I want to say is this: I thought I had it perhaps arranged with Brother Wilkins that this could be presented as an amendment when we present our Report which sets up the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the next General Conference. He can present it as an amendment then. But to ask us to take it now and report tomorrow, I don't think it could be done."

Amendment Withdrawn—John R. Wilkins

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W), with the consent of the seconder of his motion to refer, asked that he be permitted to withdraw his proposed amendment at this time and present it tomorrow, when the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order will present their Report concerning the Rules for The General Conference of 1960. By common unanimous consent of The General Conference, the proposed amendment of John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) was withdrawn, to be presented tomorrow, Saturday, May 5, 1956.

Point of Order—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) raised the Point of Order that The General Conference had moved to adjourn, that the motion had been adopted, and that all of this was out of order.

Ruling—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, stated that he agreed with the Point of Order raised, but that the motion to adjourn was adopted with the proviso to consider two matters, namely, the nominations from the Council of Bishops and the proposed amendment of John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W).

Announcements—Leon T. Moore

Announcements were made by Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary-Designate of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Thanks—Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, the Presiding Officer, thanked

the members of The General Conference for their spirit of co-operation in conducting the business of the evening session.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

The evening session of the Tenth Day, Friday, May 4, 1956, of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned at eleven o'clock P.M., with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of the Syracuse Area Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops, with further consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions pending.

ELEVENTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Pursuant to adjournment, The General Conference of The Methodist Church assembled in the morning session of the Eleventh Day, Saturday, May 5, 1956, at 8:30 A.M., in the Municipal Auditorium at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, presiding, and with the further consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, Calendar No. 41, Subject, "Pension Legislation," DCA No. 6, page 239, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 240, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 241, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 242, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 243, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 244, column 1, pending.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, announced that James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, would announce a Hymn, and that the Devotional Service of the morning would be conducted by Bishop William T. Watkins, of the Louisville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Hymn No. 148—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 148, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of the Hymn announced. The General Conference remained standing while Bishop William T. Watkins led in prayer.

Devotions—Bishop William T. Watkins

Bishop William T. Watkins, of the Louisville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, brought the devotional message of the morning from the theme, "The Kingdom of God."

Hymn 148—James R. Houghton ()—Benediction—Bishop William T. Watkins*

At the close of the Devotional Message, The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of Hymn No. 148, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," announced by James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, after which Bishop William T. Watkins

of the Louisville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, pronounced the Benediction.

Business Session—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference of The Methodist Church to order for the business session at 8:50 A.M., Saturday, May 5, 1956, no objection being raised by any Member of The General Conference to beginning the business session before 9 o'clock A.M.

No. 7—Journal—George B. Ahn (*)

George B. Ahn (*) (Central New York—NE) Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Journal, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

“Your Committee has examined the Journal for Thursday afternoon, May 3rd and has found it to be correct.”

(Signed) George B. Ahn (*), Chairman

Statement—George B. Ahn ()*

George B. Ahn (*) (Central New York—NE) made the following statement:—

“The record appearing in the *Daily Christian Advocate* this morning for Thursday evening and Friday morning have been taken from the Stenotype and not examined by the Committee.”

No. 11—Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented two matters, and action was taken on each as indicated:—

First—Presented Bishop A. Frank Smith—Earl R. Brown

Requested that Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction, be recognized for a privileged matter.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, recognized Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction for a highly privileged matter, and stated that inasmuch as Bishop A. Frank Smith desired to present a person, and called attention to the last sentence of section (e) of the duties of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, which reads as follows:—

"No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a two-thirds vote of The Conference."

The General Conference unanimously gave more than the required two-thirds vote for the presentation of Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC).

Bishop A. Frank Smith, of the Houston-San Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction made the following statement in presenting Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC):—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: There is one great moment in the life of every person who was present in Kansas City upon that historic evening in 1939. It was when the hand of every Member of The General Conference, of every person associated with it, took the pledge and declared the Methodists were one people.

We left Kansas City for the shakedown cruise through 1939. Various Agencies were meeting to learn just what the rights of each were now that union had been effected.

And in 1940 The Methodist Church set forth bravely upon that voyage which has brought us down to the present moment.

Among the many Agencies affected by union, none presented more problems than were to be found in the Board of Missions composed of the four Divisions with which you are familiar. And of those Divisions the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, I think without peradventure of doubt, had the most problems. In reality through that quadrennium three Boards operated. If you have occasion ever to look at the *Discipline* of 1940 you will discover that the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension was provided with three Executive Secretaries of co-ordinate and equal authority.

We came through that quadrennium with many problems, but exceedingly successful in what was achieved, and in 1944 a new departure was enterprised.

There was created the office not before existent of Executive Secretary of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension with three co-ordinate Executive Secretaries, one of Home Missions and two of Church Extension, one in Philadelphia, Pa., and one in Louisville, Ky., serving under him.

To that office was called the Reverend Dr. Earl R. Brown from the old mother church of Cleveland Methodism, to which he had but recently gone after a successful term upon the Cleveland District.

During these succeeding three quadrennia there has been fashioned that which was envisioned when unification was effected, that the Board of Missions as a unit should be located in New York and operate as such.

It has required time and tact and patience. I cannot say too much by way of appreciation of all who have co-operated to make it possible at this moment for me to say to you that the Section of Church Extension is in Philadelphia with a subordinate department in Louisville, with one Secretary of the Section of Church Extension and one Secretary likewise operating in the Department of Home Missions.

The idea has been given flesh and blood and character by the man who occupied that newly created office, Earl R. Brown.

Through these years he not only by his spirit, his administrative genius, has wrought this transformation in the Division of National Missions, but he has occupied prominent places in the Councils of the Federal Council and of the National Council.

He has carried the message of Home Missions and Church Extension across this continent and administered it from the grass roots in most effective fashion.

He now comes to the period when within the year he will be retiring.

I can stand here and say these things out of my heart and not because of any prepared statement because I have had the privilege of being the President of that Division since unification.

I think I can without presumption say that which we have seen and heard, we are now declaring unto you, and likewise as I, with your permission, present Dr. Earl R. Brown to you this morning, feel that you wish to join with us in the Division and the Board in saying, done now are your faithful services, enter thou into the joys of retirement whatever they may be."

The General Conference stood in applause.

Reply—Earl R. Brown

Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC) replied as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, Bishop Smith, and Members of The Conference: One is well nigh overwhelmed by a statement like that.

I was reminded to say, "Those of us who are about to die now salute you," but I don't expect to die now or hereafter.

I have been a Methodist preacher for 48 years. This is the eighth General Conference I have attended as a Delegate, and I have been very conscious all those years of the value of your time.

I have used very little of it on the floor. I discovered early I could get what I wanted done in the Committees or in the corridors much more efficiently than by debate. It is a mingled emotion that one finds at a moment like this, and I am not going to hold you only just a second.

Whatever honors that may have come to us have been undeserved, the many recognitions we did not earn, for we only desired 'to live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man.'

But there is along with the Board and with Bishop Smith and the other Bishops who have been such assistance to me one to whom I do pay a tribute this morning.

Forty-six years ago I persuaded a very lovely girl to marry me, You can't understand I know, but I did. I was receiving \$300 a year at that time in the little Mission church, and I think I had the best of the bargain. I was getting more than she did.

I sometimes wonder if she didn't question whether we would have enough to eat or not. I think evidence could be submitted to prove that her fears were ungrounded. But during these years a certain lady has made our home a place where the sad and the broken-hearted have come for comfort; where young people have come for counsel.

I want to pay tribute this morning to a lady who is in the back

balcony. She is that good-looking lady back there with the nice gray hair.

Both of us express from the bottom of our hearts our thanks for the opportunity that The Methodist Church has given to us to serve. And we expect to go on serving as long as God gives us the physical strength.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His face shine upon you always.

Thank you."

Second—Greetings to Generalissimo and Madam Chiang Kai-shek

On motion of Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, duly seconded, the Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was directed to send the Fraternal Greetings of The General Conference of The Methodist Church to Generalissimo and Madam Chiang Kai-shek, Taipei, Formosa.

No. 9—Credentials—Elmer E. Mathews (*)

Elmer E. Mathews (*) (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted without reading. For Report see Appendix, page 1210.

No. 19—Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, with the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, your Committee of Chairmen feel that we are making reasonably good progress, but as you can see, we have a long, long way to go as yet in the Legislative Calendar. We have a couple of Orders of the Day for this morning, and we must make real progress if we are not going to be here until very late on Monday.

The Committee wants me to urge you to use all the speed you can in your giving rightful and due consideration to all of these important matters.

In view of that, I should like to offer this motion. The motion is this: 'Whenever an amendment is offered to a Report of a Committee, consideration thereof shall be confined to the speech of the Delegate presenting such amendment, and a statement limited to three minutes by the Chairman presenting the Report, *provided*, however, that a majority vote of The General Conference shall be sufficient at any time to suspend the application of this Rule.'

You can see the purpose of this, Members of The Conference. Sometimes we would have been able to have saved a good many minutes if

we had had this kind of Rule in effect. But it still leaves with The Conference the judgment as to whether an amendment is of sufficient importance that the debate ought to go on. However, it would allow a statement of three minutes from a person presenting an amendment, and a statement on the part of the Committee by the Chairman not to exceed the same length of time.

I should like to move this as a motion to guide us throughout the remainder of the session."

On the motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the following was adopted as a method of procedure by The General Conference of The Methodist Church (DB-114) :—

"Whenever an amendment is offered to a Report of a Committee, consideration thereof shall be confined to the speech of the Delegate presenting such amendment, and a statement limited to three minutes by the Chairman presenting the Report, *provided*, however, that a majority vote of The General Conference shall be sufficient at any time to suspend the application of this Rule."

No. 2—Entertainment and Program—J. Wesley Hole (*)

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, presented Report No. 2 of the Commission, DCA No. 9, page 433, columns 1 and 2, explaining the same, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1223.

Calendar—Edward P. O'Rear

Under the direction of Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), Assistant Secretary of the Calendar, consideration of and action on the Reports of Standing Legislative Committees that had been placed on the Calendar was resumed.

No. 1—Pension—"Pension Legislation—Resumed—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Harold C. Buckingham

Consideration of and action on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, Calendar No. 41, DCA No. 6, page 239, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 240, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 241, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 242, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 243, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 244, column 1, Subject, "Pension Legislation," was resumed, the aforesaid Report No. 1 having been submitted to the General Conference for its consideration and action on at last night's session, Friday, May 4, 1956.

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the

Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, made the following statement:—

DCA, Page 242. Mr. Chairman, Members of the Conference: You were very kind and merciful to the Committee on Pensions last night, and we are very appreciative of the interest that you took in this matter which is quite technical, but very near to our hearts.

The third section, Chapter 5 on page 242, *DCA*, will be presented by Dr. Harold C. Buckingham of the Wyoming Conference.

Chapters V and VI—Harold C. Buckingham

Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE) presented Chapter V, Subject, "Ministers Reserve Pension Fund," *DCA* No. 6, page 242, column 3 and page 243, columns 1, 2 and 3; and Chapter VI, Subject, "Lay Employees Pension Fund," *DCA* No. 6, page 243, column 3 and page 244, column 1, explaining all changes made.

Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE) requested common consent to insert the word, "ANNUALLY," in Paragraph 1648-2, after the word "granted," at the beginning of line four, so that the amended Paragraph 1648-2 will read:—

2. If the **Service Annuity** of a widow be less than \$600, at the discretion of the **General Board of Pensions**, she may be granted **ANNUALLY** an additional amount **from the Disability, Widows and Children's Fund**; *provided*, however, that in such case the total of the **Service Annuity** and the grant shall not exceed \$600 per annum. **The Income Annuity payable under the provisions of § 1 of this Paragraph shall be paid in addition to said Service Annuity and said grant.**

The General Conference ordered the proposed insertion, by unanimous common consent.

Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE) moved the adoption of Chapters V and VI just presented to The General Conference. The motion to thus adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—Ralph Taylor Alton—Not Adopted

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) moved to amend Paragraph 1646, *DCA* No. 6, page 243, column 1, by deleting the word "*directly*," found in line twenty-three between the words, "remitted," and "to the." and substituting therefor the words (DB-115) "**THROUGH THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER**," and also the same amendment in Paragraph 1656-4, found in the same place and line in said Paragraph 1656-4, so that Paragraph 1646 and Paragraph 1656-4, as amended, will read:—

¶ 1646. Contributions by Members. 1. An annual contribution, the equivalent of three per cent of the average salary of the Conference

(as defined in ¶ 1618 § 6 of the Pension Code), shall be paid directly to the Fund by each qualified member thereof in quarterly installments, payable in advance in accordance with the schedule of payment dates as determined by the General Board of Pensions; *provided*, however, that if his support (as defined in ¶ 1643 § 2) be less than the average salary of the Conference, a member may elect to contribute annually the equivalent of three per cent of such support, and *provided*, furthermore, that by vote of an Annual Conference, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reserve Pensions, the amounts of the annual contributions required of members of the Fund shall be withheld by the Treasurers of the pastoral charges or organizations concerned, and remitted THROUGH THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER to the Fund in monthly or quarterly installments. Such contributions shall be applicable to income annuity credit only.

¶ 1656.

4. Contributions by Members. a) An annual contribution, the equivalent of three per cent of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in ¶ 1618 § 6 of the Pension Code), shall be paid directly to the Fund by each qualified member thereof in quarterly installments, payable in advance in accordance with the schedule of payment dates as determined by the General Board of Pensions; *provided*, however, that if his support (as defined in ¶ 1643 § 2) be less than the average salary of the Conference, a member may elect to contribute annually the equivalent of three per cent of such support; and *provided*, furthermore, that by vote of an Annual Conference, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reserve Pensions, the amounts of the annual contributions required of members of the Fund shall be withheld by the Treasurers of the pastoral charges or organizations concerned, and remitted THROUGH THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER to the Fund in monthly or quarterly installments. Such contributions shall be applicable to income annuity credit only.

The motion to thus amend both Paragraphs was duly seconded.

Not Accepted by Committee—Harold C. Buckingham

Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE) said the Committee could not accept the proposed amendment of Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC).

Speaks to Amendment—Ralph Taylor Alton

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) spoke to his proposed amendment, as follows:—

“My reason for that is that yesterday we adopted on the previous page, 241, at the bottom of column 3, the statement that the amount apportioned to each pastoral charge for the support of the Conference Claimants and for the Ministers Reserve Pension fund shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer monthly or quarterly.

If the matter carries as is here presented it would mean that if the Annual Conference set up this withholding program the Local Church Treasurer would be required to send the portion that is apportioned to the churches to the Annual Conference Treasurer, and the part that is withheld from the ministers directly to the Fund. I think this would confuse the matter considerably.

I think I need make no further speech than the comment I have already made. It is to avoid confusion of the Local Church Treasurer, which I think would be quite advisable."

Against Amendment—Harold C. Buckingham

Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: We are talking about two different things here. What the Conference Treasurer remits is Conference Claimants money. That which we are talking about here is the minister's own contribution. It is a personal matter. It ought not to be mixed up with the Conference funds. It is something on which he is going to get interest. It is simply a provision which makes it easier at the response of, for instance, one of our Conferences which has sent in a Memorial saying they would like to have help in order to get the ministers to contribute their share to the Pension Fund. It is to give them an opportunity to help if the Conference wishes to use it. It is an optional thing.

If The Conference votes to do this then the Local Church Treasurer would deduct at the source the minister's payment and remit it directly to the Board in Chicago. It is the same policy which has been adopted, was adopted the other day in connection with the new Reserve Pension Fund for our Bishops. The Bishops are to have 3 per cent of their salary deducted at the source and sent in directly to the World Service office. So it is with this. It would be deducted at the source by the church Treasurer and sent in directly to Chicago to the credit of the Pastor."

Amendment Ralph Taylor Alton—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Rights of a Widow—Referred—Glenn M. Frye—Accepted—Harold C. Buckingham

Glenn M. Frye (Michigan—NC) moved to refer to the Board of Pensions (DB-116) for study and report to the 1960 General Conference the question of the rights of a widow to a fairer share of her husband's annuity claim, than simply that afforded by her years of active service.

Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE) accepted the matter of reference for the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, there being no objection raised by any member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions or by any member of The General Conference.

Question—Harold S. Swales—Answer—Harold C. Buckingham

Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) asked a

question which was answered by Harold C. Buckingham (Wyoming—NE) as follows:—

“If the member fails to make a contribution is there any penalty other than his loss of the value of his contribution?”

Harold C. Buckingham: “No.”

Chapter V and Chapter VI—Subject, “Ministers Reserve Pension Fund,”—Harold C. Buckingham—Adopted As Amended

Chapter V, Subject, “Ministers Reserve Pension Fund,” DCA No. 6, page 242, column 3; page 243, columns 1, 2 and 3; and Chapter VI, Subject, “Lay Employees Pension Fund,” DCA No. 6, page 243, column 3 and page 244 column 1, were adopted as amended.

Chapter VIII—Subject, “Committee On Pension Legislation”—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Adopted

Chapter VIII, Subject, “Committee On Pension Legislation,” DCA No. 6, page 244, column 1 was adopted on motion of Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, duly seconded.

No. 1—Pensions—Subject, “Pension Legislation”—Adopted As A Whole

Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, Subject, “Pension Legislation,” DCA No. 6, page 239, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 240, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 241, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 242, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 243, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 244, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 244, column 1, was then adopted, as a whole, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1632.

Statement Re Calendar—Edward P. O’Rear

Edward P. O’Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), Assistant Calendar Secretary made a statement to expedite the business of The General Conference as follows:—

“May I say for the Calendar Secretaries the work of the Committee is not completed until all of the Reports have been returned to the Secretary’s office. This must be done as early as possible today in order to be included in the *Advocate* for Monday. If we do not have them, we cannot complete the business.”

No. 1—Missions—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Lynn J. Radcliffe—W. Vernon Middleton—Eugene L. Smith—Earl R. Brown

The Presiding Officer, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, recognized Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, for the presentation of the Reports from the Committee.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, requested the following to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Reports:—Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Committee; W. Vernon Middleton (Philadelphia—NE), a Delegate and General Secretary, Philadelphia Section of Church Extension, Division of National Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church; Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE), General Secretary, Division of World Missions, General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church; Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC), General Secretary, Division of National Missions, the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

No. 1—Missions—“Amending Paragraph 1237, Section 6, 1952 Discipline Regarding Repayment Of Donations”—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ()—Adopted*

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 1 for the Committee, Calendar No. 45, Subject, “Amending Paragraph 1237, Section 6, 1952 *Discipline* Regarding Repayment Of Donations,” DCA No. 7, page 289, column 1, stating that the deletion occurs in line 5 as recorded in the 1952 *Discipline*, and not in line 6 as printed in the Report, and moved the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Committee. The motion to thus adopt being duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1591.

No. 2—Missions—“Quadrennial Assembly Of Boards Separate From Annual Board Meetings”—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 46, Subject, “Quadrennial Assembly Of Boards Separate From Annual Board Meetings,” DCA No. 7, page 289, columns 1, and 2, and on her motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1592.

No. 3—Missions—"Mission To America In 1958"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 47, Subject, "Mission To America In 1958," *DCA* No. 7, page 289, column 2, and on her motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1593.

No. 4—Missions—"Repayment Of Donations, Etc."—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 48, Subject, "Repayment Of Donations And Loans To The Section Of Church Extension Of The Division Of National Missions," *DCA* No. 7, page 289, columns 2 and 3, and on her motion duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1593.

No. 5—"Continuation Of Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 49, Subject, "Continuation Of Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief," *DCA* No. 7, page 289, column 3, and on her motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1594.

No. 6—Missions—"Constituting Annual Conference Commission On Town And Country Work"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Amended—Cleo C. Sessions—Accepted—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 50, Subject, "Constituting Annual Conference Commission On Town And Country Work," *DCA* No. 7, page 289, column 3, and page 290, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Cleo C. Sessions—Accepted—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)

Cleo C. Sessions (Central Texas—SC) moved to amend the Report by adding the words (DB-117) :—

"ALL GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION MEMBERS IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHALL BE *EX-OFFICIO* MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION."

to follow the words, "**members of the Commission,**" found in line nineteen of Paragraph 1231-1, DCA No. 7, page 290, column 1, so that the amended Paragraph 1231-1 will read as follows:—

123.1. Each Annual Conference having town and country churches shall set up, under the direction of the Bishop and his Cabinet, a Commission on Town and Country Work. The membership of the Commission shall be the Bishop in charge of the Conference; the District Superintendents; the Conference missionary Secretary; the **Conference Secretary of Evangelism**; the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education; the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; a representative elected by each of the following Conference Agencies: the Board of Missions, the Board of Education, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Evangelism, the Conference Youth Fellowship, the Methodist Rural Fellowship; and one rural Layman and one rural Pastor from each District, nominated by the District Superintendents or the Nominating Committee of the Conference, and elected by the Annual Conference. The Commission may add to its membership, upon recommendation of its Executive Officers, and upon nomination by the District Superintendents, or the Nominating Committee of the Conference, and upon election by the Annual Conference, not to exceed five Members-at-Large who may be either Ministers or Laymen especially interested in rural work but not otherwise Members of the Commission. **ALL GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION MEMBERS IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHALL BE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.** All special workers in the Annual Conference employed by The Methodist Church in rural communities shall be *ex officio* members of the Commission, but without vote.

Amendment Accepted—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ()—W. Vernon Middleton*

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, accepted the proposed amendment of Cleo C. Session (Central Texas—SC). with the approval of W. Vernon Middleton (Philadelphia—NE), General Secretary of the Section of Church Extension, Philadelphia office, of the Division of National Missions, of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, there being no objection raised by any member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, or of any member of The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

The Report, as amended by acceptance, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1594

No. 7—Missions—"Inter-Board Committee For Ministry To Neglected Areas And Unchurched Peoples"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Earl R. Brown—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, pre-

sented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 51, Subject, "Inter-Board Committee For Ministry To Neglected Areas And Unchurched Peoples," *DCA* No. 7, page 290, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

At the request of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, and with the permission of The General Conference, Earl R. Brown (North-East Ohio—NC), General Secretary of the Division of National Missions of the General Board of The Methodist Church, made a brief statement, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: Early in this quadrennium, in response to some of the recommendations in the Survey Report, I took the initiative in calling representatives of several of these Boards mentioned in this Report together and we spent two days in Cincinnati discussing our common responsibility and the points wherein we seemed to overlap. This Report comes, I think, in a very fine time to help us go on with those kinds of studies.

The five Boards that are represented here are in some sense all working in the same field. They all have a responsibility in these neglected Areas. If we can have an instrument of this kind through which a Program can be set up and responsibilities assigned, all of us are confident we can do a better collective job and correlate the Programs for which we are responsible.

That is all I wish to say."

Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1595.

No. 8—Missions—"Episcopal Representation On The Divisions Of Board Of Missions"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)
—Ruling—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Action Deferred
—Embree H. Blackard

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 52, Subject, "Episcopal Representation On Division Of The Board Of Missions," *DCA* No. 7, page 290, column 2, stating that this Report is concurrent with a Report which will be presented later during the day from the Commission on The Structure Of Methodism Overseas, and moved the adoption of the pending Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"It is a little unusual to concur with a Report that has not yet been adopted; but I take it if the body wishes to, it can act upon this."

Statement—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ()*

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—C), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman, it has had discussion with them.”

Motion to Defer Action—Embree H. Blackard—Adopted

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) moved to defer action upon Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions until the Report from the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas was presented. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed, and Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions was withdrawn from consideration of The General Conference until that time.

No. 9—Missions—“Continuation Of Emphasis On Church Extension”—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 53, Subject, “Continuation Of Emphasis On Church Extension,” DCA No. 7, page 290, columns 2 and 3, and on her motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1597.

No. 10—Missions—“Board Of Missions Proposed Legislative Changes”—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 101, Subject, “Board Of Missions Proposed Legislative Changes,” DCA No. 9, page 401, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 402, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 403, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 404, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 405, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 406, columns 1 and 2, explaining succinctly the changes proposed, and moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Paragraphs 1202 and 1204—Eugene L. Smith

In the consideration of and action on Paragraphs 1202 and 1204, DCA No. 9, page 401, column 3 and page 402, column 1, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, asked the privilege of having Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE), General Secretary of the Division of World

Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, speak briefly to the same.

The General Conference granted the request by unanimous common consent, and Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE) spoke as follows:—

“In 1202 the change is much more than editorial. One of the great advantages of Methodism in its work in the Central Conferences is the Field Committee which acts as a liaison between the Board of Missions and the work within the Annual Conferences of the Central Conferences. This is a change growing out of requests from the field, a change which was worked out in its final form in the Inter-field Consultation where Lay Leadership from all the Mission fields were present.

It provides the National Members shall be elected by the Annual Conferences. This is the final election. The Missionary Members elected by the Missionary Committee and their election ratified by the Board of Missions. This comes to you with strong support from all the fields.”

Paragraph 1215—W. Vernon Middleton

When Paragraph 1215 DCA No. 9, page 402, columns 1 and 2, was presented, W. Vernon Middleton (Philadelphia—NE), a Delegate and the General Secretary of the Philadelphia office, Section of Church Extension of the Division of National Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, at the request of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, explained the changes in Paragraph 1215 as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, if I may be permitted, I think that there is something other than editorial change in Paragraph 1215 which is stated at the bottom of page 402, and I can state it in one or two words. Please note that the Division has dropped all designations of racial groups, and we are attempting to do our administration without reference to any racial group.

There is nothing in the section to which Mrs. Brooks referred that needs comment, but we are prepared to answer questions.”

Time Extended—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

Report No. 10 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions being a lengthy Report, and the time allocated to each Chairman for the presentation of Reports nearing the limit, motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), duly seconded, prevailed extending the time of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, five minutes for the completion of the presentation of Report No. 10 of the Committee.

Explanations—W. Vernon Middleton

At the request of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa

—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, W. Vernon Middleton (Philadelphia—NE), a Delegate and the General Secretary of the Philadelphia office, Section of Church Extension of the Division of National Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, explained the changes in the following Paragraphs:—

“Thank you, Bishop Oxnam and Members of The Conference: Par. 1296 points out and provides that the Chairman of an Annual Conference Commission on Town and Country Work may be a member of the Annual Conference Board of Missions.

Paragraph 1296 (*DCA* No. 9, page 405, column 2) adds two new Paragraphs, 4 and 5, to Paragraph 1296:

Paragraph No. 4 to be added: ‘The Board may appoint a Committee on Research and Survey which may conduct surveys and make research studies within the bounds of the Annual Conference, and shall co-operate with the Department of Research and Survey of the Division of National Missions.’

Paragraph No. 5 to be added: ‘The Conference Board of Missions shall operate in consultation with the Cabinet a Committee on Urban Work.’

Paragraph 1229 (*DCA* No. 9, page 405, column 2) places responsibility for the Quadrennial Church Extension Survey rightly on the Board of Missions.

Paragraph 1320 (*DCA* No. 9, page 405, column 2) gives the Board of Missions membership on the Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church.

Paragraph 1412 (*DCA* No. 9, page 405, column 2) changes the name of the Joint Committee on Religious Education to the Joint Committee on Christian Education, and this term is also found, and we wish it changed, in Paragraph 1283 of the present *Discipline*.

Paragraph 1417 (*DCA* No. 9, page 405, column 3) provides that the Joint Committee on Stewardship and the Board of Education and the Board of Lay Activities and the Board of Missions be deleted because this work is already provided for in a Joint Committee of the Board of Education, The Board of Lay Activities and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

If there are questions, I shall be glad to attempt to answer them.”

Request to Speak—Jesse A. Engle—Ruling—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Jesse A. Engle (Virginia—SE) requested to speak at this time.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, replied,

“Not now, please.”

Motion to Adopt—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ()*

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, moved

the adoption of Report No. 10 of the Committee. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—George A. Butters—Answer—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ()—Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam*

George A. Butters (Minnesota—NC) asked a question which was answered by Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, as follows:—

“On page 401 in the middle of the second column, “Shall be limited to twelve consecutive years.” Is that word “consecutive” a joker? Does that mean that you could drop off one year and go on for twelve more? That is my question. Is it limited to twelve years?”

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks: I would think no such thing would be thought of, necessarily. This is a concurrent Report with the Report 2 of the Co-ordinating Council. Perhaps Dr. McPheeters would like to speak to it, if there is discussion.”

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“The answer is, that the fear that was expressed is not involved.”

Amendment—D. Trigg James, Sr.—Not Adopted

D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston—SE), moved to amend Paragraph 1172-5, DCA No. 9, page 401, column 3, by deleting the word, “*twenty-three*,” in line four, and substituting therefor the word “**TWENTY-ONE**,” so that Paragraph 1172-5, as amended will read:—

Par. 1172.5. Six youth members of the Board, representing all Jurisdictions and divided between Youth and Student groups, **TWENTY-ONE** years of age or under at the time of their election, nominated by the National Conference of Methodist Youth and elected by the Board. In making the nominations to the Board, the National Conference of Methodist Youth, in consultation with the appropriate Staff of the Board, shall consider suggestions of nominations made by Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowships, and State or similar units of the Methodist Student Movement. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth. The Chairman of the Program Area of Christian Outreach of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission and the World Christian Community Chairman of the National Methodist Student Commission shall be Members of the Board.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston—SE), spoke to the same, as follows:—

“This is in the interest of correlation. In the present *Discipline* the members on the General Board of Education, the age limit is twenty-one. On page 332, in Chapter 7, the Board of Education in Paragraph 1326 near the bottom gives it. The reason for this is this:

near the bottom gives it. The reason for this is this:

If a youth is nominated to a General Board or Agency in the twenty-third year, which this permits, they would have to drop off at the end of one year. In the interest of correlation and other Reports that carry twenty-one, if they are nominated in their twenty-first year, they would be able to serve out the quadrennium, which seems desirable and would avoid the necessity of replacing members at frequent intervals.

I should hope they would accept this."

Proposed Amendment Not Accepted—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ()*

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, stated that the Committee could not accept the proposed amendment of D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston—SE), and made the following statement:—

"Because this came in this specific way from the National Conference of Methodist Youth."

Amendment—D. Trigg James, Sr.—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston—SE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Subarna B. Tewarson ()—Not Adopted*

Subarna B. Tewarson (*) (North India—OS), moved to amend (DB-118) Paragraph 1202, Article 3, DCA No. 9, page 401, column 3 and page 402, column 1, by inserting the words, "**AND THE CONFERENCE TREASURER,**" to follow the words, "District Superintendents," in lines three and four at the top of column 1 of page 402, so that Paragraph 1202. Article 3 will read as follows:—

Par. 1202, Art. 3. *Foreign Field Committees and Estimates.* In a Foreign Mission Field of the Board each Annual Conference and each Provisional Annual Conference shall have a Field Committee made up of the presiding Bishop and wherever possible an equal number of National and Missionary Members. The National Membership (which should wherever possible be an equal number of men and women) shall be elected by the Annual Conference. The Missionary Membership (which should wherever possible be an equal number of men and women) shall be nominated by the Missionaries within the bounds of the Conference and approved by the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Upon authorization by the Central Conference, the Annual Conference may add the District Superintendents **AND THE CONFERENCE TREASURER** as Members *ex officio* without vote. The duties of the Field Committee shall be:

1. To elect its Chairman and Secretary; to forward its minutes promptly to the respective Divisions of the Board, and the Report of its recommendations to the Divisions for approval.

2. To study and co-ordinate the work of the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

3. To consult with the Board of Missions through the respective Divisions on all matters of mutual concern.

4. To receive and transmit to the Board Reports from all the Institutions and Agencies of the Church which receive aid from the Board of Missions.

5. To prepare estimates of funds requested from the Board for aid to work in the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference and for aid to Institutions and other projects; except the financial requirement for missionary support, which is the direct responsibility of the Board.

Par. 1204. In line 1, add following the word "In" Central Conferences or, so that Par. 1204 as amended shall read:

Par. 1204. In Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences where there is no Executive Board or Council of Co-operation, the estimates shall be sent directly to the Division of World Missions and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service from the Field Committee of each Annual Conference and Provisional Annual Conference.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Subarna B. Tewarson (*) (North India—OS) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, sometimes it happens that the Conference Treasurer is not elected as a member of the Field Committee. The Conference Treasurer has to report so many things to the Field Committee, and his presence is necessary in the Field Committee.

I therefore suggest that his name should be added there."

Question—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Reply—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks ()*

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, inquired if the Committee would accept the proposed amendment of Subarna B. Tewarson (*) (North India—OS).

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, replied, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I personally would see no objection. I am not an authority on that; perhaps Dr. Smith would reply, since it was considered by that group."

Statement—Eugene L. Smith

Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE), General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church spoke, as follows:—

"This is a rather difficult response to have to make at this time. The request, as far as I know, has never been made by the Field Committees of the Annual Conferences themselves. The request did not come up in long discussion of this matter at the Inter-Field consultation.

In lieu of that, I can only personally express a bit of reluctance in putting in a matter now on which we have never received any official request from the field. I speak only out of a concern to do what the field has wanted. This is the first time, as far as I know, that we have ever had this kind of request from the field.

I believe it would be wiser to wait and see if the field wanted it, and it can be done four years from now."

Amendment—Subarna B. Tewarson—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Subarna B. Tewarson (*) (North India—OS), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 10 Missions Adopted

Report No. 10 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, Calendar No. 101, Subject, "Board of Missions Proposed Legislative Changes," DCA No. 9, page 401, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 402, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 403, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 404, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 405, columns 1, 2, and 3; and page 406, columns 1 and 2 was adopted as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1597.

No. 1 Publishing Interests—"An Official Depository Of Methodist Historical Records"—J. Otis Young—Adopted —J. Clinton Hawkins (*)—Wiley C. Newman—Robert D. Blue (*)—Oscar Thomas Olson—C. Anderson Davis—George E. Clary, Sr.—Marshall T. Steele—F. Murray Benson (*)—Warren P. Clark (*)

The Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, being next on the Calendar, J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Committee, requested the following to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Reports of the Committee:—J. Clinton Hawkins (*) (Saint Louis—SC); Wiley C. Newman (Memphis—SE); Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC); Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC); C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C); George E. Clary, Sr. (South Georgia—SE); Marshall T. Steele (North Texas—SC); F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE); Warren P. Clark (*) (Rock River—NC) Circulation Manager of *The Christian Advocate*.

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 30, Subject, "An Official Depository Of Methodist Historical Records," DCA No. 5, page 197, column 3, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1656.

No. 2 Publishing Interests—"Publication Of A History Of American Methodism"—Adopted

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 31, Subject, "Publication Of A History Of American Methodism," *DCA* No. 5, page 197, column 3 and page 198, column 1, and, on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1657.

No. 3 Publishing Interests—"New Church Papers Program Endorsement"—J. Otis Young—Amended—Adopted

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 32, Subject, "New Church Papers Program Endorsement," *DCA* No. 5, page 198, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Statement—Loyd F. Worley

Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) was recognized by the Presiding Officer, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, and made the following statement pertaining to the pending Report:—

"I do not rise to oppose the Report, the principle of which has already been accepted by The General Conference. But I do wish to point out in the last paragraph the apparent necessity of pressure, which will be put upon every church to make this Bold New Venture successful, and to respectfully suggest that if the same type of pressure had been exerted during the past quadrennium, we would not have lost *The Christian Advocate*."

Amendment—Chester A. Smith () J. Otis Young—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report 3 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests by deleting the last paragraph, which reads as follows:—

That we urgently recommend to the various Jurisdictions, Conferences, Districts, and local churches that every effort be made to the end that these periodicals be made available to those for whom they are intended through having the subscription costs carried in the regular Local Church Budgets.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I think

it would be very unfortunate to have the subscription costs of *The Advocate* or the magazine *Together* taken from the regular Church Budgets. I think this matter should be left to the individual members of the church; if they wish to subscribe to these magazines, and pay for the subscriptions themselves, that is their privilege. However, the church should not be forced to take from the local Church Budgets money to pay for subscriptions to either one of these publications."

Ruling—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"This is a motion to amend by deleting. Unless you change the Rule there is to be one speech given by the proposer and a reply from the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee may now respond."

Closes Debate—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, closed the debate, as follows:—

"It is our feeling that what we have suggested in this last paragraph is not much different from what we have proposed in the years past to promote the sale of *The Christian Advocate*. First of all, there is nothing mandatory about it. In the final analysis each local church will do as it wishes when it comes to this matter of selling and promoting these two papers.

However, it is our feeling that if this which you have voted is going to succeed, we should like for you to try it under this particular plan."

Question—Paul V. Galloway—J. Otis Young—Warren P. Clark (*)

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC) asked a question which was answered by Otis J. Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests and Warren P. Clark (*) (Rock River—NC) Publication Manager of *The Christian Advocate*, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I wanted to ask if the Commission that was in charge of studying these magazines has been given the right in case they go in debt terribly—which I am afraid of—to change the style and either drop it or change the type of publication in the next four years, or will they be required to continue publishing, with tremendous costs? Do you know, Mr. Chairman?"

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee, requested Warren P. Clark (*) (Rock River—NC), Circulation Manager of *The Christian Advocate* to reply.

Warren P. Clark (*) (Rock River—NC), Circulation

Manager of *The Christian Advocate*, made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: The authority to publish these publications is left with the Board of Publication. Should this project not meet with the enthusiasm that we all know it will I am certain that they would be able to take care of it.”

Motion to Delete—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

The motion of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) to delete the last paragraph of the Report, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—William W. Reid ()—Accepted—J. Otis Young*

William W. Reid (*) (New York East—NE) moved to amend Report No. 3 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, by adding the following statements (DB-119) from The Methodist Press Association:—

That we ask the Publishing House in printing this to consider these items:—

That there is inadequate news coverage, we feel, both because of the small space allocated to news and because the monthly publication cannot present news while it is still timely;

The lack of editorial opinion as indicated in the sample copies; and inadequate discussion of issues which will be before the Church in the next few years.

I move that this be added to it as instruction for help to the Committee in planning the paper.

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, accepted the proposed amendment of William W. Reid (*) (New York East—NE) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, or by any member of The General Conference.

The Report was then adopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1657.

No. 4 Publishing Interests—“Record And Report Forms, And Statistical Blanks”—J. Otis Young—Adopted

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 36, Subject, “Record And Report Forms, And Statistical Blanks,” DCA No. 6, page 237, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1658.

No. 5 Publishing Interests—"Revision Of Discipline, Part VII, Chapter IV, Dealing With The Methodist Publishing House"—J. Otis Young—Amended—Adopted

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 74, Subject, "Revision Of *Discipline*, Part VII, Chapter IV, Dealing With The Methodist Publishing House," DCA No. 8, page 369, column 3; page 370, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 371, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 372, columns 1, 2 and 3 and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Question—Lester W. Auman—Ruling—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Answer—Otis J. Young

Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) asked a question relative to the Report, which was answered by J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, after a ruling by the Presiding Officer, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I do not wish to make a motion but I wish to make a brief statement relative to the Report, and then to direct a question to the Chairman presenting the Report.

Bishop Oxnam: Will you proceed?

Lester W. Auman: In my judgment the office of the Publishing Agent, now to be called Publisher, is one of the most powerful offices in the structure of The Methodist Church. There are those who would go still further and say that it is the most powerful office of the Church.

I question the wisdom of putting all of this power and authority in the hands of one individual, whoever the individual may be or however capable he may be. One of the great dangers confronting The Methodist Church is, I believe, the centralization of power, putting too much power in the hands of too few individuals.

Ever since unification we have had two Publishing Agents and both apparently have had enough to do. Now we propose to put all of this power and authority in the hands of one Publisher.

That is my statement, and this is my question: If for seventeen years we have needed two Publishing Agents, why now do we discover that we have need for only one?"

Ruling—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"The Report is now under discussion. If anyone wishes to speak in favor of the Report he may. This question is in the nature of open discussion, I take it. Is there anyone wishing to speak in favor before the Chairman speaks?"

The Chairman will speak."

Answers Question—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, answered the question of Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, the recommendation of this Report is based primarily upon the Survey Commission that worked for a period of four years and reported to the 1952 General Conference. One of their recommendations was that we look with favor upon one head, one person heading up the Publishing Interests of our Church.

We feel that the following reasons can be given for establishing authority or vesting it in one person: First of all, it will keep down delay. Two Publishing Agents vested with the same power spend a great deal of time bowing to each other, trying to keep out of each other's way. Second, it will keep down indecision. It will make for decisions that can be made on the spot. In the third place, it will bring about greater harmony in the staff. Finally, it is difficult to do a job well with such divided, or what we would choose to call multiple responsibility."

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

The Presiding Officer, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, made the following statement:—

"While the brother who desires to speak is coming to the microphone, so that the House may recall its action, you voted to remain in session today until 12:00 o'clock, at which time you would take Recess for 20 minutes, and return for the afternoon session. No Recess will be called at 10:30. Some may have forgotten that action."

Amendment—John R. Van Sickle () Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Otis J. Young—Chester A. McPheeters—Accepted*

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) moved to amend Paragraph 1129 of Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, DCA page 370, column 3, by deleting the figure, "forty-seven," in line two, and substituting therefor the figure "forty-five," because that is the present Membership of the Board of Publication, and in line with our previous action that we should maintain the same Membership as the other Boards have done, so that Paragraph 1129 will read, as amended:—

Par. 1129. The Board of Publication shall consist of **forty-five** Members, including two Bishops selected by The Council of Bishops. The remaining members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on a ratio which will provide for an equitable distribution among the various Jurisdictions, based on the memberships thereof, *provided* that no Jurisdiction shall be represented by fewer than two members. Membership on the Board shall be equally divided, as far as practicable, between Ministers and Laymen. It shall be the duty of the

Secretary of the General Conference to inform the various Jurisdictional Secretaries of the number of Members to be elected from their Jurisdictions, the ratio of such representation being computed on the basis of the latest Official Membership Statistics available. The **tenure** of office of any member of the Board of Publication shall be limited to twelve years. In the first election, as **nearly as may be, one-third of the members from each Jurisdiction** shall be elected for only four years, **one-third** for eight years, and **one-third** for twelve years, the Jurisdictional Conference determining the tenure of office of each member elected. In case a vacancy occurs between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference for any cause, the Board shall fill the vacancy, **for the un-expired term**, from that Jurisdiction in the representation of which the vacancy occurs. The **President of the Board of Publication, Incorporated**, shall be an *ex officio* Member of the Board, without vote.

Question—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Answer—J. Otis Young—John R. Van Sickle ()*

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, raised a question which was answered by J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, as follows:—

Bishop Oxnam: The motion is seconded, and it is to amend the Report to read forty-five instead of forty-seven. Will the Chairman answer? Is it an Incorporated body?

J. Otis Young: Yes, it is, sir. I might give an answer why it is put at forty-seven instead of forty-five if the Conference wishes that answer.

Bishop Oxnam: Brother Van Sickle, you have made an amendment. You may speak to it if you have anything further to say.

John R. Van Sickle: No, sir.

Bishop Oxnam: The Chairman may now answer. He has three minutes.

Speaks to Amendment—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, spoke to the pending matter, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, up until 1952 there were no Bishops on the Board of Publication. On recommendation of the Survey Committee two Bishops were to be placed on the Board of Publication.

When the *Discipline* was written in 1952 it said the membership on the Board should consist of 45 members; two of them shall be Bishops of the Church; and that the Jurisdiction from which these Bishops came would be charged against for ministerial representation.

There are two reasons why we have requested you to seriously consider lifting this from 45 to 47. First, in placing the membership in classes of four, eight, twelve, 45 is divisible. Then greater than that, we had on our Board last year two Bishops. One of those Bishops came from a Jurisdiction whose membership is not as great as some other Jurisdictions. Because of that the Jurisdiction was deprived of having more than one representative from the entire Jurisdiction except the Bishop that represented that particular Jurisdiction.”

Statement—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman, I am calling your attention to the fact that we have already gone on record adopting the recommendation that the number of members on General Boards and Agencies remain the same for another quadrennium, as of 1952. That has already been adopted in the Co-ordinating Council Report. So I could not quite understand why any Agency should come in and ask for an increase, after we have already established this.”

Amendment Accepted—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, accepted the proposed amendment of John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, or by any member of The General Conference.

Information Requested—Allen B. Rice—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Answer—J. Otis Young—Warren P. Clark ()*

Allen B. Rice (Northwest Indiana—NC) asked a question which was answered by J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests and Warren P. Clark (*), (Rock River—NC), Circulation Manager of *The Christian Advocate*, as follows:—

“I simply wanted to ask a question. That is, I would like to know the salary of the Publishing Agent.

Bishop Oxnam: There is a request for information, namely, what is the salary of the Publishing Agent?

J. Otis Young: Agent or Agents? We have now two Publishing Agents.

Bishop Oxnam: I think the Brother had in mind the salary of the Proposed Publisher.

J. Otis Young: I am not in possession of that information at this time. The salaries of the Publishing Agents have been fixed from year to year, as well as the election of these Agents from year to year. It might be that Mr. Clark is in possession of that information and can give it to the Conference.

Warren P. Clark: Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: That is information I have never asked the boss.

Bishop Oxnam: The point is, Brethren, that The General Conference has a right to any information concerning any of its enterprises, I suppose, and the question has been raised. Is there someone here who can answer it?

Allen B. Rice: I think we have a right to know.

J. Otis Young: Mr. Chairman, I have been advised by one of the

brethren back of me here they think that the salary of the Publishing Agent is \$20,000."

Question—William R. Guffick—Answer—J. Otis Young

William R. Guffick (New Jersey—NE) raised questions which were answered by J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Committee what will be the relationship between the present Publishing Agents and the new proposed Publisher.

J. Otis Young: It is my understanding, Mr. Chairman, that if you adopt the legislation that is before you, there will be no Publishing Agent. In keeping with your new corporate structure, in order to harmonize with that, there will be a President who will also have the title of Publisher. The reason why that dual title is in there is because for the business world the word "President" is the better term. For the Church and the relationship of the Church, the word "Publisher" seems to be better.

William R. Guffick: May I ask, sir, what will happen to the present Publishing Agents? Will one of them become the President?

J. Otis Young: I would not know. That is a matter decided annually at their meeting. It will be at this coming fall meeting, the annual meeting, sir."

Questions—Allen Whitfield ()—Answers—J. Otis Young
—Ruling—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam*

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) raised questions which were answered by J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, as follows:—

"Could I inquire of the Chairman presenting this Report as to whether or not the proposed plan for staggering the election of Members of this Board, as provided in column 3, page 370, Paragraph 1129, represents a change in the form of lengthening the term of Members of this Board from four to eight or twelve years as the case may be?

J. Otis Young: Mr. Chairman, I believe the answer to that would be that the Board of Publication will attempt to place its membership in classes of four, eight and twelve. As to those members who will be holding a twelve-year term, an eight-year term and a four-year term, that will be decided not by the Board of Publication, but by the respective Jurisdictional Conferences where they are elected.

Allen Whitfield: Then, Mr. Chairman, if I understand correctly, instead of electing the Members of the Board after the stagger system gets into effect for a term of four years, the plan is to elect them for a term of twelve years, rotating so that they will retire in the form of classes. Is that correct?

J. Otis Young: Yes. The Jurisdictional Conference, sir, will be given instructions as to how many they will be entitled to have. It will be up to that Jurisdictional Conference. After they have elected those

that they are entitled to elect, they will place them in whatever classes they may wish to place them.

Allen Whitfield: Then, Mr. Chairman—

Bishop Oxnam: Just a moment Brother Whitfield: A Delegate is entitled to a question, not to a continuous series of questions. Will you ask one more and then I shall have to recognize others, if they wish the floor.

Allen Whitfield: Thank you, sir.

May I inquire, sir, if this does not represent a change from policy which was authorized in lengthening the term of Board members from eight to twelve years, that is providing for them to be re-elected so they could serve a total of twelve years, in that we now are contemplating the election of men to serve for twelve years?

J. Otis Young: Only one-third, sir, of the Class will be elected for twelve years and each Jurisdiction will have to take its proportional share of those who will be in the twelve-year Class, those in the eight-year Class and those in the four-year Class."

Question Harold C. Phend (*)—Answer—J. Otis Young

Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC) raised a question which was answered by J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, as follows:—

"On page 369, the third column, at the bottom of the page, the next to the last line, "who shall be the Publisher of The Methodist Church." I would like to ask the Chairman for a clarification of that statement. Does that mean the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism? How far-reaching is that?

J. Otis Young: Mr. Chairman, that is very easy to answer. He will have the same supervision over the same publications—I will put it this way: He will supervise only those publications that are under the direction of the Board of Publications, which does not affect *The Methodist Layman* or *The Outlook* or the Women's Paper. It only affects these two magazines that we have been talking about plus the books that are published."

Amendment—W. Ralph Ward—Not Adopted

W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) moved to amend Paragraph 1133, DCA No. 8, page 371, column 1, by deleting the word "may," in line, and substituting therefor the word, "SHALL," so that Paragraph 1133 as amended, will read:—

Par. 1133. The Board of Publication, at its discretion SHALL continue the publication of the Quarterly, Religion in Life, with the Book Editor responsible for its editorial content.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I would hope that the first comment here would be acceptable to this Committee. It seems to me, sir, that in the light of

changes which we are making in our Publishing Program, in the attempt to popularize our magazines and our journals, as we are, for a wide distribution, we as a Methodist people should publish such a theological journal of such high quality as *Religion in Life* has always been, one knows from reading the records that this is not a profitable adventure and that it has cost our Church something to publish it across the years; but it is the kind of a religious document which I think we have been proud of and the kind of a document which both Ministers and Laymen who have a great concern for the more profound interests and needs of the Church look to constantly. It would be a shame at the time in which we are, when there is a renewed interest in the Church, the doctrine of the Church, theological doctrine, teaching of the Bible, and other matters of great importance, for us all, that this journal should not be published by our Church for its wide and useful purposes.

I hope that this amendment will be supported."

Amendment Not Accepted—J. Otis Young

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, stated the Committee could not accept the proposed amendment of W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE).

Time Extended—Edward P. O'Rear—Adopted

Motion of Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California—Arizona—W) Assistant Calendar Secretary, duly seconded, prevailed extending the time allotted to the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, in order that the Committee might complete the presentation of the pending Report.

Amendment—W. Ralph Ward—Not Adopted

J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, stating he had nothing further to say, the proposed amendment of W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Edward W. Foote—Accepted—J. Otis Young

Edward W. Foote (Minnesota—NC) moved to amend Paragraph 1140 (*DB-120*) DCA No. 8, page 371, column 3, by deleting the word "he" in line five and substituting therefor the word "THEY," so that Paragraph 1140 as amended, will read:—

Par. 1140. The President (Publisher), with the approval of the Board, shall have authority to extend the business of The Methodist Publishing House in such manner as THEY may judge to be for the best interests of the Church.

The proposed amendment of Edward W. Foote (Minne-

sota—NC), was accepted by J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Russell E. Clay—J. Otis Young—Marshall T. Steel—Adopted

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to amend Paragraph 1139, DCA No. 8, page 371, column 3, by adding (DB-121):—

“THE BOARD SHALL REPORT THE PERSONNEL AND SALARIES OF ALL EXECUTIVES IN THE QUADRENNIAL REPORTS TO THE 1960 GENERAL CONFERENCE.”

so that Paragraph 1139, as amended, will read:—

Par. 1139. The Board shall require written quarterly Reports to the Executive Committee covering the current condition and operating status of the business.

“THE BOARD SHALL REPORT THE PERSONNEL AND SALARIES OF ALL EXECUTIVES IN THE QUADRENNIAL REPORTS TO THE 1960 GENERAL CONFERENCE.”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“I think this General Conference has a right to know all of that, and it seems to me that there was an evasion of giving that information to us, and I think it ought to be in our hands before we come to The General Conference. I hope it carries.”

At the request of J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC) spoke to the pending amendment, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, Brethren: Surely the Board will want to do what you want done in this connection. The matter of the salaries of our Executives is a little bit difficult inasmuch as we are in a very highly competitive field, and cannot command the kind of leadership that The Publishing House needs without some larger salaries than we Ministers are normally accustomed to. We have had some substantial difficulty in maintaining top leadership for many of our Houses and many Departments of our organization because competitive publishing interests have been able to take men away from us with very substantial increases in salary.

I think that the situation here is a little bit different from the setting of salaries for Ministers.

Surely, if you want those salaries published it will be all right. I do not think it is good as a business procedure to announce the salaries of all of your Executives to the public.”

Amendment Adopted—Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, put the proposed amendment of Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona—W) to the vote of The General Conference, and announced the result of the vote in the following statement:—

“Just a moment, brethren. The amendment is now before you. I think it is clear. Those who will favor the amendment will lift the hand. Those who are opposed to the amendment.

I find it very difficult to decide, so I think we will vote again. Some, I think, are not voting.

The amendment is an order to publish the names of the Executives and their salaries. Those who favor the amendment, will you lift the hand. Down, please. Those who are opposed to the amendment?

The Chair is of the opinion the amendment has carried. Is there any question?

I hear no question raised. The amendment is carried.”

No. 5 Publishing Interests Adopted As Amended

Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 74, Subject, “Revision Of Discipline, Part VII, Chapter IV, Dealing With The Methodists Publishing House,” DCA No. 8, page 369, column 3; page 370, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 371, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 372, columns 1, 2 and 3 was adopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1659.

**Calendar Status—Edward P. O’Rear—Harold C. Phend (*)
—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam**

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, requested Edward P. O’Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), Assistant Calendar Secretary to give the parliamentary situation pertaining to the Calendar.

Edward P. O’Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), Assistant Calendar Secretary stated that the order of the presentation of Reports for the Consideration of and action on by The General Conference is as follows:—

First:—Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman.

Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC), Secretary of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, stated that R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Committee, had been called from the room for an organizational meeting of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church to which he had recently been elected

a Member, and requested a postponement of the presentation of the Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy until the return of the Chairman, and that the Committee hold its regular place on the Calendar program.

Second:—After Recess consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

Third:—Consideration of and action on Reports from the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church.

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“Brethren, this was the correct order, and you are waiting for the Chairman of the Committee who is on duty, as I understand it. May we take up the next Order and when the Chairman comes, may we restore his proper place and go on? Would that be your desire? If there is no objection, we will proceed that way and will Brother O’Rear indicate the Report to be considered until Dr. Curl gets here.”

**Announcement Re Service Tonight and Tomorrow Night—
Paul V. Galloway**

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee of the Commission on Entertainment and Program, made the following important announcement:—

“The Committee on Education asked that we make this notice since there is a change in time for tonight because some on the Program have to leave early, and I hope many of them will want to get away before too late. The time of the Program has been set for 7:25. According to the program the benediction is to be at 9:30—so it may be.

The service tonight Saturday, May 5, 1956, has been requested especially by the Minnesota Delegation for a Youth Night, and we hope that we will be here in large numbers to support them for they have done so very much to help us in getting ready for this Conference.

We feel a certain moral obligation for they have put more money into this than we have given to help in the total expense.

This is in regard to reserve seat holders in the balcony. All reserve seat holders will have their tickets honored down here on the lower floor tonight.

We ask that each Delegation fill its places with members or with their families, and also if there are Delegations leaving before tonight, if you will let the ushers know by note so we may fill those places.

Then one other thing about tomorrow evening. Sunday, May 6, 1956, The Choral Prelude begins at 7:30. On page 2 of today’s *Daily Christian Advocate* you will find the Program.

Dr. Sockman will be here to preach on the subject of 'Limits of Love.'

Please remember that the service tonight is at 7:25; tomorrow evening at 7:30."

Official Session Tonight—J. Earl Moreland (*)

On motion of J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), duly seconded, the service tonight, Saturday, May 5, 1956, scheduled as Youth Night, was made an official session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, with the proviso that the Addresses would not be recorded in the Journal, and that there would not be any interference with the seating plans worked out by the Commission on Entertainment for the Youth Night Service.

No. 1 Temperance and Prohibition—"General Resolution On Temperance And Public Morals"—Lynn H. Corson—Mrs. Frank E. Lochridge (*)—Caradine R. Hooton—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Amended—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, requested Mrs. Frank E. Lochridge (*), Secretary of the Committee, and Caradine R. Hooton (Oklahoma—SC), General Secretary of the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Reports of the Committee.

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Just a moment, Brother Corson.

It is my understanding that if Dr. Curl arrives, we interrupt this Order at that time and we take up the Calendar regularly. That is understood, is it not? Thank you. Go ahead, Dr. Corson."

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 80, Subject, "General Resolution On Temperance And Public Morals," DCA No. 8, page 373, column 3, and page 374, columns 1, 2 and 3, and asked the privilege of inserting a new paragraph reading as follows (DB-122):—

"WE RECOMMEND THAT ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO THE METHODIST CHURCH REFRAIN FROM ACCEPTING AND PRINTING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO."

said insertion to follow immediately after the paragraph which reads as follows on page 374, column 1, *DCA* No. 8:—

“We urge and support education in our public schools regarding the harmful effects of the use of alcoholic beverages.”

Ruling—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling in regard to the proposed insertion:—

“Just a moment. This is quite a debatable matter and I suppose I will have to get the consent of The Conference. If you include it, you can debate it later, of course.

Here is a request to include an additional paragraph. Is there any objection? I hear none. It is included, and will be in the Report when you come to debate.”

Parliamentary Situation—Lynn H. Corson—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, began reading the Report when Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Bishop Oxnam: Brother Corson, are you reading from the Report? Or is this an address?

Lynn H. Corson: I am reading from the Report.

Bishop Oxnam: There is no reason to read a Report that is published. We are under instruction to have the Chairman speak to it and not read it. Am I correct? (See Rule 34, bottom of page. Editor)

Lynn H. Corson: Mr. Chairman, having read certain Sections of the Report, I then move its adoption and that the Report be printed in the Appendix of the 1956 *Discipline*. The motion was duly seconded.

Bishop Oxnam: The Chair did not mean for a moment to stop Dr. Corson in his presentation, but your Rule is that Reports printed shall not be read, and it appeared to me he was reading it. He still has time under the ten minutes, to speak about six minutes.

Lynn H. Corson: Mr. Chairman, it was the desire of the Committee that this Section, the first Section of the Report, be read.

Bishop Oxnam: The Conference has already expressed its desire concerning reading. Do you have any additional remarks to make on this subject?

Lynn H. Corson: There are no additional remarks, except to emphasize the stand which our Methodist Church must continually take in terms of its Temperance Program, doing nothing to undermine or undercut that Program, and having an affirmative Program in reference to our entire Church Agencies, bringing to the attention of our people all matters relevant to the Temperance Program of our Church.

Rule 34. PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF REPORTS

All Committee Reports shall be presented to the Secretary of The Conference in triplicate on paper provided therefor and bearing at the top the name of the Committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the Report was

adopted, the number voting for and the number voting against the report respectively, and the number not voting. Reports of the Legislative Committees shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by the Conference **AND THEY SHALL NOT BE READ UNLESS BY ITS ORDER.**

Reports of Minorities of Committees adopted by them with a view of their being offered as substitutes for Committee reports shall likewise conform to this rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what Committee the respective minorities belong and for what Reports by Serial Numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

For Report—B. Clyde Clark ()*

B. Clyde Clark (*) (Oklahoma—SC). spoke in favor of the Report, as follows:—

"I think this great Church of ours ought to make the greatest pronouncement possible on the liquor question. If you study the statistics you will see if the use of alcoholic beverages continues for the next 25 years like it has the last 25, we will almost be a nation of drunkards. And I think that we, as a great Church, ought to try in every way we can to stress the temperance cause.

You know, with the way it is now on television and all, where it shows young people how nice it is to drink, unless we as Church members and as parents set an example before them, well, a good many of our young people will form the habit.

Do you know we are spending now, in this nation, which we call a Christian nation, several times more money for alcoholic beverages than we are for all of our Christian organizations and Churches?

So I am in hopes that this Report will carry."

Amendment—Dillon Wesley Throckmorton—Accepted—Lynn H. Corson

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada—W) moved to amend the second paragraph in column 3, page 374, *DCA* No. 8, by deleting the word, "*should*," in line four of said paragraph, and substituting therefor the word, "*shall*," so that the amended paragraph will read:—

The dubious gains of petty gambling are neither needed nor wanted in financing the work of the Church. All Methodist churches **shall** abstain from the use of raffles, lotteries, and other forms of games of chance in the raising of money for the purposes of the Church and should protest similar gambling practices by secular organizations in their communities.

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, accepted the proposed amendment of Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada—W) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of the The General Conference.

Amendment—Loyd F. Worley—Withdrawn

Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) moved to amend

Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, Subject, "General Resolution on Temperance and Public Morals," by adding a sentence (*DB-123*) which reads as follows:—

"We regret that the Vice-President of the United States has named a man prominent in the liquor industry to a position of influence in the Government, where his previous connections might seriously impair his public usefulness."

If it is seconded, I would like to speak on it.

said sentence to be added to the seventh paragraph on page 374, column 1, *DCA* No. 8, which when amended, will read, as follows:—

"We commend the Secretary of Defense for his action in prohibiting the sale of package liquors on most armed services installations. We urge the extension of this policy to include the outlawing of beer and liquor by the drink on all armed forces installations.

"We regret that the Vice-President of the United States has named a man prominent in the liquor industry to a position of influence in the Government, where his previous connections might seriously impair his public usefulness."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE), spoke to the same, as follows:—

"It is not so much a speech I should like to make as a question I should like to direct to Secretary Hooton, because in the *Voice*, he brought out certain facts during the quadrennium that substantiated the need of the amendment which I have offered.

If that situation has been corrected, I should be glad to withdraw the proposed amendment. If it has not been corrected, we already have the example of commendation to a certain Government official, and a word of regret would be equally in order."

Answer—Caradine R. Hooton

Caradine R. Hooton (Oklahoma—SC), General Secretary of the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, answered the question, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, to the best of my knowledge the situation has been so corrected as to do away with the desirability of this particular amendment."

Parliamentary Situation—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, set forth the parliamentary situation regarding the proposed amendment of Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE), as follows:—

Bishop Oxnam: Just a moment, then, Dr. Worley. As I understand it, do you withdraw your amendment?

Loyd F. Worley: Mr. Chairman, in view of the Secretary's statement, and with the consent of the seconder of my proposed amendment, I am very happy to withdraw the amendment at this time.

Bishop Oxnam: If there is no objection in the house, the amendment is withdrawn.

Amendment—Lemuel K. Lord—Accepted—Lynn H. Corson

Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE) moved to amend Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, by deleting the word, "Among," at the beginning of the third paragraph on page 373, column 3, DCA No. 8, and substituting therefor the word, "AGAINST," so that the amended paragraph will read:—

AGAINST the confused moral judgments of our age with respect to drinking and the liquor traffic, The Methodist Church lifts the clear voice of the Christian conscience. The teaching of Christ emphasizes, as one of its basic principles, the sacredness of each human personality. The use of alcoholic beverages impairs the functions of the body and mind. It slows perception and judgment. It delays reaction.

The proposed amendment of Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE) was accepted by Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

For Report—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the content of paragraph six, page 374, column 1, DCA No. 8, of the Report, as follows:—

"Column 1. 'We commend the Secretary of Defense . . .' I think it is wise to commend those who stand right as officials on the side of the liquor question, and I desire to call attention to the fact that in the State of New York the Legislature in 1955 passed a bill which, if it had been adopted or signed by the Governor, would have permitted the sale of intoxicating liquor on credit. If there is any one thing that ought not to be sold on credit, it is intoxicating liquor.

The legislature of 1956 passed the very same law. Some of us, among them myself, asked Governor Averill Harriman to veto both the bill passed in 1955 and the bill passed in 1956, which would have permitted the sale of liquor on credit. Governor Harriman vetoed both those bills, and I want to call attention of the Conference to that fact.

I want to commend Governor Harriman for doing that thing, and I want to say that I am very proud as a citizen of the State of New York, that we now have a Governor who refuses to sign and to approve these bad liquor bills which I am very sorry to say, our legislature unfortunately passes."

Amendments—Albea Godbold—Chester A. Smith ()—Virgil D. Morris—Carl W. Haggard (*)—Charles S. Kendall—Accepted and Adopted—Lynn H. Corson*

Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) asked if there was anything in the Report concerning the serving and drinking of liquor aboard airplanes?

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, stating there was no such statement in the Report, Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) moved to amend the Report by inserting at the proper place a statement deploring the serving of liquor to passengers on airplanes. (DB-124).

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, accepted the proposed amendment of Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment Amended—Chester A. Smith () Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (New York—NE) moved to amend the amendment of Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC), just accepted by Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, by making the amendment stronger and to include an earnest request to all airlines to cease the sale and service of intoxicating liquors on their air lines. (DB-125).

The motion to thus amend the amendment was duly seconded, and on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Further Amendment—Virgil D. Morris—Adopted

Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana—SC), moved to amend the amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) just adopted by adding to it (DB-126) that we commend those air lines that do not serve alcoholic beverages. The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, the proposed amendment of Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana—SC) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Further Amendment—Carl W. Haggard ()—Adopted*

Carl W. Haggard (*) (Kentucky—SE) moved to further amend the Report (DB-127) by adding the “**railroads, and all other public carriers,**” to the adopted amendment of

Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC). The motion was duly seconded, and being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Amended Further—Charles S. Kendall—Adopted

Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to further amend the original amendment of Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) by adding the following (DB-128):—

“That we further request the Civil Aeronautics Authority to enact such legislation that will prohibit the service of intoxicating liquors on the air lines.”

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

The original amendment of Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) as amended by Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE); Virgil D. Morris (Louisiana—SC); Carl W. Haggard (*) (Kentucky), and Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) reads as follows:—

We commend those air lines that refuse to serve alcoholic beverages on their airplanes, and request each of the other air lines to join in this voluntary policy. We also call on the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Congress to enact legislation to prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages on airplanes. We request the railroads and all other public carriers likewise to stop the serving of alcoholic beverages on their methods of transportation.

Previous Question—Asbury Smith—Ordered

On motion of Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE), duly seconded, the Previous Question was ordered on Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Debate Closed—Lynn H. Corson—Report Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, closed the debate on the pending question, with the following statement:—

“No additional word, Mr. Chairman, except to compliment The Council of Bishops in taking action in reference to the serving of liquor on the airplanes by their own Resolution. We are proud of the action which they took and commend them for it.”

Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition. Calendar No. 80, Subject, “General Resolution on Temperance and Public Morals,”

DCA No. 8, page 373, column 3, and page 374, columns 1, 2, and 3, was adopted as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1718.

Information Sought—Percy D. Wilson—Given—Lynn H. Corson

Percy D. Wilson (North Alabama—SE) asked if provision had been made for the printing of Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition on the 1956 *Discipline*?

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, replied that The General Conference had unanimously adopted his motion, duly seconded, to that effect.

MacMurray Choir—Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

“Brethren, a request has come to the Chair which contravenes your Order, but it would appear that the Chair should read it: The MacMurray College Girls’ Chorus has come 1000 miles to sing for us. When our schedule for today was changed the Choir was enroute and could not be reached. The question comes from one of the members of this body as a matter of privilege for The Conference, and courtesy.

Would you entertain a motion that the Chorus be given six minutes to give us two numbers before we come to the noon Recess? It would seem to meet with favor. Those who will authorize this, when the Choir can come upon the platform, will please lift the hand; those opposed.

It is done.”

No. 2 Temperance and Prohibition—“Membership Of Jurisdictional Boards Of Temperance”—Lynn H. Corson—Adopted—Chester A. McPheeters—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 2 for the Committee, Calendar No. 81, Subject, “Membership Of Jurisdictional Boards Of Temperance, 2 DCA No. 8, page 374, column 3 and page 375, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) asked some questions which were answered by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, and Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, as follows:—

Chester A. McPheeters: Mr. Chairman, a question of information.

Bishop Oxnam: Brother McPheeters.

Chester A. McPheeters: Is this a change?

Bishop Oxnam: The Chairman stated not.

Lynn H. Corson: A change in the number, Doctor.

Chester A. McPheeters: Well, you are saying *all* the Bishops on the Jurisdictional Board.

Lynn H. Corson: The former legislation said if and when established the Board shall be composed of the active Bishops of the Jurisdiction.

Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition was then adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1723.

No. 3 Temperance and Prohibition—"Personnel Of The Annual Conference Board of Temperance"—Lynn H. Corson—Amendment—Chester A. Smith (*)—Not Adopted—Amended—Dillon Wesley Throckmorton—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 82, Subject, "Personnel Of The Annual Conference Board Of Temperance," *DCA* No. 8, page 375, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith—Not Adopted

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend (*DB-129*) Paragraph 1541 by inserting the words, "**THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER AND THE DISTRICT LAY LEADERS,**" after the words, "of the Cabinet," in lines two and three of the said Paragraph, so that the Paragraph as amended, will read:—

Paragraph 1541. Each Annual Conference shall elect, on the nomination of the Cabinet, **THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER AND THE DISTRICT LAY LEADERS**, or otherwise as the Conference may direct, a Conference Board of Temperance, consisting of not less than ten Members and no more than eighteen Members, with equal representation of Ministers and Lay Members, two of whom shall be young people under twenty-three years of age at the time of their election, nominated by the Council of the Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship; also included shall be the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or her representative, and Members of the General Board of Temperance residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference, the remainder of the Lay Membership consisting of an equal number of men and women. Its duty shall be to promote the work of the Board within the bounds of the Annual Conference. It shall have power to elect its own Officers and raise its own funds; *provided* that no General Funds collected for the General Board shall be allocated to the Conference Board except by action of the General Board. **Among the Officers**

elected shall be a Chairman of the Board who shall be responsible for direction of the Program of Temperance in the Annual Conference.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), spoke to the same, as follows:—

“I think that the Laymen should have a part in making the nominations on this matter, because this question of temperance and prohibition is of great moment and very great concern for the Laymen. I want to establish whenever possible the principle that the nominations for Boards and Committees should not be confined simply to the Cabinet of an Annual Conference, but that there should also be included the Laymen of the Conference. I think the Laymen of the Conference are represented officially by the Lay Leader of the Conference and the District Lay Leaders.

I see no possible objection to including the Conference Lay Leader and the District Lay Leaders as a part of this Nominating Committee of the Cabinet. It will establish the principles for which I have contended in many General Conferences, which I desire to contend for here, and which I trust will have your support.”

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, closed the debate, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, because of the wide variety of securing nominations for Conference Boards and Commissions which prevails through the Annual Conferences, we are of the opinion that the wording as presented in Report No. 3 should be kept in this Report unchanged.”

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

*Amendment—Dillon Wesley Throckmorton—Accepted—
Lynn H. Corson*

Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada—W) moved to amend Paragraph (DB-130) DCA No. 8, page 385, column 2, by inserting the words, “**AND SUCH JURISDICTIONAL BOARD MEMBERS,**” following the words, “of the General Board of Temperance,” in lines one and two at the top of column 2, page 375, DCA, so that Paragraph 1541 as amended, will read:—

Paragraph 1541. Each Annual Conference shall elect, on the nomination of the Cabinet, or otherwise as the Conference may direct, a Conference Board of Temperance, consisting of not less than ten members and no more than eighteen members, with equal representation of Ministers and Lay Members, two of whom shall be young people under twenty-three years of age at the time of their election, nominated by the Council of the Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship: also included shall be the Conference Secretary of Christian Social

Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or her representative, and members of the General Board of Temperance AND SUCH JURISDICTIONAL BOARD MEMBERS residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference, the remainder of the Lay Membership consisting of an equal number of men and women. Its duty shall be to promote the work of the Board within the bounds of the Annual Conference. It shall have power to elect its own Officers and raise its own funds; *provided* that no General Funds collected for the General Board shall be allocated to the Conference Board except by action of the General Board. Among the Officers elected shall be a Chairman of the Board who shall be responsible for direction of the Program of Temperance in the Annual Conference.

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, accepted the proposed amendment of Dillon Wesley Throckmorton (California-Nevada—W) for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

The Report, as thus amended, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1724.

Calendar—Edward P. O'Rear

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), Assistant Calendar Secretary, stated that the next Reports would be from the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes.

No. 2 Hospitals and Homes—"The Healing Ministry Of Jesus"—Ernest W. Peterson(*)—Adopted

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 20, Subject, "The Healing Ministry Of Jesus," DCA No. 5, page 191, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1500.

Dean E. Richardson (Genesee—NE) inquired on what page the Report would be found. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, answered the question.

No. 3 Hospitals and Homes—"Golden Cross Contributions"—Ernest W. Peterson (*)—Marvin L. Boyd—G. Alfred Brown—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Not Adopted

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 21, Subject, "Golden Cross Contributions," DCA No. 5, page 191, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Against Report—Marvin L. Boyd

Marvin L. Boyd (Northwest Texas—SC), spoke against the Report, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I wish to speak a word in opposition to the adoption of this particular Report. The reference to Paragraph 1567 in the *Discipline* is a reference to a description of the means of support of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes.

It says that since the Board of Hospitals and Homes acts in an advisory, educational and co-operative capacity, it therefore receives support from these two sources in the present *Discipline*, one of them from gifts, devises, wills, bequests, and from administration of trust funds.

I do not know the amount which it receives from these various sources.

In the second place, it says from such share in General Benevolences as determined by The General Conference.

On page 199, column 3 of the *Daily Advocate*, we would see that there has been allocated to the support of this Board, 1.13 per cent, and further down the same column the estimate is given that the amount would be approximately \$125,000 annually.

Now, this proposal is to add (c) and to make it permissive for the Annual Conference to take five per cent of the money contributed for Golden Cross.

We are here as Delegates of our Annual Conferences and our Conference delegation has been alerted by our Hospital people to be on guard against this very proposal which is now before us. I think many of us should at least know what we are voting on before we vote for it.

This Memorial 2817, which was the basis of this Resolution, came from the Board of Hospitals and Homes. I would like to ask a question or two. Did that Board ask for all the money it needs from the Commission on World Service and Finance? If not, why not? If so, and if they did not get it, why should they have another door through which they may enter to ask for additional funds any more than the same privilege should be given to any other Board?

This would be a very indefinite amount. Five per cent of the amount some Conferences might give might be too little; it might be too much.

Now, then, the principle is this: Golden Cross money is given for a purpose, and if five per cent of it is given to the General Board, that means one person in every twenty who has been aided by Golden Cross money will not receive that aid. It is a matter of principle of support of General Agencies from local offerings. It is left to the Annual Conference; but I submit to you it puts an Annual Conference in a sort of awkward position if it should refuse to allocate this money. It would be in an awkward position of being able to request the advice, the education and the co-operation that it ought to have from the General Board. I think we should ask our General Board to give us \$125,000 worth of advice, education and co-operation per year, plus whatever else they can give from their receipts, from gifts, devises, and so forth, and leave this money given to relieve human sufferings and save human lives for that purpose by voting against this particular report."

Speaks to Pending Report—Ernest W. Peterson ()*

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes, spoke to the pending matter as follows:—

"I think one or two figures might be helpful to the group. The total raised in gifts last year from Golden Cross in the Annual Conferences which chose to have the Golden Cross Society, most of them being in the part of the Church which was formerly the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was \$260,000; of that amount, 5 per cent would have been \$13,000. The amount which was contributed to the Board last year was \$1,387, or less than one-half of 1 per cent.

This is permissive legislation. It is a courtesy that is being asked from us by Annual Conferences which has come to us through the Board of Hospitals and Homes who desire to have this provision in the *Discipline*."

Against Report—G. Alfred Brown

G. Alfred Brown (Central Texas—SC) spoke against the Report as follows:—

"I happen to be a member of the Board of Trustees of Paris Hospital in Fort Worth, where we do have the Golden Cross work. One of the great talking points in our Conference is when we go to our people for funds to tell them that not one cent of this will go for administration but every penny of it goes for helping the needy. I hope that that can be encouraged in as many places as possible, because we find a very happy response to that.

If this motion, this paragraph, should prevail, it is permissive but it would also put us in the embarrassing position of not doing what other Conferences are doing in carrying out a suggestion. So I hope that will be defeated and we will leave it as it is."

Statement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"The Chair must beg the pardon of The Conference. I permitted someone to speak after the Chairman had closed debate; but there is another Rule which calls for two on either side, and it seemed to be appropriate to allow this Brother to speak, since he had called for the floor.

I am sorry."

Report Not Adopted

On being put to the vote of The General Conference, Report No. 3 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes, was not adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1501.

No. 4—Hospitals and Homes—"Golden Cross Society Of The Methodist Church"—Ernest W. Peterson (*)—Adopted

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes,

presented Report 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 22, Subject "Golden Cross Society Of The Methodist Church," DCA No. 5, page 191, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report 4 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1502.

No. 5—Hospitals and Homes—"Report Of The General Board Of Hospitals And Homes, Pages 410 Through 438 Of The Quadrennial Report of Boards and Commissions"—Ernest W. Peterson (*)—Adopted

Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Hospitals and Homes, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 23, Subject, "Report Of The General Board Of Hospitals And Homes, Pages 410 Through 438 Of The Quadrennial Reports of Boards and Commissions," DCA No. 5, page 191, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1502.

MacMurray College Choir—William H. Alderson

William H. Alderson (New York East—NE), Chairman of the Music Committee of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, was recognized, and made the following statement:—

"I was in hopes that this might have come during the Temperance Report, because we are all familiar with the advertising slogan, 'The pause that refreshes.' I wonder whether we might be granted the privilege of stopping now for just five or six minutes and having the MacMurray College girls appear. They are ready. As Chairman of the Music Committee, I want to express very sincere appreciation to the Chairman for the very kindly and courteous way in which he interrupted the Conference to present this matter. They are all ready to come in."

Request—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, made the following request:—

"Will you allow the Chair to make a request of The Conference? The six minutes given to the young ladies will take us to about a quarter to twelve. If we start rushing out, brethren, we will lose that time in the business of The Conference. Will you be in order after the music? We will go into Recess promptly at twelve o'clock.

May we now have the privilege of hearing the choir?"

MacMurray College Choir—James R. Houghton (*)—Henry E. Busche (*)—Robert Glasgow (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, presented the MacMurray College Choir; their Director, Henry E. Busche (*) (Illi-

nois—NC) and their organist, Robert Glasgow (*) (Illinois—NC).

The MacMurray College Choir rendered the following selections, under the leadership of Henry E. Busche (*) (Illinois—NC) their Director:—

“How Excellent Is Thy Name,” by Howard Hansen
“Sanctus,” by Chesnokof

Thanks—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, in behalf of The General Conference, thanked the MacMurray College Choir, Director Henry E. Busche (*) (Illinois—NC) and the organist, Robert Glasgow (*) (Illinois—NC) for their presence and inspiring music they had just rendered.

Judicial Council Officers—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

For the information of The General Conference, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, announced the Officers of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church for the quadrennium 1956-1960 to be:—

President:—J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington—C)

Vice-President:—Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama—SE)

Secretary:—Ralph M. Houston (New York East—NE)

Order of the Day—Temporal Economy—Edward P. O’Rear—Ordered

Edward P. O’Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), Assistant Calendar Secretary, stated that the Calendar situation is as follows:—

Immediately after Recess the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas; following that Report of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church.

In view of the fact that there was not sufficient time before Recess to complete consideration of and action on the Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, Edward P. O’Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), Assistant Calendar Secretary, moved that the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy be permitted to complete the presentation of their Reports immediately following the presentation of the Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, this afternoon at 1:30 P.M.

The motions, duly seconded, suspending the original order

of the Calendar presentation, and establishing the new order of Calendar presentation, on being put to The General Conference, were separately adopted.

No. 1—Temporal Economy—"Continuation Of Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, requested Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC), Secretary of the Committee, to come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Reports of the Committee.

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 62, Subject, "Continuation Of Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief," *DCA* No. 7, page 303, column 1, and on his motion duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1731.

No. 2—Temporal Economy—"Support Of Bishops Of The Central Conference Of Southern Asia"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 63, Subject, "Support Of Bishops Of The Central Conference Of Southern Asia," *DCA* No. 7, page 303, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1731.

No. 3—Temporal Economy—"Information Regarding Church Property"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 64, Subject, "Information Regarding Church Property," *DCA* No. 4, page 303, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1732.

No. 4—Temporal Economy—"Trustees Of John Street Church"—Elected—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 65, Subject, "Trustees Of John Street Church," *DCA* No. 7, page 303, columns 2 and 3, and moved that the Secretary of

The General Conference of The Methodist Church cast the vote of The General Conference for those persons recommended for election as Trustees of John Street Church. The motion duly seconded, prevailed.

In accordance with the above motion, duly seconded, and adopted by The General Conference of The Methodist Church, Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, cast the vote of the same for the following:—

Bishop assigned to the New York Area
 Leigh A. Brown (*) (New York—NE)
 Everett R. Filley (*) (New York—NE)
 Frederick Kraft (*) (New York—NE)
 Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE)
 Ellis L. Phillips (*) (New York—NE)
 Edna Stitt Robinson (*) (New York—NE)
 Clayton Snyder (*) (New York—NE)
 Wilson R. Tanner (*) (New York East—NE)

and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, declared the same to have been duly elected Trustees of John Street Church for the ensuing quadrennium, 1956-1960.

Report No. 4 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, was adopted on the motion of R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded. For Report see Appendix, page 1732.

No. 5—Temporal Economy—"Church Sponsored Insurance Agency"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 66, Subject, "Church Sponsored Insurance Agency," DCA No. 7, page 303, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1733.

No. 6—Temporal Economy—"Employment Of Agency For Financial Campaigns"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 67, Subject, "Employment Of Agency For Financial Campaigns," DCA No. 7, page 303, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1733.

Chairmen Called—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the

Administrative Committee of Chairmen, called the Committee to meet on the platform during the Recess period.

Thanks—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, thanked the Members of The General Conference for their courtesy and co-operation in the conduct of the business of the morning's session.

Recess—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the Presiding Officer, declared The General Conference of The Methodist Church, to be in Recess at this time.

ELEVENTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1956

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvene—Opening—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett—James R. Houghton (*)

The Recess period ending, Bishop J. Waskom of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference, the Presiding Officer for the afternoon session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, Saturday, May 5, 1956, called The General Conference to order for the business session and announced Hymn No. 627, "Rise Up, O Men of God."

Under the direction of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, The General Conference stood and joined in the singing of this stirring Hymn.

A Personal Word—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"If The Conference will permit just a brief personal word—I am aware of the fact that for the first time in the history of the United Church, a Bishop elected by a Central Conference is in the Chair.

I make no special appeal for kindly treatment but I should say that all my experience of administration in twenty-one years in the Episcopacy, has been with the gentle and very courteous people of India. I am confident that this Inter-National gathering will do its best to maintain that high standard of kindness to the Chair.

Your Order of the Day now is the presentation of the Report of the Committee on the Structure of Methodism Overseas. However, before that Report, that Order of the Day is called, Dr. Bell of the Virginia Conference has a matter of personal privilege in which he represents many others. Will you grant him that privilege?"

Recognition of Karl P. Meister—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), a member of The General Board of Hospitals and Homes was recognized and presented a tribute to Karl P. Meister (North-East Ohio—NC) and on his motion, duly seconded, it was ordered to be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* as follows:—

TRIBUTE TO KARL P. MEISTER

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: Just a very brief moment to read a statement in appreciation of Dr. Karl P. Meister, the General Secretary of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes, who is now retiring. I shall read it very quickly and then move to have it printed in the *Daily Advocate*.

"Dr. Karl P. Meister, who retired on May 1, as General Secretary of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes, has served his Church long and faithfully. In his career, which spans forty-two years in a Church-related capacity, he has been a local pastor, District Superintendent, Administrator in a Methodist home for older persons, in a Methodist Hospital, and served in a Methodist Children's Home. For twelve fruitful years he has served as the General Secretary of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes.

"Through his leadership, the activities and services of this Board of our Church have become recognized not only to Methodism but to the nation. His contributions to the field of health and welfare have been marked by Christian purpose, and through his efforts the stamp of The Methodist Church is synonymous with the highest standards of hospital and home care.

"A man of courage, foresight and determination, his selfless service in the name of Methodism will be remembered wherever there are older persons, dependent children, youth and the sick.

"This General Conference of The Methodist Church considers it a high privilege to recognize and commend Dr. Meister for his exemplary service."

Calendar—Edward P. O'Rear

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), Assistant Calendar Secretary, stated that the Order of the Day had arrived; the consideration of and action on the Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, Bishop W. Angie Smith, Chairman.

Structure of Methodism Overseas—Bishop W. Angie Smith —Leon T. Moore

Bishop W. Angie Smith, of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction, and Chairman of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, presented Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary of the Commission, and requested him to present and explain the Report of the Commission.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, presented the Report of the Commission, *DCA* No. 9, page 429, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 430, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 431, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 432, columns 1 and 2, and requested common consent to insert Memorial No. 4840 in the list of Memorials at the heading of the Report, and also to make any and all necessary editorial corrections without in any way changing the content of the Report. The General Conference unanimously granted this request.

***Recommendations—Leon T. Moore**

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary of the

Commission of the Structure of Methodism Overseas, called particular attention to "III. Recommendations" of the Commission, DCA No. 9, page 431, column 3 and page 432, columns 1 and 2, and requested common consent to insert the following, under Section 3 of "III. Recommendations,"

"Bishop Clement D. Rockey in the College of Bishops of the North Central Jurisdiction."

On the motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), duly seconded, "III. Recommendations," DCA No. 9, page 431, column 3 and page 432, columns 1 and 2, were adopted.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, succinctly explained the remainder of the Report and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—Mangal Singh—Answer—Leon T. Moore

Mangal Singh (Delhi—OS) asked a question which was answered by Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, in view of the increased number of Annual Conferences in Southern Asia and also in view of the possible union of the Churches in our country, we feel that the number of Bishops now assigned by The Conference is too small to meet the needs of the country.

If we go into union, which we believe we will do, our proportion of Methodist Bishops will be overwhelmingly overcrowded by the other Bishops who will come from the Anglican churches.

I therefore ask the Chairman of the Commission if it would not be possible for them to increase the number from five to six, assigning five to India and one to Pakistan, in view of the two reasons that I have given here.

Leon T. Moore: Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: There was no single question that occupied more time of your Commission in its pre-General Conference meetings and in the three days that we met here in Minneapolis prior to the convening of this General Conference, than this question.

India, in so far as it is in the Southern Asia Central Conference, which of course includes Pakistan, now has four Bishops. We had the request to make it six. It was voted that it should be five. There is an added provision which I read to you just a few moments ago.

On page 429, the center column, under No. 4: that should there be any emergency whatsoever by which it would be necessary that we should have to do something in this way, we could then have the College of Bishops involved, or The Council of Bishops, alternately, take care of this matter which would provide for six Bishops, if it were necessary in India and Pakistan. We feel we have covered this.

Mangal Singh: Thank you, sir."

Editorial Correction—Brunner M. Hunt—Mrs. Pilar D. Galima

Brunner M. Hunt (Mississippi—SE) was recognized and requested the floor for Mrs. Pilar D. Galima (Northern Philippines—OS) for an editorial correction in Paragraph 1 of Section V, Paragraph 1867.

Mrs. Pilar D. Galima (Northern Philippines—OS) moved to amend paragraph 1 of Section 1, Paragraph 1867 (DB-131), by deleting the word, "*Kiangnan*," in line five of the paragraph and substituting therefor the word, "**IFUAGO**," so that the amended paragraph will read, as follows:—

Section V.

1867. Annual Conferences:

1. NORTHERN PHILIPPINES CONFERENCE shall include the work in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, and Batanes; and the sub-provinces of Apayao, Kalinga, and the Ifuago of Mountain Province.

By common consent of The General Conference the above editorial correction was approved.

Questions—Gregorio R. Bailen—Answers—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett—Leon T. Moore

Gregorio R. Bailen (Northwest Philippines—OS) asked questions concerning the boundary lines of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference (DB-132), as set forth in paragraph 2 of Section V, Paragraph 1867, which were answered by Bishop J. Waskom Pickett and Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) as follows:—

Gregorio R. Bailen (Northwest Philippines, OS): I would like to offer an amendment on No. 2, Section V, page 431, and if the Committee will not add it, I would move it, and if I have a second, I would like to speak on it.

The entire Paragraph shall be rewritten.

2. Northwest Philippines Conference shall include the work in the Provinces of Pangasinan, La Union, Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, and Abra; all Ilocon-speaking congregations in the provinces of Tarlac, Veba, Ecija and Quezon, the sub-provinces of Benuet and Bontoc of Mountain Province; the City of Baguio.

Bishop Pickett: I take it at this time the Brother is making an inquiry. Will you respond to it, Dr. Moore?

Leon T. Moore: I rather suspect I would do it in time. Bishop and Members of The Conference, I stated there would have have to be changes in editorial statements and the lining up of these things, that they were highly technical. May I say that in every case, these delineations have been given to us by either the Bishops in charge of these Areas or by the Delegates, sometimes by both. So that if there are changes—and I could have taken the time to have given you one for the South Germany Conference, but I felt that my over-all state-

ment in the beginning would save you time, and any of these changes can be made without the necessity of taking your time and offering various motions. We will accept any of those changes and ask that the changes be made properly through the proper authorities.

Bishop Pickett: Is that satisfactory, Brother? It will greatly facilitate the work of The Conference if the Brother from the Philippines and any others who have issues of this sort to raise will submit them directly to this Commission, it being understood that The General Conference is entrusting any necessary revision of this technical sort to that body.

Will that be satisfactory to you, sir?

Gregorio R. Bailen: Does that mean that the amendment I bring will be fully accepted?

Leon T. Moore: Do I understand you to ask is your amendment wholly acceptable? Was that your question?

Gregorio R. Bailen: Yes.

Leon T. Moore: I would have to say to this Conference that it would be acceptable if certainly agreed upon by the Bishop and those in charge of your Area. I would not be competent, and I do not want to be misunderstood, but I don't believe that there are too many in The General Conference competent to say that your statement would be a wholly correct one regarding this delineation of this particular Conference.

Gregorio R. Bailen: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a record in this Conference that the Delegate of the Northwest Philippines Conferences has never been informed or advised of this matter. The amendment I am offering is in accordance with Memorial No. 3480. I think the Bishop is not ignorant of this part.

Bishop Pickett: Dr. Moore!

Leon T. Moore: Mr. Chairman, my statement was we had this given by a Bishop or by the Delegates, or by both, in our Commission. So that if a Bishop of a Central Conference gave us this outline in any particular Central Conference, we accepted it and passed it on to this Conference, with the understanding that any changes that have to be made we, of course, will automatically accept.

Bishop Pickett: I believe the Brother from the Philippines inserted the word "Annual," so this reads "The Northwest Philippines Annual Conference." The Chair is not clear as to whether that means a change of status for that body.

Leon T. Moore: Mr. Chairman, could I answer that? The caption of that Section 1867 is "Annual Conferences."

Bishop Pickett: That is correct.

Gregorio R. Bailen: Mr. Chairman, the other important point here that we are trying to bring is all Ilocon-speaking congregations in the provinces of Eciyr and Queson. The reason for this is these towns were under the Communists when we were deciding what the boundaries of this Conference would be in 1952. Now they would like to enter our domain in that Conference, and so we are requesting that they now be finally and totally placed within our Conference.

Request Referred—Norman L. Trott

Motion of Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, that the matter presented by Gregorio R.

Bailen (Northwest Philippines—OS) be referred to the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, with power to accept, if deemed wise.

Report Adopted

The Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas was then adopted as a whole. For Report see Appendix, page 1864.

Request for Withdrawal of Enabling Act and Authorization of Another Enabling Act—Leon T. Moore

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) made the following motion (DB-133) which was duly seconded:—

First:—The Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas requests that Calendar No. 156, Report No. 3 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, DCA No. 10, page 471, column 1, Subject, "Southeastern Asia Central Conference Election Of Bishops," be withdrawn.

Second:—That this General Conference authorize the granting of an Enabling Act, or Enabling Acts, necessary to continue any Central Conference or Annual Conference, or Provisional Annual Conference of any Central Conference, that may fall below the Disciplinary requirements during the quadrennium of 1956-1960.

Point of Order—Edward P. O'Rear—Reply—Leon T. Moore

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W) raised the Point of Order that the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms should institute such procedure.

Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, I did not make a motion to withdraw Calendar No. 156. I simply asked it be done through the proper procedures which would be through that Committee. My motion for adoption is my request that this General Conference authorize the enacting of a, or certain Enabling Acts for the continuation of these groups that I have named.

Bishop Pickett: Then, Dr. Moore, you agree to the reference to this Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms to present that matter in the regular way?

Leon T. Moore: Yes; yes, certainly.

I asked that it be granted. I didn't ask for me to draw it up. It has to be drawn up by the Enabling Acts and Legal Forms Committee, the same as all the Enabling Acts have been drawn up and are

part of our recommendation, which will come later on under the Enabling Acts and Legal Forms Committee presentation.

The motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Organization Meeting Commission on Structure of Methodism Overseas—Bishop H. Bascom Watts

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, recognized Bishop H. Bascom Watts for an important announcement at this particular time.

Bishop H. Bascom Watts stated that he had been directed by The Council of Bishops to organize the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas for the quadrennium of 1956-1960, and that the Commission for the quadrennium 1956-1960 would meet in the Bishops' Lounge at 2:30 P.M. for organization, and requested that The General Conference excuse the members of Commission for this purpose, if at the designated time The General Conference was still in session. By common consent the request was granted.

Per Diem for Provisional Annual Conference and Mission Representatives—Everett W. Palmer—Adopted

Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W) called attention to Paragraph 613, just adopted in the adoption of the Report of the Commission of the Structure of Methodism Overseas, which reads as follows:—

Par. 613. This Paragraph is to be rewritten to read as follows: "Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions outside the United States may designate a member to meet with the Standing Committees of The General Conference; and have the privilege of the floor of The General Conference on matters affecting the interests of his Conference or Mission, but without vote; and further, without expense to The General Conference except for the *per diem* during the sessions of The General Conference."

and moved that such representatives who are in attendance at this General Conference, shall receive the *per diem* for the 1956 session of The General Conference. The motion, duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

At the request of Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC) Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas stated they would furnish the names of those persons, who had just been voted *per diem* for the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church,

Changes in Personnel of Commission on Structure of Methodism Overseas—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam—Edward P. O'Rear—Lud H. Estes—Leon T. Moore

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, was recognized by the Presiding Officer, Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, for a matter of high privilege and stated that The Council of Bishops desired to make a change in the personnel of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas for the quadrennium of 1956-1960.

Motion of Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California—Arizona—W) duly seconded, prevailed, reconsidering the action of The General Conference of Friday evening, May 4, 1956, when the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, was elected.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented the nominations of The Council of Bishops substituting Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC) for Stewart D. White (Rock River—NC) and James K. Matthews (Bombay—OS) for Edwin B. Paul (Madhya Pradesh—OS) on the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas for the quadrennium 1956-1960, and on motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, they were substituted.

Motion of Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, electing the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas for 1956-1960, whose personnel had been changed by substitutions.

No. 20—Chairmen—Rules Suspended—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

Motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, prevailed suspending the Rules of Order, for the consideration of and action on Reports appearing for the first time in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of today, Saturday, May 5, 1956.

No. 3—State of the Church—"The Social Creed"—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Harold A. Bosley—H. Hughes Wagner—A. Dudley Ward—Ernst P. Scholz

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, was recognized and requested that Harold A. Bosley (Rock

River—NC), H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), A. Dudley Ward (New York East—NE), General Secretary of the General Board of Social and Economic Relations, and Ernst P. Scholz (Northeast Germany—OS) come to the platform to assist in the presentation of the Reports of the Committee.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 176, Subject, "The Social Creed," DCA No. 10, page 473, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 474, columns 1 and 2, and explained the Report fully and yet succinctly, and stated there was a printer's error, DCA No. 10, page 474, column 2 in paragraph "3. The Christian Conscience And War," that needed correcting.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, requested common consent of The General Conference, which was unanimously granted, to make the following correction:—

Delete the last eleven lines in paragraph "3. The Christian Conscience And War," which reads as follows:—

In this, members of The Methodist Church have the authority and support of their Church. We also recognize the right of the individual to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his Christian conscience and believe that The Methodist Church should give all possible aid in preparing our youth for military service and in guiding and supporting them while in the armed services.

and substituting therefor the following (DB-134):—

"We also recognize the right of the individual to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his Christian conscience. In both of these situations members of The Methodist Church have the authority and support of this Church."

so that paragraph "3. The Christian Conscience and War," will read as amended as follows:—

3. The Christian Conscience and War. The Methodist Church, true to the principles of the New Testament, teaches respect for properly constituted civil authority. It encourages both love of country and love of all men. Believing that government rests upon the support of its conscientious citizens, it holds within its fellowship those who sincerely differ as to the Christian's duty in regard to war. We ask and claim exemption by legal processes from all forms of military preparation or service for all religious conscientious objectors, as for those of the historic peace churches.

"We also recognize the right of the individual to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his Christian conscience. In both of these situations members of The Methodist Church have the authority and support of this Church."

Amendment—Loyd F. Worley—Not Adopted

Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) moved to amend Section “(F) War and Peace,” by adding at the close of the first paragraph of said Section (DB-135) the words, **“We stand for the abolition of War,”** so that the first paragraph of said Section (F), as amended, will read:—

(F) War and Peace. 1. Principles. We stand for these propositions: Christianity cannot be nationalistic; it must be universal in its outlook and appeal. War makes its appeal to force and hate, Christianity to reason and love. The influence of the Church must therefore always be on the side of every effort seeking to remove animosities and prejudices which are contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ. It does not satisfy the Christian conscience to be told that war is inevitable. It staggers the imagination to contemplate another war with its unspeakable horrors in which modern science will make possible the destruction of whole populations. The methods of Jesus and the methods of war move in different directions. **We stand for the abolition of War.**

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, these words of high principle, I think all of them duplicate—and they should be preserved—duplicate statements which were made in 1944 or earlier. But a change has taken place in the world situation. We cannot be satisfied with principles that simply stagger the imagination. The effect of war now is much more serious than that. The atom bomb, the hydrogen bomb, nuclear warfare and all the rest make a different proposition than it was in 1944.

The nuclear scientists and General Douglas MacArthur have given us fair warning, and it seems to me we need as strong a statement as I propose that we shall put it as part of our principles that we stand for the abolition of war.”

Against Amendment—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, spoke to the pending question as follows:—

“This is a new sentence. It has never been in the Social Creed before. Our attitude was that rather than open up the redrafting of this difficult subject which has been debated at many General Conferences, that we would do no redrafting, and all attempts to redraw or add sentences dealing with this subject were rejected by the Committee.

I hope that this body would remain satisfied with the statement of the Social Creed as it now exists and not attempt redrafting at this time.

I, therefore, would oppose the insertion.”

Against Amendment—Albea Godbold—Ruling—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) started speaking against the proposed amendment of Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) as follows:—

“I rise to speak against the amendment. It seems to me that we cannot just simply abolish war. We obviate war by the procedures of government and by removing the conditions.”

Ruling—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

“Pardon me for interrupting, but the Chairman of the Rules Committee calls my attention to the fact the body has voted that there may be but one speech for an amendment and one against unless The Conference give specific permission for an additional speech.”

Question—Albea Godbold—Ruling—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Albea Godbold (Saint Louis—SC) raised the following question:—

“Is there no privilege of speaking against a motion from the floor as well as from the Committee Chairman?”

Ruling—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

“The Conference can give that permission if it wishes. The Chair cannot. The Chair is not allowed to grant that permission.

Albea Godbold: Thank you, sir.”

Speaks to Pending Question—Paul V. Shearer ()—Ruling—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) was recognized and made the following statement:—

“There is a motion to defer, and I will abide by it.”

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, replied as follows:—

“There is no question about that, and I call attention to the Rules under which we are operating.”

Amendment—Loyd F. Worley—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—W. McFerrin Stowe—Not Accepted—Charles C. Parlin ()—Not Adopted*

W. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma—SC) moved to amend Section "C. Intoxicants and Narcotics," DCA No. 10, page 474, column 1, by deleting the first sentence of the paragraph which reads as follows:—

"Total abstinence is the historic position of our Church."

and substituting therefor (DB-136) the following sentence,

"METHODISTS STAND FOR THE PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE,"

so that paragraph (C), as amended, will read as follows:—

METHODISTS STAND FOR THE PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE. We seek to protect the individual, the home and society from social, economic and moral waste of any traffic in intoxicants and habit-forming drugs and from the invasion of the home by the advertising of alcoholic beverages. We urge objective and scientific study of the effects of alcoholic beverages and narcotics, and the use and support of educational processes in teaching abstinence through knowledge of these effects. The Church should also seek to understand the causes of alcoholism and drug addiction, and to give help to their victims in a healing and redemptive ministry and fellowship.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, W. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma—SC) spoke to same as follows:—

"I have nothing to say except that it would make a stronger statement concerning the Methodist viewpoint at this point."

Amendment Not Accepted—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, spoke to the pending question, as follows:—

"Frankly, that seems to appear the same to me, but may I say when we are dealing with a Social Creed, we are dealing with things that have been fought over so long, where the commas and the text of every sentence have been gone over many, many times. Those of you who were present at earlier General Conferences will know that.

I believe I would be exceeding my authority as Chairman to accept any redrafting. Of course the body can do as it sees fit, but I think the Chairman should not accept anything dealing with the Social Creed."

Amendment—W. McFerrin Stowe—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of W. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma—SC), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend the Report by deleting the first fifteen lines of Section "B. Economic Life," DCA No. 10, page 473, columns 2 and 3, which reads as follows:—

(B) Economic Life. 1. Christianity and the Economic Order. With full acknowledgement of Stewardship under God and accountability to Him, we stand for the acquisition of property by Christian processes and the right of private ownership thereof. We refuse to identify Christianity with any economic system. We test every economic order by the commands of our Christ and judge its practices by the Christian gospel. We believe that it is our duty not only to bring Christ to the individual, but also to bring the society within which we live more nearly into conformity with the teachings of Christ.

and substituting therefor, the following (DB-137) :—

"We stand for the principle of the acquisition of property by Christian processes and the right of private ownership thereof, with full acknowledgment of Stewardship under God and accountability to Him of its use.

"We feel called upon in the face of the Master's refusal to remain silent, in the face of moral wrong, to pass moral judgment upon both the two economic systems which now control mankind—Capitalism and Communism.

"Capitalism is unchristian because it rests upon the profit motive and not upon the service motive of Jesus, and because it is undemocratic, the workers not being represented upon the Boards of Directors of its Corporations, and therefore having no voice except by the expensive method of the strike, in deciding how the wealth they help to create shall be distributed.

"Communism is unchristian because it is despotic and ignores God.

"Both must be succeeded by a share in society, the Comrade Kingdom of Jesus, under which men of all races and of all kinds shall share equally in the necessary good things of life and enjoy freedom.

"We set ourselves under the leadership and guidance of God to bring this about, believing that it is our duty not only to bring Christ to the individual, but also to bring the society of America and of the world into conformity with His spirit and His teachings, a society in which all men shall enjoy peace and plenty and the opportunity for that abundant life of brotherhood and good will which the Master came to establish upon our earth."

so that paragraph 1 of Section (B), as amended, will read as follows:—

"We stand for the principle of the acquisition of property by Christian processes and the right of private ownership thereof, with full acknowledgement of Stewardship under God and accountability to Him of its use.

"We feel called upon in the face of the Master's refusal to remain silent, in the face of moral wrong, to pass moral judgment upon both the two economic systems which now control mankind—capitalism and communism.

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"We set ourselves under the leadership and guidance of God to bring this about, believing that it is our duty not only to bring Christ to the individual, but also to bring the society of America and of the world into conformity with His spirit and His teachings, a society in which all men shall enjoy peace and plenty and the opportunity for that abundant life of brotherhood and good will which the Master came to establish upon our earth." We believe that the free democratic way of life ruled by Christian principles can bring to mankind a society in which liberty is preserved, justice established, and brotherhood achieved. We therefore pledge ourselves to sustain these values and to implement the teachings of Christ by voting our Christian convictions in all elections, by participating in political action as party members or independents and by offering and supporting candidates who will translate our social ideas into social reality.

The motion to thus amend was duly seconded.

Previous Question—Embree H. Blackard—Ruling—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) moved the Previous Question on all before The General Conference.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, ruled that the motion of Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) out of order at this time, as the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) had been seconded, and therefore Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) was entitled to the floor.

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to his proposed amendment as follows:—

"The 1952 General Conference struck out of the sections on the Social Creed of 1948 the words, 'We stand for the subordination of the profit motive to the creative and co-operative spirit.' And said in place of that, 'The Church espouses no particular economic system.'

That puts the Church in a neutral position both as to Capitalism and Communism. But that was not the position of Jesus. He was no neutral, and neither should the Church be neutral. The Capitalistic System is not a Christian system and the Church should have the courage to say so.

The General Conference of 1952 surrendered to reaction in striking out the approval of the profit motive being subordinated to the service motive. It was a reversal of a position taken by The Methodist Church

in 1908 and in 1928, when it stated the supremacy of the service motive rather than the profit motive in the acquisition of property, was the Church's position.

If Methodism is to have any impact upon the world outside of the United States, it must consider conditions in the rest of the world. It is not the will of God, I believe, that America should have an abundance of food while a third of the world are hungry. It is not right, I think that the average yearly income of every man, woman and child in America is \$1,675, while the income of the peasants of India is only \$25 a year. We must raise the standard of living of all the rest of the world by being willing to pay enough for the things their peoples make, so that they can receive the same high wages our people receive. Then they will not only be as prosperous as we are, but they will safeguard our own prosperity by being able to purchase from us those things we make which they want, but which they cannot now purchase because of a low income.

High wages have made America prosperous. High wages for the rest of the world will help to make the rest of the world prosperous. America cannot be permanently prosperous unless all the rest of the world is prosperous. America cannot be permanently safe, unless the rest of the world is safe."

Lay on Table—William B. Robinson—Ruling—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett—Out of Order

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio—NC) moved to lay the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) on the table.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, ruled that the motion to lay on the table was not in Order.

Previous Question—Orris G. Robinson—Ordered

On motion of Orris G. Robinson (Baltimore—NE), duly seconded, the Previous Question—on all before The General Conference was ordered by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference was not adopted.

Amendment—Paul V. Shearer ()—Accepted—Charles C. Parlin (*)*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—SC) moved to amend paragraph "3. Wealth," DCA No. 10, page 473, column 3, by deleting the word "*unconsciously*," in line six, and substituting therefor the word, "**UNWITTINGLY**," so that paragraph "3. Wealth," as amended, will read:—

3. Wealth. We recognize the perils of prosperity. Our Lord has told us that we cannot serve God and mammon. As Christians we

must examine earnestly before God both our personal and business practices, lest we **UNWITTINGLY** adopt the standards and assumptions of a materialistic society to the exclusion of our Christian Stewardship.

Since Churches and their institutions as well as individuals own property, invest funds, and employ labor, care must be exercised that all such relationships conform to the highest Christian standards. Any judgment upon society must "begin at the house of God."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, accepted the proposed amendment of Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Point of Order—Orris G. Robinson—Ruling—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Orris G. Robinson (Baltimore—NE) raised the Point of Order that his motion for the Previous Question had been adopted and the Previous Question ordered.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Well, the Chair has not yet found the purpose of what is being proposed from microphone No. 4, and cannot say whether he is preparing to speak in contravention of that motion."

Question—John W. Chittum ()—Reply—Charles C. Parlin (*)*

John W. Chittum (*) (North-East Ohio—NC) asked a question that was answered by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, there seems to be a few people who are not quite sure of the status of the last five lines in the second column of page 474, immediately above Section G.

Is it true that the last five lines are completely lost in the light of the substitution that the Chairman proposed? I believe it is, but we would like a clarification.

Charles C. Parlin: That is correct."

The paragraph deleted with the last five lines in bold-face type reads as follows:—

In this, members of The Methodist Church have the authority and support of their Church. We also recognize the right of the individual to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his Christian conscience and believe that **The Methodist Church should give all possible aid in preparing our youth for military service and in guiding and supporting them while in the armed services.**

The substitution of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE) accepted by The General Conference:—

"We also recognize the right of the individual to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his Christian conscience. In both of these situations members of The Methodist Church have the authority and support of this Church."

Amendment—Gabriel Sundaram—Not Permissible—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Gabriel Sundaram (Hyderabad—OS) moved to amend Section IV, at the bottom of page 474, column 2, *DCA* No. 10, by deleting the words, "*orally or*," found in line three, so that Section IV, "Our Mandate—Read, Study, Apply," would read, as amended, as follows:—

IV. OUR MANDATE—READ, STUDY, APPLY. We recommend that this Social Creed be presented to our congregations in printed form at least once a year, and that frequent references be made to it. We further recommend that in every local church a Committee shall encourage the study of our Social Creed and seek in every possible way to apply its principles.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

"I am afraid that is not permissible now. We are operating under a vote for the Previous Question. If it is an issue that can be dealt with purely as an editorial revision it will be open to the Members to submit it to the Committee."

Questions—Louis Spilman ()—Answers—Charles C. Parlin (*)*

Louis Spilman (*) (Virginia—SE) asked some questions which were answered by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, as a matter of further clarification of the question Brother Chittum just asked, it was announced, I believe, by Mr. Parlin that the lines just above (g) in the second paragraph, page 474, second column, that the lines beginning about the 11th line up had been mixed up by the printers, and that the re-wording he submitted did not change the thought of that. Is that correct?"

Charles C. Parlin: It certainly changes the thought as it is expressed in this print, because this print makes no sense. It is all garbled up. I hope nobody reads it; it will simply confuse you.

Louis Spilman: As a matter of personal privilege, now that I am unable to understand this, I ask that the part that can be understood be read again.

Charles C. Parlin: Right. This is a very important thing. This has been fought over in Conferences gone by, as many of you will remember. We have come to an agreement. This is the established phraseology of our Church. Therefore let me go back and read the entire thing, if the body permits.

Bishop Pickett: Does the body agree?

It is agreed, Mr. Parlin.

Charles C. Parlin: The Report which is before you would read as follows, the end of that paragraph:

We ask and claim exception by legal processes from all forms of

military preparation or service for all religious conscientious objectors as for those of the historic peace churches.

We also recognize the right of the individual to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his Christian conscience. In both of these situations members of The Methodist Church have the authority and the support of their church.

Louis Spilman: Mr. Chairman, may I thank you for your indulgence and tell you that even I understand that."

No. 3—State of the Church Adopted

Report No. 3 of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 176, Subject, "The Social Creed," DCA No. 10, page 473, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 474, columns 1 and 2, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1695.

No. 6—State of the Church—"World Order And Inter-National Peace"—Charles C. Parlin—Amended—Adopted

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 180, Subject, "World Order And Inter-National Peace," DCA No. 10, page 476, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 505, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 506, column 1, with the following statement:—

"The Resolutions now on that subject will expire with this quadrennium, and this is necessary in order to continue in the back of the *Discipline* Resolutions in this manner. Certain new material has been incorporated. For example, upon a Memorial from The Council of Bishops we incorporated some of the text from the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1954. No Resolution proposing any substantive change in this field was accepted by your Committee.

I have three minutes in which to introduce this Report, and I am going to turn the balance of my time over to Dr. Scholz, our District Superintendent in the City of Berlin, who crosses and recrosses in his daily work the lines of tension. He will speak to this report."

Speaks to Report—Ernst P. Scholz

Ernst P. Scholz (Northeast Germany—OS) spoke to the Report as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of this General Conference: In connection with this Report I should like to say some words of gratitude. I was asked to join the Sub-Committee for Peace in order to discuss with the members the questions about ideology beyond the demarkation line. When I entered the room of this Committee I noticed at once activity and a difference of opinion among these intelligent men.

I was reminded of one day when 20 or more of your Senators and Governors came to Berlin for a discussion about a situation in our city. Our friend, Dr. George McKibben, from Chicago, was then

in the Chair. After having delivered a very short speech about Berlin and East Germany one of the Senators asked me the question: Is it true, Pastor, that German people are trained to obey immediately and to say always, Yes, sir?

My answer was, "Senator, do you not know the saying that where there are two Germans there are three opinions?"

Therefore, friends, I was not surprised to find in the Committee different points of view. But there was an accommodating attitude of the members in regard to our special situation in Germany, and a willingness to avoid anything in the wording of the Report which could create difficulties in the work of the Church. This emphasis and understanding of the Brethren impressed us Germans deeply, not only this Committee but also other groups with experience; the wonderful fellowship, the spirit of Jesus Christ.

I should like to express as the leader of the German Delegation our sincere gratitude to all of you for your kindness and support. We are happy to be here and attend The General Conference. We will go home with new ideas and with a new inspiration. We are strengthened by the glorious fact that in our Church there is no East or West, North or South. In the Church we are one great fellowship of love in Christ.

May God bless our beloved Methodist churches everywhere in the world."

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, moved the adoption of Report No. 6 of the Committee and the motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Albert E. Day—Accepted—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE) moved to amend Report No. 6, DCA No. 10, page 505, column 2, by deleting the fourth paragraph under the heading, "The Individual and Military Training," which reads as follows:—

We believe that Christians should develop an attitude toward the government of patriotic loyalty as well as intelligent criticism. Faced with the dilemma of decision regarding military training, the individual must decide prayerfully before God, between his duty for military service or his classification as a conscientious objector. We believe each individual should bear in mind both his obligation to God and his obligation to country.

and to substitute therefor the statement found in paragraph 4, page 644, 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 2026, which reads as follows:—

Regarding the duty of the individual Christian, opinions sincerely differ. Faced by the dilemma of participation in war he must decide prayerfully before God what is to be the course of action in relation thereto. What the Christian citizen may not do is to obey men rather than God, or overlook the degree of compromise in our best acts, or gloss over the sinfulness of war. The Church must hold within its fellowship persons who sincerely differ at this point of critical decision,

call all to repentance, mediate to all God's mercy, minister to all in Christ's name.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, accepted the proposed amendment of Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Albert E. Day—Not Accepted—Charles C. Parlin ()—Not Adopted*

Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE) moved to amend the paragraph of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, just accepted by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, and inserted in lieu of the fourth paragraph in column 2, page 505 of DCA No. 10, under the heading, "The Individual and Military Training," by the insertion (DB-138) of the words, "**or in military training**," in the second sentence of the said fourth paragraph after the words, "Faced by the dilemma of participation in war," so that paragraph four will read as follows:—

Regarding the duty of the individual Christian, opinions sincerely differ. Faced by the dilemma of participation in war, **OR IN MILITARY TRAINING**, he must decide prayerfully before God what is to be the course of action in relation thereto. What the Christian citizen may not do is to obey men rather than God, or overlook the degree of compromise in our best acts, or gloss over the sinfulness of war. The Church must hold within its fellowship persons who sincerely differ at this point of critical decision, call all to repentance, mediate to all God's mercy, minister to all in Christ's name.

The motion to thus amend was duly seconded.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, stated the Committee could not accept the proposed amendment of Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE).

*Information Requested—Charles I. Carpenter—Answer—
—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett*

Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) asked a question which was answered by the Presiding Officer, Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, as follows:—

"May I ask a question of the Chairman? We are planning to substitute or place into what is before us, as I understand it, the Paragraph in the *Discipline* on page 644, which has been read. I would like to ask for an interpretation of the last sentence. 'The Church must hold within its fellowship persons who sincerely differ at this point of

critical decision, call all to repentance, mediate to all God's mercy, minister to all in Christ's name.'

Would the Chairman interpret that sentence to mean in the light all that went before that the utilization of that word "all" is talking of those who are conscientious participators?

Bishop Pickett: General Carpenter, the Chair is of the opinion that that is another matter; that it is not the issue of the motion that is before the body that has been made and seconded to add to the statements that have been read those few words. If you will hold it—

Charles I. Carpenter: I will be glad to hold it and ask it after the motion has been passed."

Amendment Albert E. Day—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Renews Question—Charles I. Carpenter—Answer—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) renewed his question, and it was answered by Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, as follows:—

"My question, Mr. Chairman, is to an interpretation on the last sentence on page 644, the fourth paragraph of the *Discipline*. The last sentence reads: 'The Church must hold within its fellowship persons who sincerely differ at this point of critical decision, call all to repentance, mediate to all God's mercy, minister to all in Christ's name.'

The utilization of 'all,' in the light of the forward part of that paragraph, does that in itself, that word 'all,' mean all who are conscientious participators only?"

Bishop Pickett: The question is addressed to the Chairman. I am sure it is the Chairman of the Committee to whom it is addressed, Mr. Parlin!

Charles C. Parlin: So far as I am concerned, it is very clear that that applies with equal force to those who conscientiously refrain from war and those who conscientiously enter the uniform.

Charles I. Carpenter: I think the paragraph we had said it more clearly."

Amendment—Lloyd F. Worley—Not Accepted—Charles C. Parlin ()—Not Adopted*

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) moved to amend Report No. 6 by inserting the words (DB-139), "**untrue and unjust citations and public listings by Congressional Committees,**" to follow the words, "loyalty oaths," in line twelve of the second paragraph under the caption, "Civil Liberties," DCA No. 10, page 505, column 3, so that the second paragraph will read, as amended, as follows:—

In this time of fear, areas of freedom of speech and thought are being narrowed all over the world. Everywhere there is increasing limitation of the expression of variant ideas and opinions, and even of factual information. In some lands thought control uses the techniques of absolute censorship, surveillance by secret police, torture, imprisonment and death. In other lands the techniques are those of social rejection, calling of names, demands for "loyalty oaths," **untrue and unjust citations and public listings by Congressional Committees**, denial of employment, irresponsible accusations and assertion of "guilt by association."

The proposed amendment of Loyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) to thus amend being duly seconded, he spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, the whole statement on 'Civil Liberties' is pretty well generalized. We speak about it in other lands, and then we speak about lands that are evidently a little closer home. We list some infringements on civil rights and religious liberty.

The reference to loyalty oaths had a very great meaning to churches in California this last year. It is to the great credit that it was a Methodist church that undertook several actions in order to protect all of the churches from these loyalty oaths which would have taken away the privileges of relief from taxation unless these loyalty oaths were made. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Methodist Church of San Leandro, California.

One of the great events of this quadrennium was the courageous stand taken by Bishop Oxnam on civil and religious liberty before a Congressional Committee. There has been little or no reference to this very significant matter.

At the present time, a Committee of the United States Senate is in litigation over a pamphlet which they have published, in which there is contained the bold-faced falsehood that members of a voluntary organization in The Methodist Church were organized by Communists. That is the word that is said, even though on the internal evidence of this pamphlet this organization was made in 1907 and the Communist party in the United States came into existence in 1919.

Surely The Methodist Church is not going to keep silent when Congressional Committees give such false impressions to the public. If they want to say anything that is true, we want to hear it; but we do object to this characterization, and we think that the Church should say something about it by adding it at this point."

Closes Debate—Charles C. Parlin ()*

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, closed the debate as follows:—

"I think our Committee does not accept that. We felt that we did a pretty good job on Civil Liberties. No one that knows me will accuse me of being soft on Civil Liberties, I am sure; but I do not think that it fits in there and it is a little redundant, and, again, you come to the problem of weakening rather than strengthening something that is already covered by tacking something on here."

Amendment—Lloyd F. Worley—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Lloyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Merrill C. Johnson—Accepted—Charles C. Parlin—Harold A. Bosley

Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) moved to amend (DB-140) the second paragraph under the caption, "Civil Liberties," on page 505, column 3, DCA No. 10, which reads as follows:—

In this time of fear, areas of freedom of speech and thought are being narrowed all over the world. Everywhere there is increasing limitation of the expression of variant ideas and opinions, and even of factual information. **In some lands** thought control uses the techniques of absolute censorship, surveillance by secret police, torture, imprisonment and death. **In other lands** the techniques are those of social rejection, calling of names, demands for "loyalty oaths," denial of employment, irresponsible accusations and assertion of "guilt by association."

By deleting the words, "*In some lands*," at the beginning of the third sentence in the paragraph, and also deleting the words, "*In other lands*," at the beginning of the fourth sentence in said paragraph, so that the second paragraph, as amended, will read as follows:—

In this time of fear, areas of freedom of speech and thought are being narrowed all over the world. Everywhere there is increasing limitation of the expression of variant ideas and opinions, and even of factual information. Thought control uses the techniques of absolute censorship, surveillance by secret police, torture, imprisonment and death. The techniques are those of social rejection, calling of names, demands for "loyalty oaths," denial of employment, irresponsible accusations and assertion of "guilt by association."

The proposed amendment of Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) was accepted by both Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman, and Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Previous Question—James S. Chubb—Ordered

Motion of James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), duly seconded, prevailed, ordering the Previous Question on all before The General Conference, by more than the required two-thirds majority vote.

Report No. 6—Adopted

Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, was adopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1706.

Fraternal Messenger—M. Lafayette Harris—Excused

M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington—C) having been appointed as Fraternal Messenger to The General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, by The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, requested that he be excused from attendance upon the session of Monday, May 7, 1956, of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, in order that he might fulfill his assignment and that Damon P. Young, Reserve Delegate from the Lexington Conference, be seated in his place at that time.

By unanimous common consent the above request was granted.

Amendment to Rules of Order—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett—John R. Wilkins—A. Wesley Pugh—Withdrawn

John A. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) requested the privilege of presenting amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and having them referred to the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules Of Order, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: Last evening at a very late hour, I introduced a subject and out of deference to the hour and the parliamentary situation, withdrew it. It is a matter of privilege dealing with the welfare of The General Conference. It is a suggestion of amending the Rules and the Plan of Organization. I would like to present it and then have it referred to the Committee on Rules.

Bishop Pickett: This is outside of the ordinary provisions of the Rules. But will you permit this as a matter of privilege for the House?

A. Wesley Pugh: You can see where we are getting to here with reference to our afternoon session, and we had this up last night and thought we had the understanding that this would be presented as a possible amendment to the Report of the Committee on Rules which will come up on Monday morning.

It seems to me that it is very obviously out of order. If you wish to take the time for something like this, it is up to you, but I do not think we ought to do it.

Bishop Pickett: It could not be done, I think, unless you suspended the Rules. I hear no motion to that effect, doctor.

John R. Wilkins: May I ask Dr. Pugh then if at that time there will be given consideration if it is presented as an amendment to the Rules of Order when presented?

A. Wesley Pugh: Mr. Chairman, if Brother Wilkins secures recog-

nitition, which I assume he could, and presents this as an amendment, it would be considered the same as any other amendment to the Report.

John R. Wilkins: Thank you."

Garrett Seminary Singers—William H. Alderson—Bishop Charles W. Brashares—James R. Houghton (*)

The Presiding Officer, Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, recognized William H. Alderson (New York East—NE), Chairman of the Music Committee of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, who requested that Bishop Charles W. Brashares, of the Chicago Area, North Central Jurisdiction, be recognized for a privileged matter.

Bishop Charles W. Brashares, of the Chicago Area, North Central Jurisdiction, being recognized by the Presiding Officer, Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, presented the Garrett Seminary Singers.

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, then presented the Garrett Seminary Singers to The General Conference, and their Director, Austin V. Lovelace (*) (Rock River—NC).

Under the direction of Austin V. Lovelace (*) (Rock River—NC) the Garrett Seminary Singers presented the following selections:—

"Brother Van's Hymn," Montana Traditional
"God Is My Strong Salvation," by Lovelace

Thanks—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, in well chosen words, expressed to Austin V. Lovelace (*) (Rock River—NC), Director, and to the Garrett Seminary Singers, the thanks and appreciation of The General Conference, for their presence and the musical selections rendered.

No. 16—Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

We are pleased to announce the following Presiding Officers:—

For tonight's Official Session, Saturday, May 5, 1956, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

For Sunday night, May 6, 1956, Bishop Paul E. Martin, of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, South Central Jurisdiction.

For Monday morning, May 7, 1956, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the Saint Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. Hughes Wagner, Chairman
William R. Cannon, Secretary

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) briefly addressed The General Conference as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I desire to say something nice about the way the Presiding Officers have presided and how gracious they have been, how efficient, how co-operative and how patient, and to explain to some of the Brothers who have asked—and I quote them—"Why haven't our best Bishops presided?"—to explain that the reason is that there are twice as many Bishops as there are sessions of The General Conference.

But we have accomplished four things of which we are proud.

First of all, every Bishop who was elected during or prior to the current quadrennium has either presided at this session of the Conference or has been invited to preside.

Second, every Bishop who retires, every effective Bishop from America who retires during the next quadrennium, has presided or will preside at this session.

And in the third place, we tried as equitably to use representatives from all of the Jurisdictions.

And in the fourth place, we have for the first time in our history a member of the College of Bishops of a Central Conference presiding in the Chair right now.

Of those things we are very, very proud."

Nominations Council of Bishops—Bishop G. Bromley

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, presented nominations from The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church (DB-141), for the following organizations, and by common consent in each case, action was taken separately, approving and electing the nominees.

Inter-Board Committee for Ministry to Neglected Areas and Unchurched Peoples—Report No. 7—Missions, Appendix, Page 1595.

Wilford C. Westenberger (Tennessee—SE)
John W. Dickhaut (Ohio—NC)
Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE)
A. Neil Story (North Arkansas—SC)
Richard H. Johnson (*) (Washington—C)

Committee on Family Life:—Report No. 16—Education, Appendix, page 1481

Bishop Hazen G. Werner
Bishop W. Earl Ledden

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy
 Bishop William C. Martin
 Levi B. Miller, Jr. (Washington—C)
 Leo Smith (*) (Georgia—C)
 E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio—NC)
 Mrs. T. Otto Nall (*) (Rock River—NC)
 Mrs. Neill Hart (*) (Little Rock—SC)
 James A. Egan (*) (Oklahoma—SC)

Advance Committee—Paragraph 758—1952 Discipline

George E. Clary, Sr. (South Georgia—SE) substituted for Leonard H. Cochran (South Georgia—SE), serving on another organization.

**Amendments to Plan of Organization and Rules of Order—
 George H. Atkinson (*)—To Be Published in DCA**

George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada—W) requested and obtained the common consent of The General Conference to have printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* some proposed changes in the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, without reading, to be considered and acted on Monday morning, May 7, 1956, when the Report of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order is presented for the consideration of and action on by The General Conference.

**Report No. 6—State of the Church—"World Order And
 Inter-National Peace"—State of the Church to Be Printed
 in Discipline—Charles C. Parlin (*)—Adopted**

Motion of Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, duly seconded, prevailed, ordering the printing of Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, Subject, "World Order And Inter-National Peace," in the Appendix of the 1956 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

**No. 4—State of the Church—"The Christian Family"—
 Charles C. Parlin (*) Adopted—Printed in Discipline**

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 178, Subject, "The Christian Family," DCA No. 10, page 474, column 3; page 475, columns 1, 2 and 3, and moved its adoption and printing in the Appendix of the 1956 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church. The motion was duly seconded.

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE), Chairman of the

Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, requested H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) to speak to the Report.

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE) spoke to the Report, taking especial notice of the statement,

“We believe that planned parenthood, practiced in Christian conscience, may fulfill rather than violate the will of God.”

found in lines six, seven and eight of the first paragraph under the caption, “III. Marriage Relations,” page 475, column 1, *DCA* No. 10 as follows:—

“Thank you, Mr. Parlin, and Mr. Chairman. This is what I was up here for. I will not take advantage. The sentence is short; it is brief; it has the strength of brevity and it says—and it means exactly what it says. I believe this is the only place in all the official documents of Methodism where any mention is made of birth control or the birth control issue, but those of us who come from the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut, which are the only two States in the Union where it is against the law for anyone, even a physician, to give information of a birth control or planned parenthood nature, even in the case of a woman whose life might be in jeopardy if children were born. It is a very short matter.

Every time it comes up for a referendum—I think it is every six years—there is another Church, a very influential Church of that section, which advertises publicly on billboards and in newspapers, not that that is our opinion, but says, definitely, that this is against the law of God.

I am so happy, or hope that I shall be so very happy, that somewhere in our *Discipline* there shall be a statement which will contravene that so we will be able to say, when these matters come up, that it is the opinion of one Church. There are other Churches everywhere which think differently. Our Methodist Church, for example, believes that planned parenthood practiced in Christian conscience, may fulfill rather than violate, the will of God.

I sincerely hope that this will be passed.”

Report Adopted

Report No. 4 Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1700.

No. 21—Committee of Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, requesting that three Reports from the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, and one Report from the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, be taken up, considered and acted on this afternoon.

Announcement—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, made an important announcement concerning the program for "Youth and Student Night," to be observed tonight, Saturday, May 5, 1956.

Commission on Structure of Methodism Overseas Excused

The members of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas for the quadrennium of 1956-1960, were excused, by common consent, to attend their organization meeting, set for 2:30 P.M.

No. 3—Conferences—"Transfer Of Churches (Mitchell Memorial To Annual Conferences In Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 Discipline"—C. Cooper Bell—Adopted

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 89, Subject, "Transfer Of Churches To Annual Conferences In Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 *Discipline*," DCA No. 8, page 377, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1409.

No. 4—Conferences—"Transfer Of Churches (Quayle, Salina, Kansas & St. Mark's, Wichita, Kansas) To Annual Conferences In Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 Discipline"—C. Cooper Bell—Adopted

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 90, Subject, "Transfer Of Churches To Annual Conferences In Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 *Discipline*," DCA No. 8, page 377, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1409.

No. 5—Conferences—"Transfer Of Churches (Scott Memorial) To Annual Conferences In Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 Discipline"—C. Cooper Bell—Adopted.

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE). Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 91, Subject, "Transfer Of Churches To Annual Conferences In Other

Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 *Discipline*," DCA No. 8, page 377, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1410.

Amendments Plan of Organization and Rules of Order—Request for Printing—Allen Whitfield (*)

Allen Whitfield (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) requested permission to have printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Monday, May 7, 1956, some proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, to be considered and acted upon when the Report of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order is considered and acted on Monday morning, May 7, 1956. The General Conference unanimously granted the request.

Time Extended—Thomas B. Clay (*)—Adopted

Motion of Thomas B. Clay (*) (Genesee—NE), duly seconded, prevailed, extending the time to hear a Report from the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration.

No. 2—Judicial Administration—"Payment Of Expenses Of Retired Members Of The Judicial Council Attending General Conference"—Leonard D. Slutz (*)—Adopted

Leonard D. Slutz (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 109, Subject, "Payment Of Expenses Of Retired Members Of The Judicial Council Attending General Conference," DCA No. 9, page 408, column 3, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Not Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC) moved to amend the Report by deleting the word "*eight*," found in the last line of the third paragraph, and substituting therefor the word, "*four*," so that the Report as amended, will read:—

Whereas, by action of the 1948 General Conference the expenses to succeeding General Conferences of members of The Judicial Council retiring at that session were authorized to be paid; and,

Whereas, no such provision was made by the 1952 session of The General Conference covering the expenses to succeeding sessions of The General Conference of Members of The Judicial Council retiring at that session; and

Whereas, such expenses should be provided for all retired members of The Judicial Council who retired because of the age rule, after serving at least one full term of **FOUR** years;

Therefore Be It Resolved by The General Conference of The Methodist Church that expenses be paid all retired members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church who retired because of age after serving at least one full term of **FOUR** years, who are in attendance at this 1956 General Conference or who may attend any future session of The General Conference, such expenses to be allowed on the same basis as applies to active Members of The Judicial Council.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“My reason for submitting this amendment is in order that an honored and very distinguished member of The Judicial Council is retired this year on account of age, after only four years on The Council. He has served the Church in other capacities for many, many years. He is Mr. Fred B. Noble, of Florida, SE. I would like to see this amendment accepted in order that he may have this privilege along with the others. Only one man is involved in this matter.”

Amendment Not Accepted—Leonard D. Slutz ()*

Leonard D. Slutz (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, spoke to the pending matter, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, this was presented to our Committee and we discussed it. I do not feel we have the authority to accept it. However, if the House accepts, we are willing.”

Speaks to Pending Question—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC) spoke to the pending question, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I am not speaking for or against, only this: The General Conference Entertainment Commission had this request. We felt like we could not accept it. It was handed over to the Council on World Service and Finance. I understand they turned it down. So I think the Committee should let us hear from the Council on World Service and Finance, to see if they have been talked to.”

Amendment Ray H. Nichols ()—Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1517.

No. 3 Judicial Administration—“Trial Of A Bishop Of A Central Conference Having Only One Bishop”—Leonard D. Slutz (*)—Adopted

Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), Chairman of the

Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 110, Subject, "Trial Of A Bishop Of A Central Conference Having Only One Bishop," DCA No. 9, page 408, column 3, and page 409, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1518.

No. 22 Chairman—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, presented Report No. 22, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, our Committee of Chairmen at a meeting this morning felt that the business of The Conference was moving along up to that point, but it has not moved quite as fast this afternoon as we had hoped that it might.

I was told, and have been told by quite a few persons around The Conference, that there won't be very many Delegates in their seats on Monday. I said, 'I do not believe that.' I think we have come here to finish the business of The General Conference, and while there might be some instances in which Delegates would be compelled to leave their places, I do not believe we have come here to stay a while and then shirk the last responsibility that is put upon us. There are important matters yet to be presented.

Therefore I am urged by the Committee of Chairmen to bring this to your attention and to urge you to stay by your duties as Delegates."

Announcements—Lud H. Estes—Leon T. Moore

Announcements were made by Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) Secretary and by Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE) Secretary-Designate of The General Conference.

Thanks—Gavel—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Will you permit the Chair to express his profound personal appreciation for your co-operation and great courtesy.

One further personal word, please. This gavel, which you have made it unnecessary for me to use, has its history all before it. The Delegates from the oldest Central Conference in Methodism bought it and presented it for use here, in order that they may put it into the Museum of History of The Methodist Church in India for its use on the first occasion when a Bishop elected in the Central Conference presides.

It was brought here to the table inside of a beautiful jewelled box from the land of Tibet, a box made of brass and copper, with many semi-precious stones encased.

That land of Tibet remains one of the India's neighbors, not yet open

to the Gospel. The Indian Church is praying that as it happened in Nepal in the past Quadrennium, so may it happen to Tibet in the next, the Gospel may penetrate a hitherto closed area."

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop John A. Subhan

The afternoon session of the Eleventh Day of The General Conference of The Methodist Church Saturday, May 5, 1956, adjourned at 2:45 P.M. with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop John A. Subhan, of the Bombay Area, Southern Asia Central Conference.

ELEVENTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1956

EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the Eleventh Day, Saturday, May 5, 1956, at 7:30 P.M., in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, presiding, for the observance of "Youth And Student Night," the Program being arranged by the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

No. 23 Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, presented Report No. 23 of the Committee, which on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted, as follows:—

"Your Committee of Chairmen recommend that The General Conference convene at 8 A.M., Monday, May 7, 1956, and after brief Devotions, consisting of a Hymn and a prayer, take up the business of the consideration of and action on the Calendar of The General Conference.

That The General Conference conclude the Monday session with Devotions and summation of the achievements of The General Conference, under the direction of The Council of Bishops."

Fellowship Singing—Glenn Johnson (*)

Glenn Johnson (*) (North Texas—SC), Director of Music of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, led the group in fellowship singing, with Thure W. Frederickson (*) (Minnesota—NC) presiding at the organ.

Youth Leaders Presented—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson— Bishop D. Stanley Coors

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, spoke appreciatively of the work of Bishop D. Stanley Coors, the host Bishop of the Minnesota Area, North Central Jurisdiction.

Bishop D. Stanley Coors, of the Minnesota Area, North Central Jurisdiction, presented the Youth Leaders of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Methodist Student

Movement of the Minnesota Annual Conference, and the Staff of Youth Division of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

Youth Work—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson—Bishop John Wesley Lord—Harold W. Ewing

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer, speaking as President of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, succinctly told of the emphasis on Youth Work during the quadrennium just closing, and of the leadership of Bishop John Wesley Lord in the great progress that had been achieved.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Boston Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, spoke briefly stating his faith in the Youth of The Methodist Church, and thanking Harold W. Ewing (North-East Ohio—NC), Director Youth Department of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, for his superb leadership of the youth of The Methodist Church during the past quadrennium.

Method of Adjournment—Lud H. Estes—Adopted

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, prevailed, that this evening's session of The General Conference be officially adjourned with the Benediction, following the Program to be presented.

Hymn 65—James R. Houghton (*)

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 65 "All Creatures Of Our God And King," and lead The General Conference in the singing of the same, after which the following Program, "The Church In Our Lives," was rendered:—

The Church In Our Lives



Presented on
YOUTH AND STUDENT NIGHT
by the
General Board of Education
of The Methodist Church
at The General Conference

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

MAY 5, 1956

CHORAL CONCERT

Rendered by the A Cappella Choir, Hamline University,
Robert Holliday (*) Director

Exultate Deo	Alessandro Scarlatti
If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandments ...	Thomas Tallis
Jesus And The Traders	Zoltan Kodaly
O Turn Ye	Charles Ives
O Praise Ye The Lord	Hienrich Schutz

THE CHURCH IN OUR LIVES

Participants in the order of speaking:—

Narrator	William Meadows
Boy	John Mossberg
Girl	Sarah Jane Brown
Master of Ceremonies	Ralph Edwards

WITNESSES

John Brademas	Royal Bennett
Junko Tamura	Charles Boyles
Jackie Robinson	Nancy Turner

Minnie Pearl (Mrs. Henry Cannon)

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson

The evening session of the Eleventh Day, Saturday, May 5, 1956, of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourned at 9:45 P.M., with the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the Presiding Officer.

TWELFTH DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1956

EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Paul E. Martin

Pursuant to adjournment The General Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the Twelfth Day, Sunday, May 6, 1956, at 7:30 P.M., with Bishop Paul E. Martin, of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, South Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair.

No. 12 Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Bishop Paul E. Martin, the Presiding Officer, recognized Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, for three matters of high privilege, as follows:—

First No. 2 Fraternal Delegates—Oscar Thomas Olson—

Bishop Isaias Sucasas—Bishop Jose Pedro Pinheiro—

Bishop Rolando Zapata—Bishop Hyunki J. Lew

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates, who in turn presented the following Bishops of the Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Churches to The General Conference of The Methodist Church:—

Bishop Isaias Sucasas of The Methodist Church of Brazil
Bishop Jose Pedro Pineheiro of The Methodist Church of Brazil

Bishop Rolando Zapata of The Methodist Church of Mexico

Bishop Hyunki J. Lew of The Methodist Church of Korea

The General Conference stood, and applauded.

Second—Special Mention—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, made the following statement:—

“Bishop and Brethren: A word of tribute to whom tribute is due is always in order. There are many persons to whom Methodism is greatly indebted, either directly or indirectly. It would be the happy privilege of this Conference to present in person a great many about

whom a word of tribute is in order. However, we cannot do that.

Will you permit the Chairman of your Committee on Courtesies, that it may be entered into the record, merely to make mention in passing and in recognition of the following:

Dr. William J. Elliott, who was formerly Treasurer of the Board of Missions, from 1918 to 1948.

Dr. E. D. Kohlstead, the first General Secretary of the Division of National Missions. For 17 years he served in that office.

Dr. J. Edgar Skillington of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, a Parliamentarian without superior.

Dr. Marion J. Creeger, the General Secretary of the General Commission on Chaplains, representing thirty-nine Communions, and formerly a District Superintendent in the New York East Conference.

Mr. J. Robert Nelson, of Geneva, Switzerland, Secretary of the Committee on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, and a Methodist.

Dr. Momolu Dukuly, a Delegate in our midst from Liberia, and Secretary of the State of the Republic of Liberia, who was the leader of his Delegation at the Bangdung Conference.

Dr. Hiram G. Conger who is in charge of the exhibits, as he has been for nine successive General Conferences. He has verily earned his crown the hard way."

*Third—Resolutions of Thanks—James W. Henley—Adopted
By Standing Vote*

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, presented James W. Henley (Tennessee—SE), Secretary of the Committee, for the presentation of the following Resolution of Thanks:—

"Mr. Chairman: I have been commissioned by your Committee on Courtesies to bring a few words of appreciation to a great host of people. When the Delegates to this Conference arrived we were greeted by a message from Bishop Coors in which he said, 'It is our earnest desire to make your stay here as pleasant as possible.' Before coming we learned that this year marks the centennial of Minnesota Methodism. Your cordiality has made us feel that it would take just that long to prepare so beautifully and so effectively for the entertainment we have received. Our stay has been pleasant, indeed, Bishop Coors.

So we would like now to say thank you for all the things which together have made this General Conference memorable: Things like the genial hospitality of the people of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the indefatigable work of Committees in anticipating and planning for all our needs. The dedication of heart and mind on the part of our hosts has contrived to make your work seem effortless, at least to casual Delegates.

Perhaps this is the very essence of true hospitality. With all you have neglected nothing as you have prepared for our coming. How can we hope to express our gratitude to any degree of adequacy. Time, we believe, will reveal this 1956 General Conference to have been one of the great assemblies in all Methodist history. If this is

so the credit will have been due not only to those who have brought together legislation enacted here, but also those who have prepared the physical and spiritual conditions under which our deliberations were held.

We who are Delegates to this Conference therefore say thanks, sincere and heartfelt thanks. Especially and in particular we express our thanks to the General Committee on Entertainment and to our local hosts, to Bishop D. Stanley Coors of the Minnesota Area, and to Mr. Fran H. Faber, General Chairman, and to the members of all the Standing Committees on Entertainment.

We are grateful to your Methodist Churches and to their ministers who have opened their pulpits, prepared for the entertainment of special gatherings, and served us in a fine way. We would also express appreciation for the cordiality and generosity of many other local Protestant groups, mentioning particularly the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Thanks to the city of Minneapolis for its courtesies and the use of its Auditorium, and the friendly services of its public servants. Thanks to the hotels, the press, the radio and the television stations. Thanks to the secretaries and typists and ushers and pages.

In a very special way, thanks to our Conference Secretary, the Reverend Lud H. Estes, and to those who have labored with him. Thanks to Dr. James R. Houghton, song leader, and to Mr. Thure W. Frederickson, organist, who have led us in our worship and song.

We are greatly indebted to the Editors and Publishers of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Without their knowhow and devotion this Conference would have been grievously impaired.

To all Boards, Agencies and Commissions involved in inspirational Programs, to visiting choirs and special speakers who have enriched our lives we say our hearty thanks.

We express gratitude to the Bishops for their leadership and unwearied attention to the affairs of The Conference. And we shall remember with gratitude the representatives of our Methodism in other lands and the fraternal visitors from other Communions.

To all these and many others we say our words of thanks. But this is not enough. There has been One among us whom we serve. There have been high moments when our hearts were strangely warmed by His nearness, and the eyes of our minds were opened by His holy touch. To Christ be the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Delegates of like mind with the sentiments of this paper so indicate by standing.

Alexander K. Smith, Chairman
James W. Henley, Secretary

The motion being duly seconded the Resolutions of Thanks were adopted by a unanimous standing vote and applause.

Remarks—Bishop Paul E. Martin

Bishop Paul E. Martin, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"I am confident many of us would have liked to have joined with

the Delegates who have expressed by standing their appreciation for these Resolutions and thereby have adopted the Resolutions. No Conference has ever been entertained in a finer way than has this General Conference. I think it is a source of satisfaction to all of us tonight that Mrs. Coors, the wife of Bishop Coors, who sustained an accident a few days ago, is sufficiently recovered to be with us for this service."

The following **Sunday Evening Service** was then held:—

Sunday Evening Service

OF THE

General Conference of The Methodist Church

May 6, 1956

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN, Presiding



CHORAL PRELUDE: 7:30-8:00 P.M.

CHOIRS FROM
THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Audubon, Iowa

REV. GRANT H. ELFORD, Minister
JOHN D. MALLONEE, Director

THE DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR
Mitchell, South Dakota

PROFESSOR WILLIAM F. KUGEL, Director
8:00 P.M.

HYMN NO. 364, More Love to Thee, O Christ *William H. Doane*

PRAYER: BISHOP ODD HAGEN

ANTHEMS:

THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR
Delaware, Ohio

PROFESSOR REXFORD KELLER, Director

THE OFFERTORY:

ANTHEM: THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR

HYMN NO. 318, O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go *Albert L. Peace*

SERMON: "THE LIMITS OF LOVE" . DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN
Christ Methodist Church, New York City

ANTHEM: THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS . *George F. Handel*

The Combined Choirs of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Area

DR. JAMES R. HOUGHTON, Conductor

THURE W. FREDERICKSON, Organist

BENEDICTION: DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY

THIRTEENTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 7, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Pursuant to adjournment, the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church, convened in the closing session of the Thirteenth Day, Monday, May 7, 1956, at 8 A.M., in the Municipal Auditorium at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of the Saint Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction, in the Chair, who made the following statement:—

I am asking Dr. Houghton to announce the hymn.

And I desire to make this brief statement about the Devotional Service.

As you saw in an earlier issue of the *Advocate*, Bishop Tippet was to conduct the Devotional Service. We have decided this morning to have a hymn and a prayer at the opening of the business session inasmuch as there will be a Devotional Service at the close.

That Devotional Service will be a service in which the President of The Council of Bishops concludes this General Conference with a message from himself and The Council.

In view of that fact, although Bishop Tippet was ready to speak, we are asking Bishop Tippet immediately after the singing of this hymn to lead us in prayer.

Hymn No. 73—James R. Houghton ()*

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced Hymn No. 73, "Be Still My Soul: The Lord Is On Thy Side," and then led The General Conference in the singing of the Hymn, The General Conference standing.

Prayer—Bishop Donald H. Tippet

Bishop Donald H. Tippet, of San Francisco Area, Western Jurisdiction, led in prayer.

No. 8—Journal—George B. Ahn (*)

George B. Ahn (*) (Central New York—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Journal, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted, as follows:—

"Your Committee on Journal has examined the Journal for Thursday evening, May 3, 1956, Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Friday evening, May 4, 1956, and Saturday, May 5, 1956, and finds it to be correct.

(Signed) GEORGE B. AHN (*), *Chairman*
R. MERRILL POWERS, *Secretary*

Resolution Re Journal—George B. Ahn (*)

On motion of George B. Ahn (*) (Central New York—NE), duly seconded by R. Merrill Powers (Rock River—NC), the following Resolution (DB-142) was adopted:—

“Be It Resolved, That the approval of the Journal of The General Conference of The Methodist Church for the sessions of Saturday evening, May 5, Sunday evening, May 6, and Monday, May 7, 1956, be left in the hands of the Secretarial Staff.”

No. 13—Courtesies and Privileges—Alexander K. Smith

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, was recognized by the Presiding Officer, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, and presented four Resolutions and one communication, and moved that they be printed in the Journal of The General Conference, without reading, as follows:—

First—Bishop Clare Purcell—H. Paul Mathison

H. Paul Mathison (Alabama—SE) for the Delegates from the Birmingham Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, presented the following Resolution of Appreciation of Bishop Clare Purcell (DB-143), Resident Bishop of the Birmingham Area:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of this General Conference:

The Presiding Officer for the opening session of this General Conference was Bishop Clare Purcell. Bishop Purcell is a native son of the State of Alabama. He entered the Methodist ministry and served for many years as Pastor and Presiding Elder.

At The General Conference held in Birmingham in 1938, he was elected and consecrated Bishop. For many years he has served as Chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance. Recently, he served as President of The Council of Bishops.

He has served the Church with distinction in the office of Bishop. The warmth of his personality and spirit makes glad the hearts of those who know him.

Bishop Purcell has not been alone in his outstanding work for the Church. He married a wife who has been most helpful, co-operative, and understanding and who has added her charm and graciousness to the work of her husband.

Since he will retire at the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference, this General Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting in Minneapolis in this the year of our Lord 1956, does hereby record our appreciation and esteem for Bishop Purcell for his outstanding and untiring service and devotion in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Paul Mathison and Members of the Delegation of the Birmingham Area

Second—Mrs. James Maxwell Pritchard ()—Chester A. McPheeters*

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) in behalf of the members of the Detroit Annual Conference Delegation, presented the following Tribute to the American Mother of the Year, Mrs. James Maxwell Pritchard (*) of the St. Mark's Methodist Church of Detroit, Michigan (DB-144):—

"Mrs. James Maxwell Pritchard, Detroit, Michigan was chosen the 'Outstanding Mother of the Year' by the American Mother's Committee, Mrs. Daniel Poling, President of the American Mother's Committee, announced.

"Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard lost their first child. After adopting two girls, they had a son, Dale, now 38 years of age, A family of five children of a dying mother were the next to be adopted by the Pritchards. These were followed by a boy from a broken home, and twins now 14 years of age. Ten in all were adopted. And every child is a Christian and an active member of the Church. At the request of the Juvenile Court, Mrs. Pritchard has served for a number of years as a foster mother to delinquent girls. She now has seventeen girls assigned to her home.

"We join the nation in honoring Mrs. Pritchard and take a special pride in the fact that she is an active member of The Methodist Church—St. Mark's Church—Detroit."

Chester A. McPheeters, *Chairman*
Detroit Annual Conference Delegation

Third—A. Thomas McIlwain

Presented the following tribute to A. Thomas McIlwain (North Mississippi—SE) (DB-145) from the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church:—

"At the time of launching the Crusade for Christ, just after the Second World War, the Secretaries of all Agencies in the Church presented their requests for funds to carry on adequately their Programs. The Secretaries of the Board of Pensions gave as the amount needed in an Endowment Fund one hundred million dollars. It seemed a fantastic sum then, but the Endowment Funds in the General Fund and Conference Funds have now reached the sum of seventy-five million, and it will reach the goal of one hundred million before long.

"There has been a thrilling advance in Missions since the Second World War, but it is no more thrilling than the advance in Pensions.

"A man who has had a part with his Associates, in this great advance, in this service to the ministers of Methodism from the humblest preacher to the most influential Bishop, is retiring this year, Dr. A. Thomas McIlwain.

"Dr. McIlwain is a Mississippian, and before he entered the ministry, he was a banker. Through his business experiences and his call to the ministry, God was preparing him for the great service he was to render Methodism in its Pension Program. When he became Secretary of the Missouri Corporation, there were Conferences in the South whose annuity rate for retired ministers was as low as six or seven dollars. Now there are several Conferences in the South whose

annuity rate has gone to fifty dollars and over. More than any other influence in this advance has been the indefatigable labor of the Officers of the Missouri Corporation.

"Dr. McIlwain over the years has planned meetings of pension leaders in the Southern Conferences, and in these meetings has developed the enthusiasm for increasing the income of retired ministers. Dr. McIlwain has a clear mind and a devoted heart, and he has inspired Conferences as well as he has aroused pension leaders to do more and more for the retired ministers of Methodism. As he comes to the end of his service, this General Conference recognizes his outstanding contribution to a great cause, and Methodist preachers through the years will be indebted to him."

Fourth—J. Wesley Hole ()—James R. Houghton (*)*

Presented the following Resolution of Appreciation of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, and of James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, from the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program (DB-146) :—

"For the last four years J. Wesley Hole has served as Chairman of our Commission on Entertainment for this General Conference. At one of the sessions this past week Mr. Hole presented the members of the Minneapolis Committee as Hosts to the Conference and spoke very generous words of appreciation regarding his Co-workers on the Commission on Entertainment. These Co-workers desire to take these moments to unite in a tribute of appreciation to our Chairman. His thorough understanding of the responsibilities of our Commission, his administrative ability, his unfailing kindness and courtesy at all times, have made our work with him an unforgettable experience. We wish to express, in this public way, our gratitude to him and our affection for him.

"The Commission on Entertainment appreciates the helpful work of Dr. James R. Houghton, who from his great experience and ability and by his noble Christian spirit has added greatly to the beauty and worship of our sessions."

Members of the Commission on Entertainment

Fifth—Donita McCulloh ()*

Presented the following communication (DB-147) from Donita McCulloh (*) :—

"General Conference of The Methodist Church, care Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet, Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

"I want to thank you for all you have done for me through your messages and your prayers. I am lots better and am still improving. Best wishes to The General Conference. My church friends here at home and everywhere are meaning so much to me while I am sick. God bless you all too.

"Donita McCulloh (*)"

Thanks—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

This completed the work of the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, in behalf of The General Conference, thanked the Chairman of the Committee, Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE), and the members of the same for the splendid manner in which they had handled all matters germane to the business of this Committee.

Resolution—Chester A. Smith (*)—Herbert S. Wilson (*)

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) presented a Resolution (DB-148) concerning Herbert S. Wilson (*) (Delaware—C) which was adopted on his motion, duly seconded, as follows:—

“Whereas, Zions Herald of February 1, 1956, gave the information that Herbert S. Wilson of Pocomoke City, Maryland, was a Delegate to thirteen General Conferences, including The Uniting Conference.

“Resolved, That we congratulate Mr. Wilson upon this unusual record and extend to him our sincere good wishes that he may greet the years ahead with the words of our great poet Edwin Markham on his eightieth birthday, ‘Come on. I am ready for you.’”

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) expressed his gratitude for the recognition given him as being the oldest members in terms of service in this General Conference.

Statement—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

Now permit the Chair just a brief word and then the Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen a brief word.

For the five General Conferences of our United Church, the Committee on Presiding Officers has called me to the Chair in what it has been hoped might be the concluding session.

Now, I remember that at Boston we ran into three or four controversial measures and it was necessary for someone else the next morning for about an hour to preside in concluding that session.

I have concluded the other Conferences.

May I say to you Members of The Conference two or three things about our business today.

In the first place, we have had two meetings of the Chairmen of the Committees, Chairmen whom you have selected. It is amazing to discover that in only one instance, perhaps two, are there Minority Reports. The Reports that come to you today are not Reports which have caused any very great discussion, and they are almost unanimously approved by the Committees in question.

Now it seems to me, that if, therefore, there was that sort of approval behind those Reports, and those Reports being in the main not

of a controversial nature, it is altogether possible, in spite of the vast amount of business before us, for us to finish the business of this Conference in a session.

The Chairmen of the Committees agree with me on that, and what we hope for is your very earnest co-operation.

Now, the second thing I want to say is that in spite of the fact that at San Francisco we had a five-hour session in closing the Conference, a number of men said to me they felt that every matter received consideration. We had three or four controversial matters that day, or we might have adjourned earlier.

I don't know of any controversial matters to come before us now, and I hope that with your co-operation we will be able to transact a great amount of business in this particular session. I know we can.

If all of you bear in mind that these Reports have been thoroughly discussed in Committees, there is very little likelihood of anybody's adding anything by way of contribution to the discussion, and they come to you with almost unanimous recommendation from your Committees.

That brief statement I wanted to make as I open this session, and I call on the Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen for a statement.

No. 24—Chairmen—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made Report No. 24 for the Committee, with the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I think that all of you have noticed that your Committee of Chairmen has made a real and conscientious effort to bring before this General Conference all of the matters of major importance, particularly those that might elicit a good deal of debate, during the earlier sessions of The Conference. I think you appreciate that. I feel that you should, and no major issue has been denied all the time it should have.

May I say also that, having been in a number of General Conferences, I have never seen one in which the spirit of Christian fair play was more genuinely exemplified than in this one. I am sure that will be the case this morning. We simply ask you, the Committee of Chairmen, to co-operate fully with our Presiding Officer and with the suggestions which come from the Committee for the presentation of the Reports.

General Conference Procedure—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

On motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the following actions were taken separately to guide The General Conference of The Methodist Church in the business of today, Monday, May 7, 1956:—

First—Complimentary Resolutions

That any Complimentary Resolutions be referred to the Standing Administrative Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, for printing in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, without reading.

Second—Speeches for and Against

That for the remainder of The Conference, speeches for and against any Report be limited to two, *provided*, however, that this Rule shall not operate to deprive the Chairman of any Committee of his right to a concluding speech not exceeding three minutes. This has no effect upon the previous Rule of one speech on each side for amendments, but we are asking you to restrict yourselves just a little bit more, if you are willing to do so.

Third—Rules Suspended for Reports

That the Rule requiring the printing and publishing of Reports one day in advance of their presentation, be suspended, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon any Reports which are published in the *Daily Advocate* of today, and also upon any Reports which were unable to be published today.

Fourth—Recess—Final Adjournment

That The General Conference be in recess for twenty minutes, beginning at eleven o'clock, and that it set as a possible time of adjournment, 2 P.M.

Fifth—Amendments in Writing

At the request of the Journal Secretaries, and to save much valuable time for The General Conference and to help in the accuracy of the 1956 Journal, urged all those who make motions, or amendments to prepare them in writing in advance, if possible, sending them to the Document Secretary by the Pages.

No. 10—Credentials—Elmer E. Mathews (*)

Elmer E. Mathews (*) (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, and moved its adoption without reading. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see Appendix, page 1213.

Motion of Elmer E. Mathews (*) (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials, duly seconded, prevailed, that any substitution

of Delegates for the session of today, Monday, May 7, 1956, be printed in the *Daily Advocate* and the Journal.

No. 1—Credentials—Per Diem Protection—Lud H. Estes

Motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, duly seconded, prevailed, approving the seating of substitutions of Reserve Delegates on the opening day, Wednesday, April 26, 1956, as a matter of precaution for the record. For Report see Appendix, page 1185.

Calendar—Charles D. White—A. Wesley Pugh

Consideration of and action on the Reports of the various Standing Legislative Committees on the Calendar was entered into, under the guidance of Charles D. White (Western North Carolina—SE), Calendar Secretary, and A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen.

No. 3—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Southeastern Asia Central Conference Election Of Bishops"—William S. Evans—Kenneth W. Adams—Withdrawn

Due to the absence of William S. Evans (Memphis—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, caused by the funeral of Senator Alben W. Barkley, a member of his church at Paducah, Kentucky, Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) and F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms presented the Reports of the Committee. Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) requested that Report 3 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 156, Subject, "Southeastern Asia Central Conference Election Of Bishops," DCA No. 10, page 471, column 1, be withdrawn from the Calendar for consideration of and action on by The General Conference. By common consent of The General Conference Report No. 3 of the Committee was withdrawn. For Report see Appendix, page 1488.

No. 1—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Southern Asia Central Conference Election of Bishops"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 142, Subject, "Southern Asia Central Conference Election Of Bishops," DCA No. 10, page 471, column 1, and on his motion, duly

seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1487.

No. 2—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Africa Central Conference Election Of Bishops”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms Calendar No. 155, Subject, “Africa Central Conference Election Of Bishops,” *DCA* No. 10, page 471, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1487.

No. 4—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Southern Asia Central Conference, Additional Annual Conference”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 4 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 157, Subject, “Southern Asia Central Conference, Additional Annual Conference,” *DCA* No. 10, page 471, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1488.

No. 5—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“China Central Conference Election Of Bishops”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 158, Subject, “China Central Conference Election Of Bishops,” *DCA* No. 10, page 471, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1488.

No. 6—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Latin American Central Conference Election Of Bishops”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 159, Subject, “Latin American Central Conference Election Of Bishops,” *DCA* No. 10, page 471, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 6 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1489.

No. 7—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Continuance Belgium Annual Conference”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented

Report No. 7 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 160, Subject, "Continuance Belgium Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 472, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1489.

No. 8—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Baltic And Slavic Provisional Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 161, Subject, "Continuance of Baltic And Slavic Provisional Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 472, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1490.

No. 9—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Northeast Germany Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 9 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 162, Subject, "Continuance Northeast Germany Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 472, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1490.

No. 10—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Czechoslovakia Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 10 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 163, Subject, "Continuance Czechoslovakia Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For report see Appendix, page 1490.

No. 11—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Burma Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 164, Subject, "Continuance Burma Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1491.

No. 12—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Organization Polish Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 12 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 165, Subject, "Organization Polish Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1491.

No. 13—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Organization Mindanao Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 13 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 166, Subject, "Organization Mindanao Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 473, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1491.

No. 14—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Organization Sarawak Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 14 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 167, Subject, "Organization Sarawak Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1492.

No. 15—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Organization Sind Baluchistan Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 15 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 168, Subject, "Organization Sind Baluchistan Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10 page 473, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1492.

No. 16—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 16 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 169, Subject, "Continuance Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 2, and on his motion, duly sec-

onded, Report No. 16 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1492.

No. 17—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Organization Patagonia Provisional Annual Conference”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 17 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 170, Subject, “Organization Patagonia Provisional Annual Conference,” *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 17 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1493.

No. 18—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Organization Austria Provisional Annual Conference”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 18 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 171, Subject, “Organization Austria Provisional Annual Conference,” *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 18 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1493.

No. 19—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Continuance Denmark Annual Conference”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 19 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 172, Subject, “Continuance Denmark Annual Conference” *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 19 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1493.

No. 20—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Organization Sumatra Annual Conference”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 20 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 173, Subject, “Organization Sumatra Annual Conference,” *DCA* No. 10, page 472, column 3, and page 473, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1494.

No. 21—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—“Organization Taiwan-Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference”—Kenneth W. Adams

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented

Report No. 21 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 174, Subject, "Organization Taiwan-Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1494.

No. 22—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Division Taiwan-Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference"—Kenneth W. Adams—F. Murray Benson (*)—Amended—Adopted

Kenneth W. Adams (California-Nevada—W) presented Report No. 22 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, Calendar No. 175, Subject, "Division Taiwan-Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 10, page 473, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, requested common consent of The General Conference to insert the words, "**provided they**," following the numeral "1960," in the next to the last line of the Report, inadvertently omitted by the printer, so that Report No. 22, as amended, will read as follows:—

Upon full compliance with all of the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Taiwan-Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to be organized into the Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference and the Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960 **provided they** have a minimum of six ministerial members.

The General Conference giving unanimous common consent for the requested insertion, Report No. 22 was adopted as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1494.

No. 23—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Wyoming State Annual Conference"—F. Murray Benson (*)

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 23 of the Committee, Calendar No. 222, Subject, "Continuance Wyoming State Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 11, page 548, column 1, and, on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 23 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1495.

No. 24—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Tennessee Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction"—F. Murray Benson (*)

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman

of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 24 of the Committee, Calendar No. 223, Subject, "Continuance Tennessee Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction," *DCA* No. 11, page 548, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 24 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1495.

No. 25—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Idaho Annual Conference"—F. Murray Benson (*)—Adopted

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 25 of the Committee, Calendar No. 224, Subject, "Continuance Idaho Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 11, page 548, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 25 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1495.

No. 31—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Central Conferences; Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences of Central Conferences"—F. Murray Benson (*)—Adopted

The Rules having previously been suspended for the consideration of and action on any, and all, Reports appearing in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of today, May 7, 1956, and also on any, and all Reports that have not been published, F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE) presented the following Report, No. 31, for the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, that had not been published, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

Subject, "Continuance Central Conferences; Annual Or Provisional Annual Conference Of Central Conferences."

Any Central Conference, Annual or Provisional Annual Conference of any Central Conference, not already provided for in the Enabling Acts approved by this General Conference, is hereby authorized to continue during the quadrennium 1956-1960, even though it may fall below the necessary Disciplinary requirements.

For Report, also see Appendix, page 1498.

No. 26—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Joint Annual Meeting Of The Council of Bishops And The Council Of Secretaries To Consider The Program Of The Methodist Church"—F. Murray Benson (*)

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 26 of the Committee, Calendar No. 249, Subject "Joint Annual Meeting Of

The Council Of Bishops And The Council Of Secretaries To Consider The Program Of The Methodist Church," *DCA* No. 11, page 552, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 26 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1496.

No. 27—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Continuance Cuba Annual Conference"—F. Murray Benson (*)

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 27 of the Committee, Calendar No. 250, Subject, "Continuance Cuba Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 11, page 553, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 27 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1496.

No. 28—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Transfer Mitchell Memorial Church Of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania"—F. Murray Benson (*)—Adopted

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 28 of the Committee, Calendar No. 251, Subject, "Transfer Mitchell Memorial Church Of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania," *DCA* No. 11, page 553, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 28 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1496.

No. 29—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Transfer Quayle Methodist Church, Selina, Kansas, And St. Mark's Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas"—F. Murray Benson (*)—Adopted

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 29 of the Committee, Calendar No. 252, Subject, "Transfer Quayle Methodist Church, Salina, Kansas, And St. Mark's Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas," *DCA* No. 11, page 553, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 29 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1497.

No. 30—Enabling Acts and Legal Forms—"Transfer Scott Memorial Methodist Church, Denver, Colorado; Scott's Methodist Church, Pueblo, Colorado; And People's Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado"—F. Murray Benson (*)—Adopted

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, presented Report No. 30, of the Commit-

tee, Calendar No. 253, Subject, "Transfer Scott Memorial Methodist Church, Denver, Colorado; Scott's Methodist Church, Pueblo, Colorado; And People's Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado," *DCA* No. 11, page 553, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 30 was adopted, completing the Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on Enabling Acts and Legal Forms. For Report see Appendix, page 1497.

No. 7—Temporal Economy—"Report Of The Council Of Secretaries, Pages 41 And 42 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Report Of Boards And Commissions"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 68, Subject, "Report Of The Council Of Secretaries, Pages 41 and 42 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," *DCA* No. 8, page 369, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1734.

Nos. 8 and 30—Temporal Economy—No. 8—"Including In Discipline The Constitution Of Association Of Methodist Historical Societies"—No. 30—"Including In Discipline The Constitution Of Methodist Historical Societies"—R. F. Curl—Amended—Henry Miot Cox (*)—Accepted—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 204, Subject, "Including In *Discipline* The Constitution Of Association Of Methodist Historical Societies," *DCA* No. 8, page 369, column 1, and Report No. 30 of the Committee, Calendar No. 204, Subject, "Including In *Discipline* The Constitution Of Association Of Methodist Historical Societies," *DCA* No. 10, page 510, columns 1 and 2, stating that Reports Nos. 8 and 30 should be considered and acted on together, and moved their adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Henry Miot Cox (*)—Accepted—R. F. Curl

Henry Miot Cox (*) (Nebraska—SC) moved to amend Report No. 30 (DB-149) by deleting the word, "other," in line twelve of Section 1, "II Executive Committee," page 510, column 1, and substituting therefor the word, "ADDITIONAL," and then adding the words, "APPOINTED BY

THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS," to immediately follow the word, "persons," at the end of line twelve of the same Section 1, so that "II Executive Committee," *DCA* No. 10, page 510, column 1, will read, as amended, as follows:—

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The activities of the Association shall be directed by an Executive Committee designated quadrennially. It shall be composed of the Officers of the Association; the Presidents or Chairmen of the active Jurisdictional Historical Societies recognized by the Jurisdictional Conferences; the Executive Secretary; the active Officers of the Inter-National Methodist Historical Society and the World Methodist Council from The Methodist Church; the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*; and six **ADDITIONAL** persons **APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS** chosen because of their interest in and knowledge of Methodist history and their availability for meetings.

and further to amend said Report No. 30 by deleting the word, "*shall*," in Section 1 of "V. Auxiliary Societies," *DCA* No. 10, page 510, column 2, and substituting the word, "**MAY**," so that Section 1 of "V. Auxiliary Societies," will read, as amend, as follows:—

V. AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

1. There **MAY** be a Methodist Historical Society in each Jurisdiction and Annual Conference of The Methodist Church auxiliary to the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

The proposed amendments of Henry Miot Cox (*) (Nebraska—SC) were both accepted by R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee or by any member of The General Conference.

Report No. 8, and Report No. 30, as amended, were both adopted. For Reports see Appendix, pages 1734; 1758.

No. 9—Temporal Economy—"Report Of The Association Of Methodist Historical Societies, Pages 677 And 678 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 70, Subject, "Report Of The Association Of Methodist Historical Societies, Pages 677 And 678 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," *DCA* No. 8, page 369, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1735.

No. 10—Temporal Economy—"Report Of The Radio And Film Commission, Pages 648-660 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 71, Subject, "Report Of The Radio And Film Commission, Pages 648-660 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions," *DCA* No. 8, page 369, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1735.

No. 11—Temporal Economy—"Report Of The Commission On Public Relations And Methodist Information, Pages 614-628 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 72, Subject, "Report Of The Commission On Public Relations And Methodist Information, Pages 614-628 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," *DCA* No. 8, page 369, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1735.

No. 12—Temporal Economy—"Financial Aid To St. George's Church And John Street Church; Study Of Methodist Historical Shrines"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 73, Subject, "Financial Aid To St. George's Church And John Street Church; Study Of Methodist Historical Shrines," *DCA* No. 8, page 369, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1736.

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, stated that the Council on World Service and Finance had cleared the item of \$4,250.00.

No. 13—Temporal Economy—"Commission On Promotion And Cultivation"—Editorial Change—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy,

presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 145, Subject, "Commission On Promotion And Cultivation," DCA No. 9, page 434 column 3, and page 435, columns 1 and 2, and requested common consent to make the following editorial change:—

At the bottom of column 1, page 435, delete the words, "*The Story*," in Paragraph 754, and substituting therefor the words, "**A LOCAL CHURCH PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM JOURNAL**," so that Paragraph 754 will read, when amended, as follows:—

Amend Par. 754 as follows: In lines 2 and 3, eliminate the words: *a Local Church Program Journal, if established*, and substitute the words "**A LOCAL CHURCH PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM JOURNAL**, fourth Sunday World Service leaflets, and other publications on visual aids for the promoting of General Benevolences authorized by General Conference.

So the amended Paragraph will read:

Par. 754. The expenses of the Commission, including editing, publishing, and distribution of "**A LOCAL CHURCH PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM JOURNAL**," fourth Sunday World Service leaflets, and other publications or visual aids for the promoting of General Benevolences authorized by The General Conference shall be paid out of World Service funds, upon a pro rata basis to be determined by the Commission and approved by the Council on World Service and Finance. The Budget of the Commission, as recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance and approved by The General Conference, shall be a prior charge against World Service funds.

The General Conference unanimously granted the request for the proposed editorial change, and on motion of R. F. Curl, duly seconded, adopted Report No. 13. For Report see Appendix, page 1736.

Question—John R. Van Sickle ()—Answer—R. F. Curl*

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) asked a question which was answered by R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I just wish to inquire if the membership on this Commission now remains within the requirements of The Conference?"

R. F. Curl: I am informed that the membership is reduced by four, Mr. Van Sickle.

John R. Van Sickle: Thank you."

No. 14—Temporal Economy—"Advance And Week Of Dedication"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 146, Subject, "Advance And Week Of Dedication," DCA No.

9, page 435, columns 2 and 3; page 436, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 437, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1740.

No. 15—Temporal Economy—"Corrective Legislation Re Committee On Public Relations"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 189, Subject "Corrective Legislation Re Committee On Public Relations," DCA No. 10, page 507, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1747.

No. 16—Temporal Economy—"Membership In The Council Of Secretaries"—Amended—John R. Van Sickle (*)—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 190, Subject, "Membership In The Council Of Secretaries," DCA No. 10, page 507, columns 2 and 3, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Question—John R. Van Sickle ()—Answer—R. F. Curl*

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) raised a question which was answered by R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, as follows:—

"You have listed there the two publishing agents.

R. F. Curl: Mr. Chairman, the reason for that is that our Report was written before the action of The General Conference. We understand that the action of The General Conference of course is to determine it."

Report No. 16 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1748.

No. 17—Temporal Economy—"Report Of Trustees Of John Street Church"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 191, Subject, "Report Of Trustees Of John Street Church," DCA No. 10, page 507, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 17 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1749.

No. 18—Temporal Economy—"Council Of Secretaries And Co-Ordinating Council"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 192, Subject, Council Of Secretaries And Co-ordinating Council," *DCA* No. 10, page 507, column 3 and page 508, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 18 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1750.

No. 19—Temporal Economy—"Joint Report On Reserve Funding Of The Pensions Of Bishops, Pages 474-475 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, Calendar No. 193, Subject, "Joint Report On Reserve Funding Of The Pensions Of Bishops, Pages 474-475 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," *DCA* No. 10, page 508, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 19 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1750.

No. 20—Temporal Economy—"Report Of The Council On World Service And Finance, Pages 519-604 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 194, Subject, "Report Of The Council On World Service And Finance, Pages 519-604 Of The Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," *DCA* No. 10, page 508, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1751.

No. 21—Temporal Economy—"Report Of The Commission On Promotion And Cultivation And Of The Advance Committee, Pages 629-634 Of The Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, Calendar No. 195, Subject, "Report Of The Commission On Promotion And Cultivation And Of The Advance Committee, Pages 629-634 Of The Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," *DCA* No. 10, page 508, columns 1 and 2, and on his

motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1751.

No. 22—Temporal Economy—"Not Limiting A Member Of The Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief From Serving On Another Agency"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 22 of the Committee, Calendar No. 196, Subject, "Not Limiting A Member Of The Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief From Serving On Another Agency," DCA No. 10, page 508, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 22 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1751.

No. 23—Temporal Economy—"Creation Of A Program For Insured Church Mortgages"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 23 of the Committee, Calendar No. 197, Subject, "Creation Of A Program For Insured Church Mortgages," DCA No. 10, page 508, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 23 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1752.

No. 24—Temporal Economy—"Mandatory Minimum Salaries And Administration"—R. F. Curl—Amended—Lester W. Auman—Accepted—R. F. Curl

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 24 of the Committee, Calendar No. 198, Subject, "Mandatory Minimum Salaries And Administration," DCA No. 10, page 508, column 3, and page 509, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Lester W. Auman—Accepted—R. F. Curl

Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) moved to amend Report No. 24 (DB-150) by deleting the words, "*not less than three nor more than nine members*," found in lines four and five of the first paragraph, and substituting therefor the words, "**OF MINISTERS AND LAYMEN**," so that Section 1 of Paragraph 826, will read, when amended, as follows:—

Each Annual Conference shall adopt a schedule of Minimum Salary Support and shall create a Commission on Minimum Salary composed **OF MINISTERS AND LAYMEN** whose duty it shall be to administer the Plan as adopted by the Conference. The Commission shall carefully

study the number and extent of the needs for additional ministerial support within the Conference, shall study the sources of income and present to the Conference for adoption with the approval of the Commission on World Service and Finance a Schedule of Minimum Support for Pastors, subject to such rules and regulations as the Conference may adopt, so long as the Rules do not conflict with the provision of this legislation. The Schedule may allow for differences in living conditions, number of dependents in Pastor's family, or any other variants the Conference may direct.

The proposed amendment of Lester W. Auman (New York East—NE) was accepted by R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee, for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Report No. 24, as amended, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1753.

No. 25—Temporal Economy—"Report Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Methodist Church, Incorporated"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 25 of the Committee, Calendar No. 199, Subject, "Report Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Methodist Church, Incorporated," *DCA* No. 10, page 509, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 25 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1754.

No. 26—Temporal Economy—"Personnel Policies For Lay Employees"—R. F. Curl—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 26 of the Committee, Calendar No. 200, Subject, "Personnel Policies For Lay Employees," *DCA* No. 10, pages 5-9, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 26 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1755.

No. 27—Temporal Economy—"Advance Through Love In Action"—R. F. Curl—Joe T. Salem (*)—Adopted

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 27 of the Committee, Calendar No. 201, Subject, "Advance Through Love In Action," *DCA* No. 10, page 509, columns 2, and 3, stating there was a typographical error of 30 in the heading of those voting against Report No. 27; that no member of the Committee

voted against the adoption of the Report. R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) moved the adoption of Report No. 27, and the motion was duly seconded.

For Report—Joe T. Salem ()*

Joe T. Salem (*) (Northwest Texas—SC) spoke in favor of the Report as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, with your permission and permission of the Members of this Conference we would like to make a statement regarding this Resolution of Love In Action, in favor of its adoption.

Dear Brethren, we have been thinking seriously about this Resolution for some time, and in all humility I want to say that we have prayed diligently about it.

America is enjoying prosperity. We are the wealthiest nation upon the face of this earth. We are living in luxury. The Methodist Church has its share of this abundance. We are blessed in so many, many ways, with many talents. We have an abundance of everything.

My friends, the world is in dire need of many of the things which we have, in dire need of food and of shelter and of clothing and of the Gospel of Christ. Half of the people of the world go to bed hungry every night. The average span of life in countries in Europe and Africa is less than half of that of ours. The Gospel of Christ needs to be disseminated to over one-third of the people of the world.

This Resolution is in regard to Love In Action. The first Commandment that Christ taught his disciples and teaches us today is to love God with our heart and with our soul and with our mind and with our strength. The second Commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. Loving our neighbors as ourselves means sharing abundance with our neighbors wherever they may be and whatever needs they may be in need of.

My friends, our giving to World Missions has been only on an average of \$1.23 per capita; that is all. This is in the midst of our abundance and plenty. A third of a penny a day is all that we have been contributing to World Missions.

My friends, we endorse in this Resolution a Program, the Quadrennial Program presented and adopted by our Church. We also endorse and we want to co-operate with the Finance Program of the Council on World Service. But in order to meet the needs of the peoples throughout the world, of which our Lord will approve, we can go beyond our giving by contributing more to Mission Specials.

At the Communion service at the beginning of this General Conference we heard our Bishop say, ‘And He died for you, our Christ died for you and for me.’ That statement meant more to me that morning than at any other previous time. Our Christ died for us. What are we going to do for Him? We hope and pray that the Lord’s will be done and that this Resolution be adopted, and that in the forthcoming Quadrennium we do more, we give more of our means and of our time and of ourselves to the extension of God’s Kingdom upon this earth.”

The Report was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1756.

**No. 28—Temporal Economy—"Sale of Church Property"—
R. F. Curl—Amended—A. Wesley Pugh—Accepted**

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 28 of the Committee, Calendar No. 202, Subject, "Sale of Church Property," DCA No. 10, page 509, column 3, and asked common consent to delete the last four lines at the bottom of the Report which reads as follows:—

"provided, that waiver of notice may be used as a means to validate meetings legally where such ten days' notice is impractical."

The words were part of the Memorial considered but were not adopted by the Committee. The General Conference gave unanimous common consent for the proposed deletion.

Amendment—A. Wesley Pugh—Accepted—R. F. Curl

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) moved to amend the Report (DB-151) by including Paragraph 171, Section 1, 1952 *Discipline*, and deleting the word, "*fourteen*," in line four of said paragraph 171.1, and substituting therefor the word, "*ten*," to harmonize Section 1 with other provisions in the 1952 *Discipline* in regard to "Sale, Transfer, and Mortgage of Property," so that Section 1 of Paragraph 171 as amended, will read:—

"Notice of the proposed action and the date and time of the regular or special meeting of the Quarterly Conference at which it is to be considered shall be given at least ten days prior thereto from the pulpit of the church, or in its weekly bulletin."

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, accepted the proposed amendment of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Report No. 28, as amended, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1756.

**No. 29—Temporal Economy—"Financing Church Building"—
—R. F. Curl—Adopted**

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, presented Report No. 29 of the Committee, Calendar No. 203, Subject, "Financing Church Building," DCA No. 10, page 509, column 3 and page 510, column 1, and on his

motion, duly seconded, Report No. 29 was adopted, thus completing the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, with the exception of Report No. 31, a Non-Concurrence Report. For Report see Appendix, page 1757.

**No. 1—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
“Religion In American Life, Incorporated”—Elliott L. Fisher—Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 24, Subject, “Religion In American Life, Incorporated,” *DCA* No. 5, page 192, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1505.

**No. 2—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
“American Bible Society”—Elliott L. Fisher—Corrected
—Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 2 for the Committee, Calendar No. 58, Subject, “American Bible Society,” *DCA* No. 7, page 302, column 1, and requested common consent to correct two errors. The General Conference unanimously granted the request and the following corrections were made:—

In line seven delete the words, “*one-third of,*” and substitute therefor the words, “**any other Denomination to its,**” and in line eighteen delete the word, “*enter,*” and substitute therefor the words, “**work in,**” so Report No. 2, as amended, will read:—

The American Bible Society is recognized Agent through which The Methodist Church translates, publishes and distributes the Scriptures. Methodist leaders have traditionally contributed to its Staff and counsel, and The Methodist Church more than **any other Denomination to its** budget. We commend the Society for its current tasks of preparing revised texts in 66 languages with several concordances, of providing an improved Greek testament for scholars, of publishing over 15 million copies of the Scriptures annually in 200 languages, of efficient distribution of Scriptures to the personnel of the armed services and to the blind. The Bible is the most effective tool of evangelism and we rejoice that the Society is preparing to **work in** the especially ripe fields in Japan, Africa, Latin America, Korea and Southeast Asia. We pledge the continued interest and support of The Methodist Church.

On the motion of Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—

W), duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1506.

**No. 3—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
“National Council Of Churches”—Elliott L. Fisher—
Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 59, Subject, “National Council Of Churches,” *DCA* No. 7, page 302, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1507.

**No. 4—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
“World Methodist Council”—Elliott L. Fisher—Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 60, Subject, “World Methodist Council,” *DCA* No. 7, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1507.

**No. 5—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
“World Federation Of Women”—Elliott L. Fisher—Miss
Georgia Harkness—Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 61, Subject, “World Federation Of Women,” *DCA* No. 7, page 303, column 1, and requested Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) to present and speak to Report No. 5.

Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE) spoke to Report No. 5 as follows, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

“I should like to speak briefly to this Report and a related subject, and knowing the pressure of time upon us, I assure you that my remarks will be brief.

You note that in this statement it is affirmed that the World Federation of Methodist Women unite four million Methodist women around the world in one great Fellowship.

The related subject to which I wish to speak is to express a word of appreciation as one of these four million women for what you did last Friday afternoon.

Very few women will enter the Ministry of The Methodist Church.

Nearly all of these four million women will rejoice that now you have removed the last vestige of sex inequality from our organizational structure, and in their name I wish to thank you.

You gave me last Friday night a very gracious and altogether undeserved tribute. It was a heart warming experience which I cherish.

I wish, however, to say that there are two groups in particular to whom such honor is due. One is the group of 300 or more women, Approved Supply Pastors, who have pioneered the way in small rural churches under difficult conditions. They have proved their worth.

The other group to which I wish to speak a special word of appreciation is the men of this Conference who swept away all restrictions. We women of too little faith would have accepted a halfway measure, but not you, and we appreciate the generosity of spirit which has brought this to pass. You did it because you believed in Christ there is neither male nor female, but we are all one in Christ Jesus.

And to you in positions of authority, let me again in the name of these four million women urge you not to accept into Full Connection any but women of the highest qualifications, the highest qualifications not only in educational equipment but in those personal and spiritual qualities which are most essential.

And for my sisters in the Methodist ministry I wish to pledge you under God, for without His help we can do nothing, that we shall do our utmost to measure up to your confidence and to dispel your fears. We ask your prayers.

And now to get back to the main business at hand. It is, I think a symbol of our splendid unity in Christ that this Report was not drafted by a woman, but by one of the men of our Committee. I heartily approve it. I urge its adoption and retention in the *Discipline* of Paragraph 2035 which affirms the position of the World Federation of Methodist Women."

Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1508.

**No. 6—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
"Commission On Church Union"—Elliott L. Fisher—
Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 140, Subject, "Commission On Church Union," DCA No. 9, page 420, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 434, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 6 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1509.

**No. 7—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
"The Message Of The Assembly, Pages 7-9 Our Oneness
In Christ And Our Disunity As Churches, Pages 10-17
From Report of Second Assembly Of The World Council
of Churches"—Elliott L. Fisher—Corrected—Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of

the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 7, Calendar No. 141, DCA No. 434, columns 1 and 2, Subject, "The Message Of The Assembly, Pages 7-9 Our Oneness In Christ And Our Disunity As Churches, Pages 10-17; From Report of Second Assembly Of The World Council Of Churches," and requested common consent to make two corrections.

The General Conference unanimously granting the request, the following two corrections were made:—

First:—DCA No. 9, page 434, column 2, third paragraph, delete the word, "*union*" at the end of the fourth line, and substitute therefor the words, "**united fellowship.**"

Second:—DCA No. 9, page 434, column 2, fifth paragraph, delete the words, "*and divisions,*" at the end of the first line and beginning of the second line of said paragraph five.

Motion of Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded, prevailed adopting Report No. 7 as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1512.

**No. 8—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
"Endorsement Of Program And Nomination Of Directors
Of Religion In American Life"—Elliott L. Fisher—
Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 142, Subject, "Endorsement Of Program And Nomination Of Directors Of Religion In American Life," DCA No. 9, page 434, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1513.

**No. 9—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—
"Reference To Commission On Church Union"—Elliott
L. Fisher—Adopted**

Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 185, Subject, "Reference To Commission On Church Union," DCA No. 10, page 506, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted, thus completing the work of the Committee. For Report see Appendix, page 1514.

No. 10—World Service and Finance—Reconsidered—A. Wesley Pugh—Amended—Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, moved a reconsideration of Report No. 10 of the Council on World Service and Finance, Subject, "Miscellaneous Recommendations," DCA No. 5, page 210, columns 1, 2 and 3, for the purpose of making an addition requested by the Council on World Service and Finance. The motion to reconsider, being duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

No. 10—Council on World Service and Finance—Amended—Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, moved to amend said Report No. 10 (DB-152) by adding as Section 10 on page 210, column 3, DCA No. 5, the following:—

"10. The General Conference, having given approval to the several Apportionments recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance, authorizes the Central Treasury to make immediate report to each Annual Conference on the amounts apportioned and to advise each Annual Conference that the new Apportionments become effective as of June 1, 1956"

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, was adopted by The General Conference.

Report No. 10 of the Council on World Service and Finance, was then adopted as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 2027.

No. 1—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"Revision Of Book Of Worship"—Nolan B. Harmon—Amended—Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, expressed his personal gratitude to the Chairman of the Sub-Committees of the General Committee for their splendid services, and to the Commission on Worship for the gift of the "Book Of Worship" to the Members of The General Conference.

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 34, Subject, "Revision Of Book Of Worship," DCA No. 6, page 237, column 1, and requested common

consent of The General Conference to add a paragraph (DB-153) to Report No. 1.

The General Conference unanimously granting the request, the following paragraph was added to Report No. 1:—

To avoid confusion for worshipping congregations during the period when revision is being planned, The Methodist Publishing House is directed to continue the 1952 edition without change during the 1956-60 quadrennium.

Motion of Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, duly seconded, prevailed adopting Report 1 of the Committee, as thus amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1677.

No. 2—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"Report Of The Commission On Worship And Fine Arts, Pages 668-669 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions"—Nolan B. Harmon—Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 107, page 408, column 1, DCA No. 9, Subject, "Report Of The Commission On Worship And The Fine Arts, Pages 668-669 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions," and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1678.

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), as Book Editor of The Methodist Church, spoke to Report No. 10 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, as follows:—

"This is a recommendation that the Book of the *Discipline* be thought of as a Book which shall be made entirely a Book of Methodist Law and that the Ritual Service shall be included in the Book of Worship, and perhaps some of them in the back of the Hymnal.

Notice that this is not a direct recommendation, but expresses a hope.

Let me say that there are some of us who have been working upon this, planning, hoping, that at some later General Conference we may be able to recommend that out—that in one book there shall be placed all this service, offices of the Church, the *Discipline* to be kept a Book of Law.

You are adding to this *Discipline* with every one of your Resolutions and with every one of your Reports. I am speaking now as Book Editor of the Church. You are making it to become a larger volume and at the same time your preachers are saying, 'Please keep that *Discipline* down.'

Now, we cannot do both. I am not sure the time has come yet to take from the *Discipline*, the Ritual which has been in there since 1792, the first *Discipline*. I am not ready myself to vote for that change, but something will sooner or later have to be done.

This simply empowers that further study and further consideration."

No. 3—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"To Establish A Commission On Worship"—Nolan B. Harmon—Amendment—Chester A. Smith (*)—Out of Order—Report Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 3 for the Committee, Calendar No. 108, Subject, "To Establish A Commission On Worship," DCA No. 9, page 408, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Out of Order—Nolan B. Harmon—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 3 by instructing the Commission, created by Report No. 3, to change the word, "wine" in the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper to the word, "cup." (DB-154).

The motion to thus amend being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I move to amend the Report by instructing the Commission to change the word 'wine' in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 'cup' because (1) wine does not state the fact; it is not wine that is used but grape juice, which I believe Jesus used; (2) the use of wine offends many sincere conscientious people; and (3) because cup is the word used by Jesus in instituting the Lord's Supper:

"And he took the bread, and gave thanks and brake it, and gave unto them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'

"Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.'

"We have made some important changes in this General Conference. I rejoice we gave Full Clergy Rights to Women because it was an act of justice long overdue and because it will end, as I understood it, any further attempt to unite The Methodist Church and the Protestant Episcopal Church, to which I am opposed.

"Let us now change the word 'wine' to 'cup,' being the cup which was hallowed by the Master when he used it in instituting the Lord's Supper.

"I trust, Mr. Chairman, that The General Conference will adopt this change in the words previously used. The word 'wine' was used, as I remember it in two or three different cases in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We have gotten it out of all the places except one, it

just remaining now in one place, and I think it would be a very great advance, as we have made some advances here in this General Conference, I think it would be a very great advance in Methodism to change the word 'wine' to the word 'cup' and thus use the word which the Master used when he instituted this holy and precious Sacrament."

Point of Order—Amendment Out of Order—Nolan B. Harmon—Sustained—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, spoke to the proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), as follows:—

"I respectfully suggest to the Chairman that this motion is out of order in connection with this particular Report. We are not now revising the Ritual. We are simply calling for the creation of a permanent Commission having to do with the Order of Worship, Rituals and the like, and this, sir, I respectfully submit is out of order."

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, sustained the Point of Order as follows:—

"I think you are right."

Report No. 3 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1678.

No. 4—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"Prayer For Double Ring Ceremony"—Nolan B. Harmon—Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 116, Subject, "Prayer For Double Ring Ceremony," *DCA* No. 9, page 409, column 3 and page 410, column 1, and on his motion duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1680.

No. 5—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"Tribute To Bishop Ivan Lee Holt"—Nolan B. Harmon—Bishop Clare Purcell—Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 5 for the Committee, Calendar No. 117, Subject, "Tribute To Bishop Ivan Lee Holt," *DCA* No. 9, page 410, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted, by a standing vote of The General Conference amidst applause. Bishop Clare Purcell, of the Birmingham Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, putting the motion to adopt. For Report see Appendix, page 1681.

Thanks—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, expressed his thanks to the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, and to the Members of The General Conference, for the tribute thus given.

No. 6—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"An Amended Order For Admission Of Candidates To Membership In An Annual Conference To Include An Order For Admission On Trial"—Nolan B. Harmon—Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 147, Subject, "An Amended Order For Admission Of Candidates To Membership In An Annual Conference To Include An Order For Admission On Trial," page 437, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 6 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1682.

No. 7—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"An Order For The Breaking Of Ground For A Church"—Nolan B. Harmon—Amended—Harald Lindstrom (*)—Accepted—Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 148, Subject, "An Order For The Breaking Of Ground For A Church," page 437, columns 2 and 3, and page 438, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Statement—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer and Chairman of the Commission on Worship and the Fine Arts, made the following statement:—

"May I just make one word of explanation? This has been studied now for some two or three years by the Commission on Worship and there is an increasing demand, of course, in our Church for such."

Amendment—Harald Lindstrom (*)—Accepted—Nolan B. Harmon—Adopted

Harald Lindstrom (Sweden—OS) moved to amend Report No. 7 by adding the words (DB-155), "AND PREACHED," in paragraph nine, page 438, column 1, DCA No. 9, so that the Paragraph as amended will read:—

"That a church may rise here where the Word of God shall be so

read **AND PREACHED** that it becomes the Living Word, and the Sacraments are so administered that all life becomes a sacrament."

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, accepted the proposed amendment of Harald Lindstrom (*) (Sweden—OS) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Report No. 7 was adopted as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1683.

No. 8—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"An Order For The Organizing Of A Church"—Nolan B. Harmon—Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 8 for the Committee, Calendar No. 149, Subject, "An Order For The Organizing Of A Church," DCA No. 9, page 438, columns 2 and 3, and page 439, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1688.

No. 10—Ritual and Orders of Worship—"Reference"—Nolan B. Harmon—Adopted

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship, presented Report No. 10 for the Committee, Calendar 254, Subject, "Reference," DCA No. 11, page 553, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted, thus completing the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship. For Report see Appendix, page 1691.

Promotion and Cultivation—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—R. F. Curl—Action Deferred

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Before the Committee on Conferences begins its Report, there has been a correction on the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, so that is needing some correction.

R. F. Curl: Mr. Chairman, we are requested to delay this matter until Bishop William C. Martin returns, if that is agreeable to you and The Conference.

Bishop Holt: Very well. We will present the Committee on Conferences."

Conferences—C. Cooper Bell—G. Lemuel Fenn—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Donald E. Holbrook (*)

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Stand-

ing Legislative Committee on Conferences outlined the procedure for the presentation of Reports from the Committee as follows:—

All matters pertaining to Conferences in the Local Church to be presented by G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC);

All matters relating to the Annual Conference to be presented by Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE);

All matters relating to The General Conference to be presented by Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC).

No. 6—Conferences—Constitutional Amendment—“Additional Lay Members in the Annual Conference”—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Substitute—George H. Atkinson (*)—Accepted—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee, Calendar No. 125, Subject, “Additional Lay Members in the Annual Conference,” DCA No. 9, page 412, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Substitute—George H. Atkinson ()—Accepted—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted*

George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada—W) moved as a substitute for Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences which reads as follows:—

The Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by inserting in Section VII, Article I, after the words “traveling preachers in Full Connection with it” the following: “**Together with as many Lay Members from each Charge as there are Ministers in Full Connection serving that Charge on a Full-time basis, and *providing* that each Charge shall have not less than one Lay Member.**”

the following (DB-156):—

“The Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by inserting in Section VII, Annual Conferences, Paragraph 21, Article 1, 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, after the first sentence, the following sentence, ‘**EACH PASTORAL CHARGE SERVED BY MORE THAN ONE MINISTER IN FULL CONNECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO LAY MEMBERS.**’”

so that Paragraph 21 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, as amended, will read:—

“Section VII. Annual Conferences, Paragraph 21. Article 1. The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the traveling preachers in Full Connection with it, together with a Lay member elected by each pastoral charge. **EACH PASTORAL CHARGE SERVED BY MORE**

THAN ONE MINISTER IN FULL CONNECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO LAY MEMBERS. The Lay Members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent Churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church."

The proposed substitute of George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada—W), being duly seconded, George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada—W) spoke to the same as follows:—

"I am a layman. Mr. Chairman, I wish to move the following substitute, and if I get a second, I should like to speak briefly to it. I move that we substitute for what is suggested, these words: "The Constitution of the Methodist Church shall be amended by inserting in Section 7, Article 1, after the first sentence, the following sentence:

'EACH PASTORAL CHARGE SERVED BY MORE THAN ONE MINISTER IN FULL CONNECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO LAY MEMBERS.'

Mr. Chairman, I am entirely in favor of the general purport of this Report. What we want to do is to strengthen the Annual Conferences, and we want to have good Laymen, and as many good Laymen at our Annual Conferences as we can get, and we have been trying to do this for several years; however, this motion—the Report as given—says 'as many Laymen, or Lay Members, as there are Pastors,' and that means in some Conferences occasionally there will be three or even four.

This is a Constitutional Amendment. It has got to be passed by all the Annual Conferences. There is a certain amount of misgiving by small churches to give the big churches more power, and some of those who have considered it feel if we limit the additional number to two, it will have a much better chance of going through the Conferences. I don't think it would make much difference in the purport. I would hope that the people would accept that."

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) accepted the proposed substitute of George H. Atkinson (*) (California-Nevada—W) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, or by any member of The General Conference.

Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences was then adopted, as amended by substitution. For Report see Appendix, page 1410.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, in announcing the vote of The General Conference on Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, containing the aforesaid Constitutional Amendment, stated that Report No. 6 was adopted by more than the two-thirds majority vote as required by Section III. Amendments. Paragraph 10 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

No. 7—Conferences—“Unifying Work Of Boards Of World Peace, Temperance And Social And Economic Relations”
—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Chester A. McPheeters—Bishop
Ivan Lee Holt—Harold A. Bosley—Chester A. Smith (*)
—John W. Chittum (*)

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 7 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 126, Subject, “Unifying Work Of Boards Of World Peace, Temperance, And Social And Economic Relations,” DCA No. 9, page 412, column 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Suspend the Rules—John W. Chittum (*)—Ordered

John W. Chittum (*) (Northeast Ohio—NC) moved to suspend the Rules of Order for the consideration of and action on four items related to this Report. The motion, duly seconded, was adopted by more than the required two-thirds majority vote, after John W. Chittum (*) (Northeast Ohio—NC) gave the following reasons for his motion:—

“Mr. Chairman, it seems that there are about four items related to this. Maybe we should have a Suspension of the Rules in order to consider them.

I have listed here not only the item that we have now, which is before us on the permissive legislation, to unite these Boards at the Annual Conference level, but also have in mind the action which I believe is still pending or withheld by the Co-ordinating Council back on page 112 of the *Daily Advocate*.

There is also a proposal, and I am not sure whether this was passed or not, on page 375, Calendar 82, which set up the structure of the Board of Temperance.

There is one other item on page 476, column 1, which is the recommendation, again, precisely on this same point. It is Recommendation 2 which refers to an Inter-Board Commission.

I would move, Mr. Chairman, the Suspension of the Rules so that these could all be taken care of together, or be considered together, if that is in order.”

Chester A. McPheeters—Question—Answer—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) raised a question concerning Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council and its recommendation concerning Social Action Boards (See DCA No. 3, page 112 column 2, and the pending Report No. 7 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences as follows:—

“I raise the question about the recommendation of the Co-ordinating Council. That is a little different matter than the Annual Conference level. You are now, as I understand it, authorizing the merging in the Annual Conference of these Commissions, but the Co-ordinating

Council recommends, and I believe the Sub-Committee stated, the Church recommends that there be a continuing study as to whether these Boards should be merged on the General Conference level.

I think there is a bit of difference there.

Bishop Holt: Yes. Your Report refers to the General Conference level; this, to the Annual Conference level. Is that your point?

Chester A. McPheeters: Yes."

Speaks to Report—Harold A. Bosley

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, spoke to Report No. 7 as follows:—

"I am speaking for the Committee on the State of the Church.

Reference has been made to page 476, column 1, point 2, in which our Committee by unanimous action attempted to deal with this subject of several Memorials on both the Local Church, and Annual Conference, and the Jurisdictional Conference level. It is quite all right with us if in any action we take here now, on the Annual Conference level, we reach a decision.

We will be glad to move that as a part of our Report, at this point when our Report comes up."

Against Report—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke against Report No. 7 as follows:—

"I think in view of the fact that we have not combined these Boards on the total church level, we ought not to permit an Annual Conference to combine them there. I think they will do much better work if they remain separate, as they now are, and different members of the Annual Conference serve on these several different Boards. They will do better work, I think, if we retain them as separate Boards, although if we combine them I trust we will delete this and thus keep the Annual Conferences from combining them on the Annual Conference level."

Closes Debate—Walter L. Hunt ()*

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) closed the debate for the Committee as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that the proposed legislation is permissive, any Annual Conference that so desires may continue their separate Boards. This makes it possible for a unification, if desired.

We move the adoption."

Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1411.

No. 8—Conferences—"Earlier Meeting Date For General Conference"—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Embree H. Blackard—Paul V. Galloway—Mallappa Vittal (*)—Not Adopted

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) presented Re-

port No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 225, Subject, "Earlier Meeting Date For General Conference," and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Against Report—Embree H. Blackard

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) spoke against Report No. 8 as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I am opposed to the adoption of this Resolution. It is a Constitutional matter. The date has been set in the *Discipline* of the Methodist—the Methodist Episcopal, and the Methodist Protestant, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, also The Methodist Church, for practically 150 years.

I do not think we at this time ought to adopt such an Amendment to the Constitution—in these, the last and closing moments of our Conference. If we should have our General Conference earlier in the year, it would take our Preachers and the Laymen out of their local churches during the Lenten season at the time when they are needed there the most.

I also would like to remind you that if we would meet in Minneapolis in January or February, most of us would have to buy high boots, heavy overcoats, red flannels, and everything that goes with a temperature of 40 degrees below zero!

In the Committee on Conferences, the only argument that was presented in favor of this was the fact that it would permit Conferences to incorporate in their Budgets the Apportionments. I understand that several of our Conferences, including our brethren in the Richmond Area, have already included in their Budgets the Apportionments which we have adopted. I know that people from Virginia are very wise, but following their example, I believe that most of the rest of us can do likewise.

I am opposed to the adoption of this report."

Speaks for Committee—Donald E. Holbrook ()*

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) replied for the Committee as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, it was discussed at some length. It was passed 46 to 3. It doesn't have to be held in January, February, or March, but it may be held now, if this is adopted. It has been brought out time and time again—if the Conference follows so close to the Annual Conferences that things get jammed up and the workings of the Conferences cannot be put into effect at the Annual Conferences, it can be held at another time."

For Report—Paul V. Galloway

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC) spoke in favor of Report No. 8 as follows:—

"I think it is good for one reason: On the Commission on Entertainment there are one or two cities that we considered going to at this time. We could have gotten in at the last of March or some other time, but they were closed. Some of these auditoriums are closed four

or five years ahead of time. I think it gives us enough flexibility to make it better."

Against Report—Mallappa Vittal ()*

Mallappa Vittal (*) (Hyderabad—OS) spoke against Report No. 8 as follows:—

"The wording here is 'between January first . . .' Now, this wording will upset practically the Overseas Delegates who have to travel miles and miles. I come from ten thousand miles—from India. I have to leave my place about two months before the settled time of The General Conference. And there may be many more who have come, like me, leaving their hearts and their homes.

January, being just after the Christmas time, I think this must be the most welcome festival for Christians throughout their lives in the year. I feel that everybody has to be in his home then. Therefore, this will greatly cause inconvenience to all of us.

As such, I move against this. Thank you."

Count Vote—William H. Wilcox (*)

Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, containing a proposed Constitutional Amendment, a Count Vote was taken, under the direction of William H. Wilcox (*) (Oklahoma—SC) and resulted as follows:—Total vote cast 615; necessary to adopt 410; for the Report 359; against the Report 256. Report No. 8 was not adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1411.

Amendment—Edward P. O'Rear—Out of Order—Embree H. Blackard—C. Cooper Bell—Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to amend by deleting the words, "*January first*," and substituting therefor the word, "**EASTER**," so that Report No. 8, as amended, will read:—

Article II of Division Two, Section I (Par. 6) of the Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by substituting for the words "*in the month of April or May*" the following: **between EASTER and June first**, so that the Paragraph would then read: Article II of Division Two, Section I (Par. 6). The General Conference shall meet **between EASTER and June first** once in four years, beginning with such year and at such place as shall be fixed by the Uniting Conference, and thereafter at such time and in such place as shall be determined by The General Conference or by its duly authorized Committees.

Point of Order—Embree H. Blackard—C. Cooper Bell—Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) raised the Point of Order that Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences had already been

acted upon and therefore was not subject to amendment, unless reconsidered.

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, stated that the Committee supported the Point of Order raised by Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE).

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, stated that the motion of Edward P. O'Rear (California-Arizona—W) was not in order.

No. 9—Conferences—"Change In Commission On Finance"—G. Lemuel Fenn—Allen B. Rice—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) presented Report No. 9 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 226, Subject, "Change In Commission On Finance," *DCA* No. 11, page 458, columns 2 and 3, and moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was duly seconded.

Allen B. Rice (Northwest Indiana—NC) asked the following question:—

"Mr. Chairman, didn't we just a few minutes ago, in the Report of the Commission on Worship, adopt a Resolution which said that there shall be a Commission on Worship?"

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, stated there is a General Commission on Worship.

Report No. 9 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1412.

No. 10—Conferences—"Election Of Commission Chairmen By Quarterly Conference"—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) presented Report No. 10 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 227, Subject, "Election Of Commission Chairmen By Quarterly Conference," *DCA* No. 11, page 548, column 3 and page 549, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1414.

No. 11—Conferences—"Local Church Commissions"—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) presented Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 228, Subject, "Local Church Commissions," *PCA* No. 11, page 549, columns 1, 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1415,

No. 12—Conferences—"A Planning Meeting Of The Official Board"—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) presented Report No. 12 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 229, Subject, "A Planning Meeting Of The Official Board," *DCA* No. 11, page 549, column 3 and page 550, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1418.

No. 13—Conferences—"Election Of Stewards To Fill Vacancies"—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) presented Report No. 13 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 230, Subject, "Election Of Stewards To Fill Vacancies," *DCA* No. 11, page 550, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1419.

No. 14—Conferences—"Membership Secretary"—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) presented Report No. 14 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 231, Subject, "Membership Secretary," *DCA* No. 11, page 550, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1420.

No. 15—Conferences—"The Church Conference"—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) presented Report No. 15 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 232, Subject, "The Church Conference," *DCA* No. 11, page 550, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1420.

No. 16—Conferences—"Tenure Of Office On Boards, Etc."—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Withdrawn

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) presented Report No. 16 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 233, Subject, "Tenure Of Office On Boards, Etc.," *DCA* No. 11, page 550, column 3, and requested unanimous common consent to withdraw Report No. 16, as the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council on Thursday, May 3, 1956, had taken care of the matter involved in the pending Report No. 16 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences.

The General Conference unanimously granted the request, and Report No. 16 was withdrawn. For Report see Appendix, page 1421.

No. 17—Conferences—“Amendment On Representation Of The Boards In General Conference”—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Adopted

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) presented Report No. 17 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 234, Subject, “Amendment On Representation Of The Boards In General Conference,” *DCA* No. 11, page 550, column 3, and page 551, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 17 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1422.

No. 18—Conferences—“Continuation Of Inter-Board Committee On Christian Social Relations”—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Adopted

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) presented Report No. 18 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 235, Subject, “Continuation Of Inter-Board Committee On Christian Social Relations,” *DCA* No. 11, page 551, column 1, and on his motion, Report No. 18 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1423.

No. 19—Conferences—“Inter-Board Commission On Local Church”—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Adopted

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) presented Report No. 19 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 236, Subject, “Inter-Board Commission On Local Church,” *DCA* No. 11, page 551, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 19 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1423.

No. 20—Conferences—“Challenge Of The Local Church”—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Adopted

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) presented Report No. 20 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 237, Subject, “Challenge Of The Local Church,” *DCA* No. 11, page 551, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1424.

No. 21—Conferences—“Assignment Of Bishops”—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Adopted

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NE) presented Report No. 21 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Con-

ferences, Calendar No. 238, Subject, "Assignment Of Bishops," *DCA* No. 11, page 551, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1424.

No. 22—Conferences—"Annual Conference Board Of Temperance"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 22 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 239, Subject, "Annual Conference Board Of Temperance," *DCA* No. 11, page 551, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 22 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1425.

No. 23—Conferences—"Youth Members Of The Annual Conference Board Of Temperance"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 23 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 240, Subject, "Youth Members Of The Annual Conference Board Of Temperance," *DCA* No. 11, page 551, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 23 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1425.

No. 24—Conferences—"Annual Conference Council"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 24 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 241, Subject, "Annual Conference Council," *DCA* No. 11, page 551, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 24 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1426.

No. 25—Conferences—"Conference Membership Of Institutional Chaplains"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 25—of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 242, Subject, "Conference Membership Of Institutional Chaplains," *DCA* No. 11, page 551, column 3 and page 552, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 25 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1426.

No. 26—Conferences—"Membership In Annual Conference For Missionary Minister"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report

No. 26 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 243, Subject, "Membership In Annual Conference For Missionary Minister," *DCA* No. 11, page 552, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 26 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1426.

No. 27—Conferences—"Membership Of Annual Conference Commission On World Service And Finance"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 27 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 244, Subject, "Membership Of Annual Conference Commission On World Service And Finance," *DCA* No. 11, page 552 column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 27 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1427.

No. 28—Conferences—"Form For The Business Of The Annual Conference"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 28 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 255, Subject, "Form For The Business Of The Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 11, page 553, columns 2 and 3, page 554, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 28 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1427.

No. 29—Conferences—"Jurisdictions:—Abolition; Amend Paragraph 538; Study Commission; Integration; Jurisdictional System; Retention; Segregation; Transfer of Churches; Miscellaneous"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—C. Cooper Bell—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 29 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 256, Subject, "Jurisdictions: Abolition, Amend Paragraph 538, Study Commission, Integration, Jurisdictional System, Retention, Segregation, Transfer of Churches, Miscellaneous," *DCA* No. 256, page 554, column 3 and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 29 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1432.

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, spoke in favor of Report No. 29.

No. 30—Conferences—"Ratio Of Representation Of Delegates To General Conference Membership"—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Walter L. Hunt (*)—C. Cooper Bell—Nolan B. Harmon—A. Wesley Pugh—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Lloyd F. Worley—Chester A. Smith (*)—P. D. Wilson—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Roy R. Roudebush (*)—Ralph Taylor Alton—D. Trigg James, Sr.—John R. Van Sickle (*)—Substituted—Adopted

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) presented Report No. 30 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 257, Subject, "Ratio Of Representation Of Delegates To General Conference Membership," DCA No. 11, page 554, column 3 and page 555, column 1.

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) moved the adoption of Report No. 30. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—Erwin F. Bohmfalk—Answer—C. Cooper Bell

Erwin F. Bohmfalk (Central Texas—SC) asked a question which was answered by C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE). Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, as follows:—

"I raise a question concerning this. It is a question of information. It did not come to the Committee and, therefore, I have to vote against it. Can someone inform us just what the situation is relative to this matter at the present time and why it seems necessary to raise this.

C. Cooper Bell: Mr. Chairman, in answer to that, Dr. Nolan Harmon and some other Brothers of The Conference submitted a Resolution bearing on this, and if Dr. Harmon is present, I shall ask the privilege of having him present it to you."

Speaks to Report—Nolan B. Harmon

Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE) spoke to Report No. 30 as follows:—

"The Committee of Chairmen asks that attention be directed to the fact that this Conference has grown so large under its present ratio of representation and election that it may be, by the time the next General Conference comes, we shall be called upon to elect more Delegates or will elect more Delegates than the 800 which the Constitution says is our upper limit of this General Conference. And if men are elected under this ratio of one for every 70 so that you say you have 825 elected Delegates, what will you do with those 25 extra ones? Who will be seated and who will not be seated?

We felt that by raising the ratio allowing the Annual Conference to elect one Clerical Delegate for every 75 members, the limits would not be reached and felt that that was worth considering and we so moved and brought the recommendation to the Committee on Conferences."

Question—Erwin F. Bohmfalk—Answer—A. Wesley Pugh

Erwin F. Bohmfalk (Central Texas—SC) asked a further question which was answered by A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, as follows:—

“Have they determined the number of additional persons who will have to be received into Full Connection in an Annual Conference before this maximum is reached?”

A. Wesley Pugh: Mr. Chairman, if you would allow, I was associated with Dr. Harmon in this matter and the Committee of Chairmen, and this additional fact was in our minds that, even at this General Conference, if the Conferences which are entitled to be represented including those in China, had sent Delegates, we would now have more than 800 in this body.

Therefore, it seemed that we should not assume that our Chinese brethren will not be represented at the next General Conference. If they should be, we would come up with a Conference which is beyond the Constitutional limit of 800. That ought to be in your mind also.

Erwin Bohmfalk: Thank you, sir, that answers the question.”

Substitute—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) moved as a substitute for Report No. 30 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, the following Constitutional Amendment relating to the membership of The General Conference of The Methodist Church (DB-157):—

Amend Section I. General Conference, Paragraph 5. Article 1, of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, by deleting the numeral “800” in line two, and substituting therefor the numeral “900,” so that Paragraph 5. Article 1 of Section 1. General Conference, will read, when amended, as follows:—

Par. 5. Article I. The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 600 nor more than 900 Delegates, one half of whom shall be Ministers and one half Lay Members, to be elected by the Annual Conferences.

The motion to thus substitute was duly seconded.

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

“Very well. You are on the Report, and this Report provides for 75 members of the Annual Conference in order to be entitled to a Conference Delegate, and I would think that we must necessarily consider this Report. If after that Dr. Radcliffe desires to move his Constitutional Amendment, why, we will entertain it.”

Statement—Lloyd F. Worley

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) made the following statement:—

"We have just adopted on page 552, No. 243 (Report No. 26 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, DCA No. 11, page 552, column 1, Subject, 'Membership in Annual Conference for Missionary Minister.' Editor) which I think raises a very real question as to whether Missionary Ministers are to be counted in the Annual Conference from which they are sent for General Conference representation or whether they are to be counted from the field. It mentions active relationship. It would appear that they might be counted in the Conference from which they are sent, but we should have some decision. A decision against the missionary field would certainly in many cases considerably limit the representation from the missionary fields and that is a very important matter."

Statement—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) replied as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I don't care how we proceed in the parliamentary manner in this thing, but if we do not consider mine as a substitute, it certainly is germane to this Report. We should then vote this Report so that we have a vote and then go ahead and vote on the Constitutional Amendment."

Amendment to Report—Chester A. Smith ()*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend (DB-158) Report No. 30 by deleting the numeral "seventy-five" in lines two and six at the top of column 1, page 555, DCA No. 11 and substituting therefor the numeral "seventy."

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

"Wouldn't it be, Brother Smith, tantamount to the same thing if The Conference wishes to continue 70 to defeat this particular Report without making it necessary to move an amendment?"

I think if you defeat this then you leave it at 70."

Lay on the Table—Percy D. Wilson

Percy D. Wilson (North Alabama—SE) moved that Report No. 30 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conference lay on the table (DB-159) until the proposed Constitutional Amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) should be considered and acted upon.

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Well, it has been moved and seconded that Brother Radcliffe's

motion with reference to the change in Constitution be considered along with this particular Report."

Committee Yields Floor—Donald L. Holbrook (*)

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) speaking for the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, yielded the floor for the consideration of and action on the proposed Constitutional Amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Substitute Presented—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), at the request of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, presented his proposed Constitutional Amendment as follows:—

Amend Section I. General Conference. Paragraph 5, Article 1 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, by deleting the numeral "800" in line two, and substituting therefor the numeral, "900"

so that Paragraph 5, Article I, as amended, will read:—

"Section I. General Conference

Paragraph 5. Article I. The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 600 nor more than 900 delegates, one half of whom shall be Ministers and one half Lay Members, to be elected by the Annual Conferences."

The motion to substitute was duly seconded.

Speaks to Motion—Ray H. Nichols (*)

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC) spoke to the pending matter as follows:—

"I think The Conference should be advised of the danger here in voting on this Amendment. If we pass it here that is no assurance that the Annual Conferences will approve. We still face the legal possibility of coming up four years from now with an illegal Conference. I think we would be wise to vote down this Amendment and adopt the Majority Report because we would not be assured that the legal problem would not arise even if we approve it here."

Statement—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, speaking for the Committee, as I indicated, this came from the Committee on Chairmen, and I am going to yield, sir, my position to speak last to Dr. Pugh who is Chairman of the Committee of Chairmen, and we shall hear from him for just a minute."

Speaks to Substitute—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) spoke to the pending matter as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I do not think the Committee of Chairmen had any very considered opinion about how this should be done. I believe that most of them felt that The Conference would not want to extend the total membership to include more people; that The Conference probably is large enough now, but I do not believe that they cared much about that.

I think all they wanted to bring before you was the possibility that you would meet in four years from now with a Conference that is beyond the Constitutional limits. If you feel that nine hundred is not too large a representation from a great Church such as ours, then you should vote that. If you think that that is large enough, then vote to defeat that and sustain the Report of the Committee.”

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

“The Committee on Conferences was willing to yield to Dr. Radcliffe for his motion, and we are therefore voting on that Constitutional Amendment.”

Statement—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conference, made the following statement:—

“May I say this, that the position stated by Dr. Pugh is certainly the attitude of the Committee on Conferences.”

Count Vote—William H. Wilcox (*)

A count vote on the Constitutional Amendment, proposed by Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), was taken under the direction of William H. Wilcox (*) (Oklahoma—SC), Secretary for Count Votes, and resulted as follows (DB-160):—

Total vote cast 642; necessary two-thirds 428; for the proposed amendment 464; against proposed amendment 178.

The proposed Constitutional Amendment of Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) was adopted by more than the required two-thirds vote of The General Conference.

Rule 11—Voting Procedure Invoked—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conference, called attention to Rule 11. Voting Procedure, which reads as follows:—

Rule 11. VOTING PROCEDURE

Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by The Conference. An "aye" and "no" vote if taken, shall be signed ballot. A count vote may be ordered on call of any member supported by one-third of the Members present and voting, in which case the Delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted.

No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the Previous Question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the Report of the Secretaries on a count vote, or an "aye" and "no" vote. The count shall be made by members seated next to the aisles, who shall be designated by the Secretary of The General Conference, and whose names shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate*.

and stated while the Tellers were tabulating the result of the Count Vote there were some Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences that could be considered and acted upon, as they would cause no discussion. The General Conference considered and acted on the following Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences:—Nos. 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42. See pages 920-942.

No. 30—Conferences—"Ratio of Representation of Delegates to General Conference Membership"—C. Cooper Bell—A. W. Pugh—Roy R. Roudebush (*)—Ralph Taylor Alton—D. Trigg James, Sr.—Lynn J. Radcliffe—John R. Van Sickie (*)

Consideration of and action on Report No. 30 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 257, Subject, "Ratio of Representation of Delegates to General Conference Membership," DCA No. 11, page 554, column 3 and page 555, column 1 was resumed.

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, stated that if the Constitutional Amendment submitted to the Annual Conferences changing the limit of membership in The General Conference, be approved by the Annual Conference, the provisions of Report No. 30 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, changing the ratio of membership from "seventy" to "seventy-five," would be null and void.

Speak to Pending Matter—C. Cooper Bell—A. Wesley Pugh—Roy R. Roudebush ()—Ralph Taylor Alton—D. Trigg James, Sr.—Lynn J. Radcliffe—John R. Van Sickie (*)—Amended—Adopted*

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, A. Wesley Pugh

(North Indiana—NC) Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, Roy R. Roudebush (*) (North Indiana—NC), Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC), D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston—SE), Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), and John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) all spoke to the pending Report.

Amendment—Ralph Taylor Alton—Accepted—C. Cooper Bell

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) moved to amend Report No. 30 by adding the words (DA-161) :—

"IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ENLARGE THE LIMITATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS NOT RATIFIED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES,"

so that Report No. 30, as amended, will read :—

Upon consideration of the motion presented on the floor of the Conference by Nolan B. Harmon and referred by The Conference to the Committee, and in an effort to guard against the election of more Delegates to the 1960 General Conference than permitted by Div. II of Sec. 1, Art. 1, of the Constitution *Discipline* Par. 53, we recommend that in Par. 501 of the *Discipline* the word "seventy" in the first sentence shall be changed to "seventy-five" so that the sentence shall read:

"The General Conference shall be composed of one ministerial member for every **seventy-five** Ministerial Members of each Annual Conference and one additional Member for a majority fraction thereof and an equal number of Lay Members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot and by a majority vote **IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ENLARGE THE LIMITATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS NOT RATIFIED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES.**"

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, accepted the proposed amendment of Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference, Report No. 30 was adopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1433.

Questions—D. Trigg James, Sr.—Ralph Taylor Alton—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Answers—C. Cooper Bell—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—John R. Van Sickle ()*

Later during the morning session D. Trigg James, Sr., raised a question which was answered by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC), Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) as follows :—

"Will the chair please state to The Conference what our action on the Amendment to Report No. 30, Calendar Item 257, on page 554 is?

If the conclusion of the matter is that in case the Amendment to the Constitution lifting from six to nine hundred members, does not leave this Report in force as amended, then would not the 75 instead of the 70, be the factor?

Bishop Holt: The Chair understood that if the Constitutional Amendment does not carry the motion of Dr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee on Conference, was to take the ratio back to 70.

Bishop Holt: No, if it does not carry? Well, let's get Dr. Bell's motion again.

C. Cooper Bell: Mr. Chairman, it seems that there is a bit of confusion about that. As I recall it, the Constitutional Amendment was made as a substitute motion for this Report of the Committee.

Bishop Holt: That's right.

C. Cooper Bell: It was carried. Therefore, this Report of the Committee bearing on that has been laid aside for us.

Bishop Holt: Yes, but a motion was introduced by you or by Dr. Pugh, with reference to this matter. It concerns this, and the Conference is anxious to know what happens in this quadrennium if it does not carry.

C. Cooper Bell: It seems to me that if you wish to change the ratio from 70 to 75, provided the Constitutional Amendment does not carry, this would be approved on the condition that the Constitutional Amendment did not carry.

D. Trigg James, Sr.: Mr. Chairman, I should like to yield to the gentleman who made the motion concerning this 75.

Ralph Taylor Alton: Mr. Chairman, I made a motion and I understood it was accepted by the Committee, and then passed by the body. This would add to the wording in that Report, after the word, "seventy-five," the phrase, "if the proposed Amendment is not ratified."

It did not seem to me that passing the Constitutional amendment cancelled out this Report of the Committee under those circumstances at all, but that this Report of the Committee was then passed by the body as an alternate, if the Amendment should not carry.

C. Cooper Bell: The question I raise, Mr. Chairman, is did we vote on that? I did not understand that we did.

Bishop Holt: Yes, it was voted on.

Lynn J. Radcliffe: I would like to clarify it by adding the words, "If the Amendment does carry the number shall be 70."

Spell it out.

Bishop Holt: Just a minute, please. You have a question, Dr. Bell. What is your answer to the question?

C. Cooper Bell: That is already there, as I understand it, isn't it?

Bishop Holt: Dr. Bell feels that it is already there in the motion, in the Report that was adopted."

Clarifying Resolution—John R. Van Sickle ()—Adopted*

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) spoke to the pending matter and moved to amend Section I Composition,

Paragraph 501, Item 1 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, by adding at the close of the first sentence in Paragraph 501, Item 1 (DB-162), the words:—

"PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, CHANGING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO 900 IS NOT APPROVED BY THE NECESSARY VOTE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES, THAT THE FIGURE BE CHANGED FROM SEVENTY TO SEVENTY-FIVE."

so that the first sentence will read, as amended, as follows:—

Paragraph 501. 1. The General Conference shall be composed of one Ministerial Member for every seventy Ministerial Members of each Annual Conference and one additional Member for a majority fraction thereof, and an equal number of Lay Members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot and by majority vote, **PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION CHANGING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO 900 IS NOT APPROVED BY THE NECESSARY ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOTE THAT THE FIGURE SEVENTY BE CHANGED TO SEVENTY-FIVE."**

Speaks to Amendment—A. Wesley Pugh—C. Cooper Bell

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, and C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, spoke to the pending amendment as follows:—

A. Wesley Pugh: "It would seem to me this would be all right. If this were not something that would make it very clear to The Conference, I was going to move that we refer it or defer it until after Recess, until Dr. Bell and two or three of us could get together and offer something that could be clear.

I think this is clear, however.

C. Cooper Bell: It is clear.

Bishop Holt: Are you ready to vote?

If you favor this amendment, lift your hands; opposed?

It is done."

The proposed amendment of John R. Van Sickie (*) (Rock River—NC), being duly seconded, was adopted. For Report, see Appendix, page 1433.

Refer to Judicial Council—Lloyd F. Worley—Adopted

Lloyd F. Worley (New York East—NE) moved to refer to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision, the question as to whether the membership of a Minister on missionary service shall be counted on the mission field in which he is serving or in his home Annual Conference, for representation at The General Conference, said question being

contained in Report No. 26 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, DCA No. 11, page 552, column 1, Subject, "Membership in Annual Conference for Missionary Minister."

Question—Embree H. Blackard—Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina—SE) asked:—

"Would it be possible for us to vote that if the Constitutional Amendment on which we are now voting it not passed, that we adopt Report No. 30 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences?"

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, replied:—

Very well, but let's deal with this other matter. If you will refer to The Judicial Council the question raised by Brother Worley, lift the hands; down; opposed.

The matter is referred to The Judicial Council."

No. 31—Conferences—"Transfer Of Churches To Annual Conferences In Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 Discipline"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 31 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 258. Subject. "Transfer Of Churches To Annual Conferences In Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 Discipline," DCA No. 11, page 555, volume 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 31 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1433.

No. 32—Conferences—"Transfer Of Churches To Annual Conferences Of Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 Discipline"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 32 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 259. Subject. "Transfer Of Churches To Annual Conferences In Other Jurisdictions Under Paragraph 538 Of The 1952 Discipline," DCA No. 11, page 555, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 32 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1434.

No. 33—Conferences—"Full Participation In Central Jurisdiction By Liberia Annual Conference"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Referred to Judicial Council

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report

No. 33 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 260, Subject, "Full Participation In Central Jurisdiction By Liberia Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 11, page 555, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 33 was referred to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. For Report see Appendix, page 1434.

No. 34—Conference—"Creation Of New Episcopal Area In The Northeastern Jurisdiction"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Referred Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 34 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 261, Subject, "Creation Of New Episcopal Area In The Northeastern Jurisdiction," *DCA* No. 11, page 555, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, the matter was referred to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. For Report see Appendix, page 1434.

No. 35—Conferences—"District Superintendent Of Provisional Annual Conference"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 35 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 262, Subject, "District Superintendent Of Provisional Annual Conference," *DCA* No. 11, page 555, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 35 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1435.

No. 36—Conferences—"Representation On Inter-Board Committee On Christian Vocations"—Donald E. Holbrook (*)—Adopted

Donald E. Holbrook (*) (Michigan—NC) presented Report No. 36 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 263, Subject, "Representation On Inter-Board Committee On Christian Vocations," *DCA* No. 11, page 555, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 36 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1435.

No. 37—Conferences—"Additional Board Of Church Location For Large Districts"—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 37 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 264, Subject, "Additional Board Of Church Location For Large Districts," *DCA* No. 11, page 555, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 37 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1436.

No. 38—Conferences—“Harmonizing Legislation On Electing Delegates To Jurisdictional Conferences”—C. Cooper Bell—Referred

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conference, presented Report No. 38 of the Committee, Calendar No. 265, Subject, “Harmonizing Legislation On Electing Delegates To Jurisdictional Conferences,” *DCA* No. 11, page 555, column 3 and page 556 column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 38 was adopted, and referred to the newly created Commission on Study of the Jurisdictional System. For Report see Appendix, page 1437.

No. 39—Conferences—“Pastor’s Report To Annual Conference”—Walter L. Hunt (*)—Adopted

Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE) presented Report No. 39 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 266, Subject, “Pastor’s Report To Annual Conference,” *DCA* No. 11, page 556, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 39 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1437.

No. 40—Conferences—“Change Of Rule In Handbook Regarding Memorials Relating To Structure And Supervision Of Central And Provisional Conferences”—C. Cooper Bell Adopted

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 40 of the Committee, Calendar No. 267, Subject, “Change Of Rule In Handbook Regarding Memorials Relating To Structure And Supervision Of Central And Provisional Conferences,” *DCA* No. 11, page 556, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 40 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1438.

No. 41—Conferences—“Name Of Detroit Area”—C. Cooper Bell—Adopted

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 41 of the Committee, Calendar No. 268, Subject, “Name Of Detroit Area,” *DCA* No. 11, page 556, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 41 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1438.

No. 42—Conferences—“Non-Concurrence”—C. Cooper Bell—Adopted

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Stand-

ing Legislative Committee on Conferences, presented Report No. 42 of the Committee, Calendar 270, Subject, "Non-concurrence," DCA No. 11, page 556, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 42 was adopted, thus completing the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences. For Report see Appendix, page 1439.

Thanks—C. Cooper Bell

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, thanked the members of The General Conference for their consideration and co-operation in the work of the Committee.

No. 30—Conferences—"Membership Of General Conference"—W. H. Wilcox (*)

William H. Wilcox (*) (Oklahoma—SC), Secretary of Count Votes, announced the result of the vote taken on the Constitutional Amendment on the number of Members comprising a General Conference as follows:—Total votes cast 642; necessary for two-thirds 428; for the proposed amendment 464; against proposed amendment 178. During the tabulation of the votes The General Conference considered and acted on the following Reports from the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences:—Nos. 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42. See Journal pages 920-942.

No. 8—Conferences—"Earlier Meeting Date For General Conference"—Motion to Reconsider—Edward P. O'Rear—Not Reconsidered

Edward P. O'Rear (Southern California-Arizona—W), having voted for Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 225, Subject, "Earlier Meeting Date For General Conference," DCA No. 11, page 548, column 2, stated he had an amendment that would be accepted by the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, and moved a reconsideration of Report No. 8. The motion, duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 11—Conferences—"Local Church Commissions"—Reconsidered—Merrill B. McFall—Amendment—Frank M. Templin—G. Lemuel Fenn—Not Adopted—Report Re-adopted

Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC) having voted for the adoption of Report No. 11 moved a reconsideration of Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, in order that a member of the Indiana Delegation,

who had tried but was unable to get the floor at the time of the consideration of and action on Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, for the purpose of making an amendment for the good of the Church.

Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 228, Subject, "Local Church Commissions," DCA No. 11, page 549, columns 1 and 2, was reconsidered, the motion of Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC) for reconsideration of the same having been duly seconded.

Amendment—Frank M. Templin—G. Lemuel Fenn—Not Adopted—Report Readopted

Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC) moved to amend Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee in the following manner (DB-163):—

"I move that all references to the Commission on Social and Recreational Activities be deleted from this Report No. 11, and that the Commission on Christian Social Relations here established be a third optional Commission, and that the language of the Report be made throughout to conform to this change. Further, that the name of the present optional Commission on Social and Recreational Activities be changed to the Commission on Fellowship and Recreational Activities."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC) spoke to his proposed amendment as follows:—

"The three busiest Commissions in my own church are the Commission on Education, the Commission on Membership, and the present optional Commission on Social and Recreational Activities. It carries on the functionings of all fellowship in the congregation—the dinners, the coffee hours, the recreational activities—with 150 boys playing soft ball in season under lights. It is an important function of the church.

They meet regularly and do their job well. I feel that it is altogether possible that there are other congregations who have used this Commission to advantage. I see no reason to relegate it to the status of a Committee.

I am fully in accord with the Report in its effort to establish this additional Committee, and want it, but I do not want the other commission done away with."

Closes Debate—G. Lemuel Fenn

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) closed the debate for the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences with the following statement:—

"It was the thought of the Committee on Conferences that the present optional Committee on Social and Recreational Life could function just as well as a Committee as it can function as a Commis-

sion. We felt that we did not wish to increase the number of the optional Commissions, neither did we wish to increase the number of the mandatory Commissions.

There was a great deal of request that there be an optional Commission on Christian Social Relations, and we thought that it was important to put it there and to remove the other to a status of a Committee, which still leaves it permissible and in a place where it can function properly."

Amendment—Frank M. Templin—Not Adopted—Report No. 11 Readopted

The proposed amendment of Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC) to Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 11 was then readopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1415.

Education—J. Earl Moreland (*)—M. LaFayette Harris—W. McFerrin Stowe—Harold C. Case—Willis M. Tate—W. Sproule Boyd—Dennis V. Snapp (*)

Before presenting the Reports of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Committee, thanked the following members of the Committee for their hard work in the preparation of Reports:—M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington—C), W. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma—SC), Harold C. Case (New England—NE), Willis M. Tate (North Texas—SC), W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE) and Dennis V. Snapp (*) (Kentucky—SE).

No. 4—Education—"Education In The Local Church"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Amended—William R. Guffick—A. Ray Grummon—Charles P. Bowles—Roy T. Henwood—Frank M. Templin—Frank Lamont Henninger—Recess

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 38, Subject, "Education In The Local Church," DCA No. 6, page 237, column 3 and page 238, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendments—William R. Guffick—A. Ray Grummon—Accepted—J. Earl Moreland ()*

William R. Guffick (New Jersey—NE) moved to amend Report No. 4 by deleting the words, "*Director of Music, if any,*" in line eight of Paragraph 224, DCA No. 6, page 237, column 3 (DB-164).

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, William R. Guffick (New Jersey—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"In many of our churches the Director of Music has only a professional relationship to the church. More than that, it has come to my attention that in some cases the Director of Music is not a Methodist and not a member of the church. I hope that these words will be deleted."

A. Ray Grummon (Illinois—NC) moved to amend Report No. 4 (DB-165) by deleting the word, "*Director*," and substituting the word, "**MINISTER**," in line eight of Paragraph 224, so that Paragraph 224, as amended, will read:—

Paragraph 224. The following persons are by virtue of their offices, members of the Commission on Education: the Pastor, Church-School Superintendent, Division Superintendents, Membership Cultivation Superintendent, Director of Christian Educational (or Educational Assistant) if any, **MINISTER of Music**, if any, and Church-School Secretary. The Woman's Society of Christian Service, **Methodist Men**, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship shall elect one representative each to membership in the Commission on Education. In addition, Members-at-Large, the number to be determined by the Quarterly Conference, may be elected upon nomination of the Committee on Nominations or the Pastor after consultation with the Church-School Superintendent and the Chairman of the Commission on Education. The Commission shall elect annually from its membership a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and such other Officers as it may determine.

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, accepted the proposed amendment of A. Ray Grummon (Illinois—NC) for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

William R. Guffick (New Jersey—NE) also accepted the proposed amendment of A. Ray Grummon (Illinois—NC) for his proposed deletion of the words, "*Director of Music, if any*."

Amendment—Charles P. Bowles—Accepted—J. Earl Moreland

Charles P. Bowles (Western North Carolina—SE) moved to amend Report No. 4 by inserting a new Item No. 10, to follow Item No. 9, DCA No. 6, page 238, column 2, reading as follows:—

"The Commission on Education may organize a Committee on Fellowship and Recreational Life composed of representatives of the Children's, Youth and Adult Divisions and such other members as may be determined by the Commission on Education. It shall recommend plans to the Commission on Education for a comprehensive

Program of Recreation. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to supervise the Program of Recreation. In the small church the Commission on Education may designate a Director of Recreation instead of appointing a Committee."

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, accepted the proposed amendment of Charles P. Bowles (Western North Carolina—SE) for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Question—Roy T. Henwood—Answer—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Roy T. Henwood (Wyoming—NE) asked a question which was answered by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, is Brother Guffick's deletion cancelled by the change of the word 'MINISTER'?"

Bishop Holt: Yes, that is correct."

Question—Merrill C. Johnson—Answer—J. Earl Moreland ()*

Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) asked a question which was answered by J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, does this action contravene the action we took only a few moments ago of making a Committee on Recreational Life a Quarterly Conference Committee?"

J. Earl Moreland: No.

Bishop Holt: The Chairman says it does not.

J. Earl Moreland: My understanding, Mr. Chairman, is that this fits into the vote The Conference has already taken. I could be in error."

Information Requested—Frank M. Templin—J. Earl Moreland ()—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Charles P. Bowles*

Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC) asked for information on the pending Report No. 4 and received the following answers:—

"Mr. Chairman, I still believe, and I ask for information, that there is a difference between a Quarterly Conference Committee and a Subcommittee of the Commission on Education. Is there not?"

J. Earl Moreland: I thought one provided for the selection of the Committee. It is official approval. And the other for the relationship, Mr. Chairman. But I would not press the point.

Frank M. Templin: If that is the Chair's decision then I would like to make a speech.

Bishop Holt: Well, the Chair is uncertain about that. I think you had better make your speech."

Speaks to Report No. 4—Frank M. Templin—Explanation—Charles P. Bowles

Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC) spoke to Report No. 4 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education as follows:—

"I am not interested in seeing this activity, all of the Fellowship Program of the entire congregation, all of the recreational activities which may have been sponsored and engineered in the main by Methodist Men, I am not interested in seeing this all thrown into a Subcommittee of the Commission on Education. The Commission on Education has more than it can get done now, and it will not have time to take care of this Major Program of the church's activity.

I hope that you will at least give this the dignity of remaining a Quarterly Conference Committee and not pigeonhole it in the Commission on Education."

Explanation—Charles P. Bowles

Charles P. Bowles (Western North Carolina—SE) explained his amendment which had been accepted by J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, it was my thought that this would simply implement the Committee of the Quarterly Conference and give direction as to how it should be set up and carried on."

Questions—Frank LaMont Henninger—Answers—J. Earl Moreland ()—Recess*

Frank LaMont Henninger (Central Pennsylvania—NE) asked some questions which were answered by J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I desire to ask a question with regard to the provision in Paragraph 229, the first column, page 238, which states that the Fourth Quarterly Conference 'shall elect,' and then lists certain Officers. Those elections now occur in the Quarterly Conference prior to the beginning of the Church School year.

Is it the thought behind this Report that these Officers now elected in the Fourth Quarterly Conference shall take office immediately, or at the beginning of the Church School year?

J. Earl Moreland: At the beginning of the Church School year, as in the past, Mr. Chairman.

Frank LaMont Henninger: And the Church School year is October 1.

J. Earl Moreland: That is the normal time.

Frank LaMont Henninger: It will mean, then, that some of these who are elected in the Fourth Quarterly Conferences for Spring

Annual Conferences will not take office until perhaps eight or nine months following their election.

J. Earl Moreland: Oh, no. Our understanding is that it will take place, Mr. Chairman, at the beginning of the Church School year. There is a great variety of dates for Annual Conferences, but we think the principles will be established here. If we are in error we will change it.

Frank LaMont Henninger: In the Spring Annual Conferences, the Fourth Quarterly Conference may come between January and March. They will not then take these offices until after October 1.

J. Earl Moreland: Perhaps we need to spell out more clearly, Mr. Chairman, the specific date."

Statement—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"The Chair suggests that we hold this in abeyance until after Recess. You have already reached the Recess hour, or almost. Let's see if it is not adjusted by the Chairman of this particular Committee.

There are three or four persons whom I must recognize before we adjourn for recess. I recognize the Secretary of the Council of Bishops first."

Convenors of General Boards and Commissions—Bishop Roy H. Short

Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, was recognized and announced the Convenors (DB-166) selected by The Council of Bishops, for the organization of the General Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church for the quadrennium 1956-1960, as follows:—

Board of Missions—Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

Board of Education—Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

Board of Evangelism—Bishop W. Angie Smith.

Board of Lay Activities—Bishop Charles W. Brashares.

Board of World Peace—Bishop W. E. Hammaker.

Board of Social and Economic Relations—Bishop Clare Purcell.

Board of Publications—Bishop John Wesley Lord.

Board of Pensions—Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

Board of Hospitals and Homes—Bishop Charles W. Brashares.

Board of Temperance—Bishop J. H. Straughn.

M.C.O.R.—Bishop John Branscomb.

Commission on Promotion and Cultivation—Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

The Advance Committee—Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

Television, Radio and Film Commission—Bishop Roy H. Short.

Co-ordinating Council—Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

Commission on Study of the Jurisdictional System—Bishop Paul E. Martin.

Commission on Christian Education—Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

Commission on Worship—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt.

Commission on Church Union—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt.

No. 3—Fraternal Delegates—Oscar Thomas Olson—Jakeiski Muto

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Fraternal Delegates, was recognized and in well chosen words presented Dr. Jakeiski Muto, Moderator of the United Church of Christ in Japan, who briefly addressed The General Conference.

At the close of the remarks of Dr. Jakeiski Muto, The General Conference stood and applauded.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, expressed the appreciation of The General Conference at the presence of Dr. Jakeiski Muto, and requested him to take the greetings of The General Conference of The Methodist Church to his home Church.

No. 2—Judicial Administration—Reconsidered—Amendment—J. Henry Chitwood—Not Adopted—John R. Van Sickle (*)—Report No. 2 Readopted

J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama—SE) moved a reconsideration of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 109, Subject, "Payment of Expenses of Retired Members of the Judicial Council Attending General Conference," DCA No. 9, page 408, column 3, adopted Saturday afternoon, May 5, 1956, for the purpose of making an amendment.

The motion to reconsider, being duly seconded, was adopted.

J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama—SE) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration by deleting the word, "*eight*," and substituting therefor the word, "**four**" in lines sixteen and twenty-three of Report No. 2.

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) spoke against the proposed amendment of J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama—SE).

The proposed amendment of J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama—SE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration was re-adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1517.

Resolution POAU—W. Kenneth Haddock—Adopted

W. Kenneth Haddock presented a Resolution (DB-167) concerning Protestant and Other Americans United for the

Separation of Church and State, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted as follows:—

"Whereas, this General Conference has received a request for recognition and financial support of the organization known as Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State;

"Therefore Be It Resolved, The General Conference Co-ordinating Council be requested to make a study of the organization and activities of POAU and report to the 1960 session of The General Conference."

Announcements—Recess

After various announcements were made The General Conference recessed for twenty minutes, with consideration of and action on Report No. 4 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, pending.

Reconvene—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—James R. Houghton (*)

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, called The General Conference of The Methodist Church to order, after the Recess period, stating that James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE) would announce the Hymn, and lead in its singing.

James R. Houghton (*) (New England—NE), General Conference Director of Music, announced the "Hymn for the Living Church," written by Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), a member of this General Conference, found on page 504 of the *DCA* No. 10, column 3, and led The General Conference in its singing.

No. 26—Conferences—"Membership In Annual Conference For Missionary Minister"—Reconsidered—C. Cooper Bell—Referred

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, moved a reconsideration of Report No. 26 of the Committee, Calendar No. 243, Subject, "Membership In Annual Conference For Missionary Minister," *DCA* No. 11, page 552, column 1, which had previously been referred to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed.

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, then moved that Report No. 26 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences be referred to the General Conference Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, stating that the missionary personnel involved in Report No. 26 would much prefer to have it referred to the General Conference Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas

for their consideration of and action on, rather than just adoption by The General Conference or its referral to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. The motion to refer, being duly seconded, was adopted and Report No. 26 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences referred as indicated. For Report see Appendix, page 1426.

No. 4—Education Resumed—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Philip C. Edwards—Frank M. Templin—G. Lemuel Fenn—Adopted

Consideration of and action on Report No. 4 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education was resumed.

J. Earl Moreland (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, stated that during the Recess period an agreement had been reached between the members of The General Conference, who had previously spoken to Report No. 4, which resulted in the rewriting of Paragraph 229.1 by deleting the word, "*fourth*" in the first line of Section 1 and the insertion of the words, "*or Church School year,*" following the words, "ensuing Conference year," in line three of said Section 1 so that Section 1 of Paragraph 229, as amended, will read as follows:—

1. The Quarterly Conference shall elect, to serve from the beginning of the ensuing Conference year OR CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR: (a) the Church School Superintendent (Par. 143.5); (b) the Membership Cultivation Superintendent and the three Divisional Superintendents, all to be nominated by the Church School Superintendent-elect with the approval of the Pastor in consultation with the Director of Christian Education; (c) a Director of Christian Education or Educational Assistant, if desired (Par. 143.7, 234). Vacancies in the interim between Quarterly Conferences shall be filled by the Commission on Education, the Pastor concurring, subject to confirmation by the Quarterly Conference.

Questions—Philip C. Edwards—Answers—J. Earl Moreland ()*

Philip C. Edwards (Baltimore—NE) asked questions which were answered by J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, as follows:—

"Do we understand that the amendment regarding the Commission on Social and Recreational Life was included in this Report being accepted by the Chairman?"

J. Earl Moreland: We talked with the man who made the motion and it was our understanding there would be no interference with the very large churches that wanted to have this under the Quarterly Conference as a separate Commission. That was the agreement. Is that satisfactory?

Philip C. Edwards: Does the wording so state?

J. Earl Moreland: We would put the words that—I apologize for not mentioning this, Mr. Chairman—that in parenthesis before this amendment proposed by Dr. Bowles, I believe, yes—that it would be optional for larger churches, put that in parenthesis.”

Question—Frank M. Templin—Answer—J. Earl Moreland ()*

Frank M. Templin (Indiana—NC) asked a question which was answered by J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, as follows:—

“If this is agreeable, then I see no reason for this Paragraph which sets up an optional Commission—indicated as being providers of legislation for the sake of those churches large enough to need their use. Why could it not remain in that category?

J. Earl Moreland: That was our idea.”

Speaks to Pending Question—G. Lemuel Fenn

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) spoke to the pending question, as follows:—

“This matter of Recreational Commissions to be optional, and so stated—I object. I object to it being included. That would increase the number of optional Commissions to three. It was the thought of the Committee on Conferences that we should hold those Committees to four mandatory and two optional, and I oppose the inclusion as an optional Committee.

The matter has been referred to a Quarterly Conference Commission which gives its status and that, we think, is where it ought to be, and I hope that that will not be included as a third optional Committee.

Thank you, sir.”

Moves to Amend by Deletion—Philip C. Edwards—J. Earl Moreland ()—Not Adopted—Report Adopted as Amended*

Philip C. Edwards (Baltimore—NE) moved to amend Report No. 4 by deleting Section 10, Paragraph 230 relating to Social and Recreational Life, which reads as follows:—

“The Commission on Education may organize a Committee on Fellowship and Recreational Life composed of representatives of the Children’s, Youth and Adult Divisions and such other members as may be determined by the Commission on Education. It shall recommend plans to the Commission on Education for a comprehensive Program of Recreation. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to supervise the Program of Recreation. In the small church the Commission on Education may designate a Director of Recreation instead of appointing a Committee.”

said Section 10 having been accepted by J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative

Committee on Education, without objection from any member of the Committee or any member of The General Conference, as an amendment proposed by Charles P. Bowles (Western North Carolina—SE).

The motion to delete was duly seconded.

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee, closed the debate with the following statement:

"May I say just a word? We are trying to meet both situations which obtain across our Church. Approximately 15 per cent of the churches would be served by this deletion; approximately 85 per cent of the churches that are small churches still in Methodism need to have a relationship with a Major Commission such as Education, in order to give it status, and not only status but a vitality in practice. We were seeking to meet both situations which obtain across our Church."

The motion of Philip C. Edwards (Baltimore—NE) to delete Section 10 of Paragraph 230, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 4 was adopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1461.

No. 5—Education—"Inter-Board And Joint Committees"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 39, Subject, "Inter-Board And Joint Committees," *DCA* No. 6, page 238, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1465.

No. 6—Education—"Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 40, Subject, "Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," *DCA* No. 6, page 239, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 6 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1467.

No. 7—Education—"Children's Day"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 55, Subject, "Children's Day," *DCA* No. 7, page 290, column 3, and on

his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1468.

No. 8—Education—"Introductory Paragraph For Part VII, Chapter VII, On The Board Of Education"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 56, Subject, "Introductory Paragraph For Part VII, Chapter VII, On The Board Of Education," DCA No. 7, page 290, column 3 and page 291, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1468.

No. 9—Education—"General And Annual Conference Boards Of Education"—Amendment Accepted—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 57, Subject, "General And Annual Conference Boards Of Education, DCA No. 7, page 291, columns 1, 2 and 3, and moved its adoption. The motion to thus adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—A. Ray Grummon—Accepted—J. Earl Moreland

A. Ray Grummon (Illinois—NC) moved to amend Report No. 9 by deleting the words, "*Director of Music*," wherever found in Report No. 9, and substituting therefor the words,

"MINISTER OF MUSIC." The motion to amend was duly seconded.

J. Earl Moreland (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, accepted the proposed amendment of A. Ray Grummon (Illinois—NC) for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Report No. 9 was adopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1469.

No. 10—Education—"Inter-Board Commission On The Local Church"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 92, Subject, "Inter-Board Commission On The Local Church," DCA No.

8, page 377, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1473.

No. 11—Education—"Correction In Paragraph 1156"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 93, Subject, "Correction In Paragraph 1156," *DCA* No. 8, page 377, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1474.

No. 12—Education—"Function Of Division Of The Local Church"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 94, Subject, "Function Of The Division Of The Local Church," *DCA* No. 8, page 377, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1474.

No. 13—Education—"The University Senate"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 95, Subject, "The University Senate," *DCA* No. 8, page 378, columns 1, 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1475.

No. 14—Education—"Church School Literature And Quadrennial Emphases"—J. Earl Moreland—W. Sproule Boyd—Henry M. Bullock—Adopted—Printed in Discipline

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 96, Subject, "Church School Literature And Quadrennial Emphases," *DCA* No. 8, page 378, column 3 and page 379, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1479.

Speaks to Report—W. Sproule Boyd—Henry M. Bullock

At the request of W. Sproule Boyd (Pittsburgh—NE), Chairman of the Sub-Committee preparing Report No. 14, Henry M. Bullock (Mississippi—SE), General Secretary of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education

of The Methodist Church and Editor of Church School Publications, spoke to Report No. 14 as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Brethren: Three years ago when I became your Editor, I realized what a tremendous task it was, as we all realize about this Church School Literature.

We have made a lot of progress and I will not dwell on the success because of the fact that there is much more to be done. We still have thousands of our Church School members who are being denied instructions in what The Methodist Church believes. We have thousands of our Church School members who will never hear of the emphasis on the Local Church from anything they have in Sunday School. That has been true of the Youth Emphasis, the Stewardship Emphasis, and the Crusade for World Order, because many of our churches are not using our own materials.

Will you give us all the support you can in order that the Church School Literature may in every Local Church in Methodism undergird the work of the Church? Our people have a right to be taught the warm heart of Aldersgate, the clear mind of Wesley's doctrine, the passion of Wesley for Social Justice, and the world-girdling world parish which he practiced. People will never hear of these things in our Church except from the pulpit. That means many of the children will never hear it unless they hear it from Methodist Church School Literature. Please give us your support not only in the Resolution but in every Local Church."

Motion of J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, duly seconded, prevailed, authorizing the printing of Report No. 14 in the 1956 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

No. 15—Education—"Emphasis On Higher Education In The Next Quadrennium"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 97, Subject, "Emphasis On Higher Education In The Next Quadrennium," DCA No. 8, page 379, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1480.

No. 16—Education—"General Committee On Family Life And National Family Life Conference"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Amended—Printed in Discipline—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 98, Subject, "General Committee On Family Life And National Family Life Conference," DCA No. 8, page 379, column 2, and requested common consent to insert the words, "**WITHOUT OBJECTION,**" before the words, "of the Board of Evangelism," in line 13 of the next to the last paragraph of Report

No. 16. The General Conference giving unanimous common consent the insertion was made, and on motion of J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, duly seconded, Report No. 16 was adopted as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1481.

Motion of J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), duly seconded, prevailed that Report No. 16 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education be published in the 1956 *Discipline*.

No. 17—Education—"National Conference Of Methodist Youth"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Amended—Charles I. Carpenter—Accepted—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 99, Subject, "National Conference Of Methodist Youth," DCA No. 8, page 379, column 3 and page 380, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Charles I. Carpenter—Accepted—J. Earl Moreland ()*

Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) moved to amend Report No. 17 by inserting the words, "**AND COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS,**" following the words, "Christian Vocations," in lines twenty-four and thirty-two of Paragraph 1404.2 so that Paragraph 1404.2 as amended will read:—

In line 4 of section 2 of Par. 1404, after the words "eight students at large," insert the **Council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth**. In line 7 after the words "Directors of Youth Work" delete *elected by the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission* and substitute the following: **One from each Jurisdiction, elected by the Conference Directors of Youth Work of that Jurisdiction for a two-year term, the election to take place during the biennial Methodist Conference on Christian Education.** In the fourth line from the end of the section following the words "student work" insert the following: **Members of the Staff of the Department of Youth Publications of the Editorial Division,** and delete the word, *representatives*. In the last line of the section delete the words *other General Boards*, and substitute the following: **Board of Temperance, Board of World Peace, Board of Evangelism, Board of Social and Economic Relations, Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations AND COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS: all youth members of the General Boards and Commissions of the Church,**

so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

Par. 1404.2. The members of the National Conference of Methodist Youth shall consist of the Presidents of Annual Conference Youth Organizations and the Presidents of State Student Organizations, eight students at large, the **Council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth**, six State Directors of Methodist Student Work

elected by the National Methodist Student Commission, and six Conference Directors of Youth Work, one from each Jurisdiction, elected by the Conference Directors of Youth Work of that Jurisdiction for a two-year term, the election to take place during the biennial Methodist Conference on Christian Education. The following shall be *ex officio* members of the National Conference: members of the Staff of the Division of the Local Church who have responsibility for Youth Work; members of the Staff of the Division of Educational Institutions who are responsible for Student Work; members of the Staff of the Department of Youth Publications of the Editorial Division; four of the Staff of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions; one Staff Member from each of the following: Board of Temperance, Board of World Peace, Board of Evangelism, Board of Social and Economic Relations, Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations AND COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS: all Youth Members of the General Boards and Commissions of the Church.

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, accepted the proposed amendment of Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula—NE) for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference. Report No. 17, as amended, was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1482.

No. 18—Education—"Title Of Chief Executive Officer"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 136, Subject, "Title Of Chief Executive Officer." *DCA* No. 9, page 419, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 18 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1483.

No. 19—Education—"Memorials Covered By Previous Action Of The Committee Or The General Conference."—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, Calendar No. 137, Subject, "Memorials Covered By Previous Action Of The Committee Or The General Conference," *DCA* No. 9, page 419, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 19 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1484.

No. 20—Education—"Recommendations For Reference"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 138, Subject,

"Recommendations For Reference," *DCA* No. 9, page 419, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1484.

No. 21—Education—"Expanded Program Of Theological Education"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, Calendar No. 139, Subject, "Expanded Program Of Theological Education," *DCA* No. 9, page 420, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1485.

No. 22—Education—"Recommendations For Reference"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 22 of the Committee, Calendar No. 205, Subject, "Recommendations For Reference," *DCA* No. 10, page 510, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 22 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1485.

No. 23—Education—"Report Of Non-Concurrence"—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education, presented Report No. 23 of the Committee, Calendar No. 215, Subject, "Report Of Non-Concurrence," *DCA* No. 10, page 511, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 23 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1486.

The adoption of Report No. 23 completed the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on Education.

Resolution Re Election Of Youth Members Of Boards And Commissions—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Adopted

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE) presented a statement from the various Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church concerning the election of Youth Representatives to their respective organizations, and moved its reference, without reading, to each and all organizations of The Methodist Church affected thereby.

The motion being duly seconded, the following Resolution was adopted:—

"We have here a statement from the various Boards and Agencies concerning the election of Youth Representatives to the different Boards. They have presented me with their united statement, and

without reading it, I move their reference to the Boards that are affected thereby.

"Whereas, The different Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church that elect youth to their membership now have different methods of election; and

"Whereas, This method of election coming through the National Conference of Methodist Youth should be uniform, and in order to facilitate the proper selection of youth and student Delegates to the Boards and Agencies of the Church;

"Therefore Be It Resolved, That the following method of election be adopted by each Board and Agency of the Church: each Jurisdictional Conference or General Board, as the case may be, shall elect upon nomination of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, one youth or student representative, 21 years of age, or under, at the time of his election; in making nominations the National Conference of Methodist Youth shall choose from nominations made by Conference Methodist Youth Fellowships and State units of the Methodist Student Movement, and shall so arrange the nominations to the six Jurisdictional Conferences that four shall represent the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission, and two shall represent the National Student Commission, changing each quadrennium so as to rotate the Student representation among the Jurisdictions; Agencies or Boards having less than six youth representatives shall rotate representation from Jurisdictions and among youth and students."

No. 9—Lay Activities—"Report Of Non-Concurrence"—Ray H. Nichols (*)—Adopted

Ray H. Nichols (*) (Northwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Lay Activities, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 206, Subject, "Report Of Non-Concurrence," DCA No. 10, page 510, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1526.

No. 1—Correlation and Editorial Revision—"Duties Of District Superintendent"—Murray H. Leiffer—Lud H. Estes—Adopted

Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Subject, "Duties Of District Superintendent," DCA No. 10, page 514, column 1.

Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, made the following statement, in presenting Report No. 1 of the Committee:—

"Please turn to page 504 DCA. The title on page 504 should read, "The Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision."

The Memorials from the Committee of Reference will be found on page 512, Report No. 1. This Report grows out of two recom-

mendations from Legislative Committees: Report No. 5 Calendar 13, from the Committee on Lay Activities, which was reported unanimously by 67 members of that Committee; Report No. 3 Calendar 27, from the Committee on the Ministry, with a favorable Report of 53 to 5, with one non-concurring vote.

The action recommended here under Report No. 1 has the full approval of both Chairmen, who are also on the platform this morning. Also, a somewhat similar Resolution was adopted, and one phrase in that will be incorporated with this statement.

If desired, I will read the statement and explain the intent. Otherwise, Mr. Chairman, the motion would be to adopt. I am not a member of the body, and therefore, cannot make the motion."

On motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, Report No. 1 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1179.

No. 2—Correlation and Editorial Revision—"Election Of Commission Chairmen And Organization Of Commissions"—Murray H. Leiffer—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Subject, "Election Of Commission Chairmen And Organization Of Commissions," DCA No. 10, page 504, columns 1 and 2, and on motion of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), duly seconded, Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1180.

Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision explained the purpose of Report No. 2 of the Committee, as follows:—

"Report No. 2 is submitted in lieu of Report No. 8, Calendar 10 from the Committee on Membership and Evangelism. It has the approval of the Chairman of that Committee. It will also replace the action taken on Saturday based on a small portion of Calendar 101. It has the approval of Mrs. Brooks, Chairman of the Committee on Missions, who presented that material.

Bishop Holt: What does it do, Dr. Leiffer?

Murray H. Leiffer: The intent, sir, is to place the election of the Chairman of the Commissions of the Local Church in the Fourth Quarterly Conference, thereby giving the Commission Chairmen more status and insuring better leadership in many instances."

No. 3—Correlation and Editorial Revision—"Women And The Traveling Ministry"—Murray H. Leiffer—James S. Chubb—Adopted

Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Subject, "Women And The Traveling

Ministry," DCA No. 10, page 504, columns 2 and 3, and on motion of James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), duly seconded, Report No. 3 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1181.

Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, made the following statement regarding Report 3 of the Committee:—

"Report No. 3 changes neither the intent nor effect of the action previously taken concerning women and the traveling ministry. It does simplify the statement and it makes it clear that other Paragraphs than the ones specified therein, 321 to 356, also apply. Such Paragraphs, for example, as the laws on ministerial education, appointment, location, and trial of a minister, obviously must govern women as well as men in the traveling ministry."

No. 4—Correlation and Editorial Revision—"Membership Of General Boards, Agencies And Commissions; Commission On Promotion And Cultivation"—Murray H. Leiffer—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—R. F. Curl—Adopted

Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee which had not been published in the DCA. Subject, "Membership On General Boards, Agencies And Commissions; Commission On Promotion And Cultivation," with the following statement:—

"There is a fourth Report which we must make on inconsistencies between two items of adopted legislation. Since we have not been able to bring the Chairmen of the Committees together, on this matter, we report the inconsistency.

On page 112, column 1, the Co-ordinating Council recommended and the body adopted, the Rule that the number of members of Boards and Agencies should remain the same.

This morning the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation was altered. This alteration would appear to have the same total number of voting and non-voting members *officio* and *ex-officio*. However, previously the interpretation has been that non-voting *ex-officio* members were not members of the Board itself. In this instance, according to Paragraph 750 of the present *Discipline*, there are on the Commission 19 voting members and an indefinite number of non-voting members. The new legislation specifies 24 voting members and 23 non-voting members.

We leave this with the Conference to resolve.

Mr. Chairman, may we thank the Chairmen of the Legislative Committees for their co-operation on literally scores of items, which has saved probably hours of floor discussion."

For Report see Appendix, page 1182.

Inquiry—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Reply—Murray H. Leiffer

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following inquiry:—

"Dr. Leiffer, before you leave may the Chair ask you what Committee Chairmen are involved in that? Dr. Curl is involved I know."

Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, answered as follows:—

"R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, and Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) representing the Co-ordinating Council."

Statement—R. F. Curl—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, stated that R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, desired to speak to the pending matter.

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: We have been working on this with Brother Leiffer and his Committee and with some of the Members of the Co-ordinating Council. I have just been in conversation with the Secretary of the Co-ordinating Council. It is his opinion that there is a discrepancy of one item, in the total membership of the Commission on Cultivation as proposed for the coming Quadrennium.

The Commission itself thinks that there is a reduction in membership. I think that if it is in order we might pass a motion leaving it with the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and the Co-ordinating Council to work out the discrepancy of one member as proposed in this legislation."

Motion of R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), duly seconded, prevailed that the pending matter, membership of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation be left with the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and the Co-ordinating Council to adjust the discrepancy as proposed in this legislation.

No. 17—Presiding Officers—H. Hughes Wagner—Bishop William C. Martin

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Presiding Officers, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, designating Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, to assume the Chair in case Bishop Ivan Lee Holt should care to leave the Chair after 12 o'clock noon, and made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, it was announced by the Committee on Presiding Officers yesterday that you would be the Presiding Officer until 12:00

o'clock today. I do not know how many more Reports are left. If you could close it up within the next half hour or so we would be delighted to have you continue. This being the eve of retirement we don't know whether you are up to this strenuous business or not. Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, is behind you and is ready to preside whenever it seems expedient.

All I will say is that you are there and Bishop Martin is ready. I will leave it to your godly judgment."

**Tribute to Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Chester A. Smith (*)—
Bishop William C. Martin—Adopted**

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) was recognized, and on his motion, duly seconded, the following Tribute to Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, was adopted by The General Conference with a standing vote and applause:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: I intended to present this motion a little later, but in view of the fact that our Presiding Officer may be changed I desire to present it now, sir, as a matter of privilege:

Whereas, our Presiding Officer of this day, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, is ending his active service as a Bishop of The Methodist Church, and as a result of his retirement this will be the last General Conference over which he will preside, always with such ability, fairness and gracious courtesy, this being the Fifth General Conference for the concluding hours of which he has presided; and

Whereas, The General Conference is not only the law-making body of The Methodist Church but one of the most distinguished Church law-making bodies of America and the world; and

Whereas, The Council of Bishops is one of the greatest of the Executive Church bodies in Christendom, being composed of men of the highest character, outstanding intellectual ability, and of kindly and friendly spirit; and

Whereas, Bishop Holt has served with distinction for 18 years as a member of The Council of Bishops, and as a result of such service has endeared himself to preachers and laymen of the Annual Conferences over which he has presided, and of the Areas of which he has been the leader as their Bishop;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we, the Members of The General Conference, 1956, express to Bishop Holt our admiration and affection for his kindly and friendly spirit which has endeared him to all of us. He has earned our sincere gratitude for the outstanding service he has rendered to The General Conference, to the Church at large, and to the Kingdom of Heaven. He is a splendid exemplar of all those great virtues for which Methodism and the Kingdom of Heaven stand in the world. We are thankful for his life and work and service which have so richly earned for him the affection of all who know him. We know he will not be idle in his rest, but will continue in other ways his work for the people and for the Master, whom he has served with such fidelity and success. We wish him many more years of life, of happiness and of usefulness.

I move its adoption by rising vote."

The motion, duly seconded, was unanimously adopted by a standing vote amidst great applause.

Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction, put the motion for the adoption of the Tribute, and made the following statement:—

“There is no need certainly to take a vote on this Resolution. It is unanimously and enthusiastically adopted.

Now that I am up here, Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, I have a feeling that despite his approaching retirement our Presiding Officer will have an abundance of physical vitality to carry us through the remainder of the session, and it will really be unnecessary to have a change in the Chairmanship of this Conference.”

Thanks—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, expressed his heart-felt thanks to Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), and the Members of The General Conference, for the Tribute paid to him.

Statement—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, made the following statement:—

“Mr. Chairman, could we respectfully suggest that hereafter we follow the Rule which we established this morning: that if there are Complimentary Resolutions they be presented with the Subject and referred to the Committee on Courtesies for printing.”

No. 11—Missions—“Board Of Missions Proposed Legislative Changes (Supplementary Report Grouping Changes In Legislation On Church Property)”—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Lynn J. Radcliffe—Merrill C. Johnson—Philip C. Edwards—Amendment Not Adopted—Report Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, requested Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Committee to present Report No. 11 of the Committee.

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 102, Subject, “Board Of Missions Proposed Legislative Changes (Supplementary Report Grouping Proposed Changes In Legislation On Church Property)” *DCA* No. 9, page 406, columns 2 and 3, and page 407, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Merrill C. Johnson—Not Adopted

Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 11 by deleting Section 10, *DCA* No. 9, page 407, column 1, which reads as follows:—

10) A contractual obligation for the building shall not be entered into by the church until the church has cash on hand, pledges payable during the construction period, and a loan (where necessary) or written commitment for a loan, which will provide funds necessary to assure prompt payment of all proposed contractual obligations.

and substituting therefor the following (DB-168) which reads as follows:—

A contractual obligation for a building shall not be entered into by the church until the church has on hand in cash and tangible assets at least 40 per cent of the estimated cost, and that for the remainder of the estimated cost cash and/or pledges payable during the construction period, and the loan where necessary or written commitment for a loan which will provide funds necessary to assure prompt payment of all proposed contractual obligations.

The proposed amendment of Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) being duly seconded, Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

“It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that the proposal of the Committee of this Report is a good one, in that it tightens the control to include the whole of the building program. However, by omission of the legislation which we have had in the *Discipline* since shortly after the depression we are now opening up the other end of the legislation. So that a church, except by arbitrary prevention on the part of a District Superintendent or Bishop, may enter into a building program with not one red cent in cash.

I should like to see this amendment carried.”

Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) spoke to the pending amendment as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, may I say this is a matter on which The General Conference should vote. Dr. Merrill Johnson has presented one side. His side is that we should continue the Rule which we have followed in the past, that 50 per cent of the cost shall be available in cash and tangible assets—

Bishop Holt: I think 40 per cent, Dr. Radcliffe. That was his proposal. Am I not right?

Merrill C. Johnson: Yes, sir.

Lynn J. Radcliffe: May I say if you favor that there is no use debating it, let's vote it. The Committee does not favor that. We considered it and we voted 63 to 9 that this new legislation does provide adequate safeguards. If you will follow the steps, the written consent of the District Superintendent, the approval of a Quarterly Conference, a church meeting of all members, then the approval of a District Board, a Board on which the District Superintendent is a member, a Board which should not be a rubber stamp—it is nominated by the District Superintendent, it is elected by the Annual Conference—if we cannot trust the basic body of Methodism and the appointed Officers to do their job, I do not see how we can get adequate protection.

Against Amendment—Philip C. Edwards

Philip C. Edwards (Baltimore—NE) spoke against the proposed amendment of Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I am rising to oppose the amendment, by virtue of the fact that this reinstitutes in the *Discipline* the use of the words “tangible assets.” This is very flexible terminology which has been subject to interpretation in wide variations across our Church. Not only has this been opposed by the Committee, but it was opposed by the Board of National Missions which uses this in its exercising of control and supervision over Church Extension. They feel it has been very difficult to interpret this word, and therefore it is their recommendation that it not be continued.

I hope that we will not accept the amendment.”

Amendment—Merrill C. Johnson—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Merrill C. Johnson (New York—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1623.

No. 12—Missions—“Report Of The General Board Of Missions, Pages 66-106 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions”—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 103, Subject, “Report Of The General Board Of Missions, Pages 66-106 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions,” DCA No. 9, page 407, column 2, and on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1629.

No. 13—Missions—“Report Of The Inter-Board Committee On Missionary Education, Pages 217-222 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions”—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 104, Subject, “Report Of The Inter-Board Committee On Missionary Education, Pages 217-222 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions,” DCA No. 9, page 407, columns 2 and 3, and on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1629.

No. 14—Missions—"Report Of The Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief, Pages 605-613 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 105, Subject, "Report Of The Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief, Pages 605-613 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," DCA No. 9, page 407, column 3, and on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1630.

No. 15—Missions—"Reference Of Subject Matters Of Memorials To Boards And Agencies For Study"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 106, Subject, "Reference Of Subject Matters Of Memorials To Boards And Agencies For Study," DCA No. 9, page 407, column 3, and page 408, column 1, and on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1630.

No. 17—Missions—"Funds For New Mission Work"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 144, Subject, "Funds For New Mission Work," DCA No. 9, page 434, column 3, and on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 17 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1631.

No. 16—Missions—"Non-Concurrence Report"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 208, Subject, "Non-concurrence Report," DCA No. 10, page 510, column 3, and on her motion, duly seconded, Report No. 16 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1631.

No. 8—Missions—"Episcopal Representation On Divisions Of The General Board Of Missions"—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Adopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman

of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 52, Subject, "Episcopal Representation On Divisions Of The General Board Of Missions," DCA No. 7, page 290, column 2, and, on her motion, duly seconded Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1596.

Action on Report No. 8 had been deferred on Saturday, May 5, 1956, until the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas should submit their Report. The Report of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas had been considered and acted on Saturday afternoon, May 5, 1956. For Report, see Appendix, page 1596.

Adoption of Report No. 8 completed the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions.

Question—Ralph Taylor Alton—Answer—Lynn J. Radcliffe

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC) asked a question concerning Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, Calendar No. 102, Subject, "Board of Missions Proposed Legislative Changes (Supplementary Report Grouping Proposed Changes in Legislation on Church Property)," DCA No. 9, page 406, columns 2 and 3, and page 407, columns 1 and 2, with special reference to Paragraph 192, page 406, column 3, which was answered by Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC) for the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, as follows:—

"On page 406, under Report No. 11, Calendar Item 102, the question is: Does the wording here under Paragraph 192 also involve the purchase of land for a new church or parsonage?

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks: Mr. Radcliffe will speak to that question.

Lynn J. Radcliffe: The matter of site is very carefully covered and clearly assigned for consideration. The matter of site is very clearly cared for. (Section 2, Paragraph 192.)

"The District Board of Church Location and Building shall approve all proposed local church building sites, ascertaining that such sites, etc.' It is all in there very clearly spelled out."

Appreciation Harry Denman (*)—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

On motion of Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California—Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, duly seconded, the following Resolution of Appreciation of Harry Denman (*) was adopted (DB-169):—

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HARRY DENMAN

The Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism

wishes to express its deep appreciation of the constant and creative work that is being done by Dr. Harry Denman and his able Staff of the General Board of Evangelism.

Harry Denman is "Mr. Evangelism" in Methodism, and much of the great upsurge in Evangelistic interest and zeal in our time is traceable to this man of God, and his associates.

(Signed) Ray W. Ragsdale, Chairman

No 10—Membership and Evangelism—"Personnel Of General Board Of Evangelism"—Reconsidered—Ray W. Ragsdale—Amended—Readopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, moved a reconsideration of Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 15, Subject, "Personnel Of General Board Of Evangelism," DCA No. 5, page 189, columns 2 and 3, in order to present a substitute Report to correct some errors. The motion to reconsider, being duly seconded, was adopted.

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, moved to amend Report No. 10 of the Committee by deleting all of the black-face type at the bottom of the Report, lines 22-40 inclusive, and which reads as follows:—

" . . . three youth members, twenty-three years of age or under at the time of their election, nominated by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and elected by the Board. In making the nominations to the Board, the National Conference of Methodist Youth, in consultation with the appropriate Staff of the Board involved, shall consider suggestions of nominations made by Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowships and State or similar units of The Methodist Student Movement. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth. The Chairman of the Program Area of Christian Witness of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission shall be one of the three youth members."

and substituting therefor the following:—

"TWELVE MEMBERS FROM THE CHURCH AT LARGE, TO BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD: AND THREE YOUTH MEMBERS, TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER AT THE TIME OF THEIR ELECTION, NOMINATED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH, AND ELECTED BY THE BOARD. IN MAKING THE NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD, THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE STAFF OF THE BOARD, SHALL CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS OF NOMINATIONS MADE BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS AND STATE OR SIMILAR UNITS OF THE METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAM AREA OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS OF THE NATIONAL METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION SHALL BE ONE OF THE THREE YOUTH MEMBERS.

“Vacancies occurring during the Quadrennium shall be filled in the following manner: those occurring among the Bishops are to be filled by The Council of Bishops; those occurring in the memberships of the Jurisdictions are to be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancies occur; those occurring in the Membership at Large are to be filled by the Board itself; and those occurring among the Youth Members are to be filled by the Board upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth.”

The motion to thus substitute, being duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Report No. 10 was then readopted as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1531.

No. 13—Membership and Evangelism—“Chairman And Vice-Chairman Of District Committee On Evangelism”—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 42, Subject, “Chairman And Vice-Chairman Of District Committee On Evangelism,” *DCA* No. 6, page 244, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1533.

No. 18—Membership and Evangelism—“Engaging Evangelistic Help”—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 120, Subject, “Engaging Evangelistic Help,” *DCA* No. 9, page 410, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 18 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1537.

No. 19—Membership and Evangelism—“Report Of Committee On Materials For Training In Church Membership, Page 635 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions”—Ray W. Ragsdale—Lester R. Minion—Amendment—Harold S. Swales—William R. Guffick—Amendment Lost—Report Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, stated that he was not in harmony with Report No. 19, and acting under the provisions of Rule 35 of the Rules of Order, which reads as follows:—

**Rule 35. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NOT IN
HARMONY WITH REPORT**

When the Chairman of a Committee is not in harmony with a Report adopted by the Committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the Committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the Report in The Conference; but if, in such a case, the Committee shall fail to select a representative, the Chairman shall designate a member to represent the Committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the Chairman in relation to such Report.

and that he was requesting Lester R. Minion (Rock River—NC) to present Report No. 19.

Lester R. Minion (Rock River—NC) presented Report No. 19 of the Committee, Calendar No. 121, Subject, "Report Of The Committee On Materials For Training In Church Membership, Page 635 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," DCA No. 9, page 410, column 3 and page 411, column 1, and gave the reasons for his presentation of Report No. 19 of the Committee, as follows:—

"You have heard the reason why I am here. I was Chairman of the Sub-Committee that brought in this Report.

You will notice we had 58 on our Committee. Fifty-seven voted for and one against and the Chairman was the one who voted against.

The General Conference of 1948 instructed the Board of Education and Board of Evangelism to create a Joint Committee on Materials for Training for Church Membership.

This Committee was set up and developed these Manuals for three age groups, and a Manual to guide the Pastor. These were published in 1951 and have been widely used throughout the Church, and we want to recommend these Manuals, and I presume there will be no debate at this point.

However, our second point is that we request the Pastors to consider the advisability of using one of our Methodist Catechisms in their Course of Instruction for children. I will be glad to debate this, but I don't think this is the time.

Our Committee did feel that while these Manuals were excellent they are lacking at the point of Scriptural references and we believe our children should be sure to learn great verses of the Scriptures, John 3:16, the Ten Commandments and so on.

The Catechism has succinct, compact and brief answers to any questions that will originate, and we know that the Church for centuries has had Catechism classes for children. We do not say that Pastors must use them, but we ask that the Pastors consider the advisability. I hope that the Conference will approve our report."

Lester R. Minion (Rock River—NC) moved the adoption of Report No. 19, and the motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Harold S. Swales—Lester R. Minion—Henry M. Bullock—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Amendment Not Adopted—Report Adopted

Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) moved to

amend Report No. 19 by deleting the last paragraph, which reads as follows:—

"We request Pastors to consider the advisability of also using one of our Methodist Catechisms in their course of instruction for children."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"I was on this Committee. I was under the impression that we did have an approved Catechism. I have discovered since that there are no such publications. It is true that our Methodist Publishing House does print some Catechisms, but there are no approved Catechisms. Therefore, I think it would be very unfortunate to have such legislation passed today."

Closes Debate—Lester R. Minion

Lester R. Minion (Rock River—NC) closed the debate on the pending amendment of Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) as follows:—

"Louis F. W. Lesemann wrote a Catechism, all of you know. He was a very highly respected member of the Rock River Conference back in 1914. It has been used ever since. It is on sale in our store. We also have a 'Methodist Child's Membership Manual' by Bishop Costen J. Harrell and others. I think the Pastors could judge for themselves and use one of these that are provided by our Methodist Publishing House."

Statement—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Now, the Chairman, of course, announced the adoption of this Report, but on the insistence of the Chairman of the Committee that someone had an amendment to propose, I decided that the House would give me permission to hear that man whom I didn't see when he took the floor, but perhaps the best thing to do is to vote on this Amendment."

Speaks to Pending Amendment—Henry M. Bullock

Henry M. Bullock (Mississippi—SE) General Secretary of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church and Editor of Church School Literature, spoke to the pending amendment of Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Committee which produced the Manuals, perhaps it is pertinent to say that there is a new edition of the Manual for Children which does have carefully planned questions at the beginning of each chapter, which does spell out passages of Scripture to be memorized in many of the chapters. Therefore, it does seem to meet many of the needs, but it does not fall into the educational weaknesses of a Catechism."

Amendment—Harold S. Swales—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 19 of the Standing Committee on Membership and Evangelism was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1537.

No. 20—Membership and Evangelism—"World Wide Prayer"—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 122, Subject, "World Wide Prayer," DCA No. 9, page 411, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1538.

No. 21—Membership and Evangelism—"Report Of The General Board Of Evangelism, Pages 43-65 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, Calendar No. 123, Subject, "Report Of The General Board Of Evangelism, Pages 43-65 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," DCA No. 9, page 411, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1539.

No. 22—Membership and Evangelism—"Authorize Evangelistic Movement"—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 22 of the Committee, Calendar No. 124, Subject, "Authorize Evangelistic Movement," DCA No. 9, page 411, columns 2 and 3, and page 412, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 22 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1540.

No. 23—Membership and Evangelism—"Services On Sunday Nights"—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 23 of the

Committee, Calendar No. 127, Subject, "Services On Sunday Nights," *DCA* No. 9, page 412, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 23 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1542.

No. 24—Membership and Evangelism—"Personnel Of General Board Of Evangelism"—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 24 of the Committee, Calendar No. 143, Subject, "Personnel Of General Board Of Evangelism," *DCA* No. 9, page 434, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 24 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1543.

No. 25—Membership and Evangelism—"Vice-Chairman Of District Committee Of Evangelism On Annual Conference Board"—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 25 of the Committee, Calendar No. 217, Subject, "Vice-Chairman Of District Committee Of Evangelism On Annual Conference Board," *DCA* No. 10, page 511, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 25 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1543.

No. 26—Membership and Evangelism—"Non-Concurrence Report"—Ray W. Ragsdale—Adopted

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism, presented Report No. 26 of the Committee, Calendar No. 247, Subject, "Non-concurrence Report," *DCA* No. 11, page 552, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 26 was adopted, thus completing the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on Membership and Evangelism. For Report see Appendix, page 1544.

Closing Remarks—Ray W. Ragsdale

Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee, gave the following challenge to The General Conference for the quadrennium 1956-1960:—

"Mr. Chairman, in closing the work of our Committee, may I say that these are destiny-laden days. Christianity is challenged by varying brands of secularism, and we must respond with a total devotion to Christ if we are to win in the battle for the minds and hearts of men.

Seventy million people in the United States have no contact with the Church. Forty million young people are in no Sunday School. Four million babies are born annually. By 1975 the population of the United States will rise to a staggering 228,000,000 people.

Just to hold our own in this expanding America, we must win three million persons for Christ and His Church in the next four years. We must win 360,000 a year on profession of faith to offset our normal losses. If we keep pace with the expanding population, we must win 600,000 in 1957, 700,000 in 1958, 800,000 in 1959, and 900,000 in 1960. Even so, such gains will only scratch the surface. We must have a new concern for the unchurched. We must enlist and inspire hundreds of thousands of laymen to live a life of witnessing.

The goal of our striving must be nothing less than personal and social redemption, a new man, with a new heart, making a new world."

No. 13—Temporal Economy—"Commission On Promotion And Cultivation"—Reconsidered—Amended—John R. Van Sickle (*)—R. F. Curl—Chester A. McPheeters—Re-adopted

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC), a member of The General Conference and Secretary of the Co-ordinating Council of The Methodist Church, moved a reconsideration of Report No. 13 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 145, Subject, "Commission On Promotion And Cultivation," DCA No. 9, page 434, column 3, and page 435, columns 1 and 2, and gave the following reasons for his motion:—

"The Committee on Correlation is still in a fog about the matter which was acted on this morning and referred, in the matter on page 434 DCA, Report No. 13, Calendar No. 145. The Agencies of the Church have brought its membership into correlation with the recommendation of the Co-ordinating Council, but because of the conflict here, I should like to move reconsideration to get this straightened out. It seems to be impossible to do it through reference and I would now move that Report No. 13, Calendar 145, be reconsidered so I can make another motion that will cover it."

Amendment—John R. Van Sickle ()—Adopted*

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) moved to amend Report No. 13 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, by deleting (DB-170) the words, "*one Minister and one Layman*," found in lines six and seven in the first paragraph of bold-face type, found on page 434, bottom of column 3, and column 1, page 435, Section 2 of Paragraph 750, DCA No. 9, and substituting therefor the words, "**ONE REPRESENTATIVE**," so that the first paragraph in bold-face type, as amended, will read:—

Beginning with line 14, delete the words: *three Bishops selected by The Council of Bishops, etc.*, to the end of the Paragraph and substitute the following: **Six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six members at large, three Ministers and three Laymen chosen from the Church at large, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General**

Conference; ONE REPRESENTATIVE from each Jurisdiction elected by the Jurisdictional Conference thereof on nomination of its College of Bishops: the General Secretary (or General Secretaries) of the several General Boards and Agencies participating in World Service Funds or in Funds raised through the Week of Dedication or the Fellowship of Suffering and Service; the President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; the Chairman of the Advance Committee; and the Chairman of the Week of Dedication Committee.

John R. Van Sickie (*) (Rock River—NC) stated:—

"It is my understanding from the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision that this will bring this membership in line with the action of the Co-ordinating Council."

Substitute for Amendment—R. F. Curl—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) moved as a substitute for the proposed amendment of John R. Van Sickie (*) (Rock River—NC) the following (DB-171):—

"That the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation be made the one exception to the provision of the Co-ordinating Council in its Report No. II, '1. General Agency Membership,' adopted Wednesday, May 2, 1956, barring any increase in the membership of any General Board or Agency."

The motion to thus substitute being duly seconded, R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) spoke to the same as follows:—

"I think that the Committee on Temporal Economy would back me up in a substitute motion that I would like to make. The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation is a new organization set up only in 1952. I think all of us would agree that it is fairly necessary that there should be represented on the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation certain Groups and Agencies. All of those Agencies which are to participate in the funds raised through the work of this Commission should have representation.

Personally, I should not like to have the South Central Jurisdiction lose any of the representation. I do not think you would like your Jurisdiction to lose any of its representation on this important Commission. I would therefore move as a substitute that we make the one exception in the case of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and authorize this increase in membership, which I believe will be an increase of four or five. Nobody seems to know exactly what the increase would be. I am told one time it is an increase of one; then I am told it is an increase of five, and I believe that is the largest figure that I have heard.

I would move as a substitute that we do authorize the increase in this one instance to conform with the recommendations of this Report."

Statement—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement:—

"Now the Report has been reconsidered and is before you, and an amendment has been offered that there be one representative from each Jurisdiction. What Dr. Curl has done has been, as the Chair understands it, to speak in favor of the Report as it now appears. That is correct, isn't it, Dr. Curl?"

R. F. Curl: Yes.

Bishop Holt: So if you consider the amendment and vote it down, then you are on the original Report."

Speaks to Pending Matter—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) spoke to the pending matter, as follows:—

"The Co-ordinating Council brought its Report to this General Conference at a time when we were not crowded for time, and we had ample time to deliberate. This General Conference went on record as recorded on page 112, *Daily Christian Advocate*, at the top of the page, that we believed that these Boards and Agencies should be numbered as of the 1952 *Discipline*. We considered it throughout the four years, and came to that conclusion, although there were many requests that there be increases.

Now, twice before in this Conference there have come Reports which would have increased certain Boards. We called the attention from the floor of this Conference to that fact and in these cases these Boards acceded.

It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that this Commission on Promotion and Cultivation could well afford to conform itself to the action of this General Conference as of that time."

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following statement of the parliamentary situation:—

"Your vote is on the amendment, one from each Jurisdiction. If you favor this amendment, lift your hands; down; opposed.

The amendment is not carried."

Point of Order—John R. Van Sickle (*)—Sustained

John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) raised the following Point of Order:—

"You should have called for the vote on the substitute first, because I think that confused a lot of the voting."

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following ruling:—

"Very well, very well. The Chair did not do that because he felt what Dr. Curl was advocating was the Report as it appears here, and if the amendment were defeated, then you would adopt that Report, but if that is not the case, and you want to vote on the substitute, we will vote on the substitute."

Speaks for Amendment—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) spoke in favor of the proposed amendment of John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) as follows:—

"In other cases no exceptions were requested. This is an exception in one case, and might open the way for many other exceptions, Mr. Chairman."

Against Amendment—R. F. Curl

R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, spoke against the proposed amendment of John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I am told that in at least two instances there have been increases in membership on some of the Agencies. I do not know whether that is true or not. I have not kept a close check myself, but what I am pleading for is that my Jurisdiction and your Jurisdiction shall be represented by two people on the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. The proposed amendment would take away one of the representatives from each of the Jurisdictions on this Commission.

I think we need the grass roots foundation for each and every one of our Agencies."

For Amendment—Chester A. McPheeters

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) spoke for the proposed amendment of John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) as follows:—

"As I said before, the other Boards and Agencies where there were proposed increases, acceded to the will of this Conference. Now we are in a different spot. You have the substitute and you have an amendment, but still there has been no disposition upon anybody's part to say, "We will accede to the will of this Conference," and that is what it seems to me some of us—many of us—and I think the majority of us—would prefer that this Commission likewise accede to the will of this Conference, that its number shall not be more than the 1952 *Discipline* provides."

Substitute Not Adopted—R. F. Curl

The substitute motion of R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC) to make an exception of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation in regard to its personnel, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—John R. Van Sickle ()—Adopted*

The amendment of John R. Van Sickle (*) (Rock River—NC) to Report No. 13 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was adopted.

Report No. 13 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, as amended, was readopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1736.

No. 2—Judicial Administration—"Payment Of Expenses Of Retired Members Of The Judicial Council Attending General Conference"—Robert H. Duncan—Readopted

Robert H. Duncan (Holston—SE) raised a question about the readoption of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 109, Subject, "Payment Of Expenses Of Retired Members Of The Judicial Council Attending General Conference," DCA No. 9, page 408, column 3, which was reconsidered at this morning's session, stating that after a proposed amendment of J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama—SE) had not been adopted, he did not recall The General Conference taking any further action on said Report No. 2.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, put the motion on the readoption of Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, and Report No. 2 was readopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1517.

No. 2—Pensions—"Pension Of A Bishop"—Lester A. Kilpatrick—A. Wesley Pugh—Amended—Adopted

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 150, Subject, "Pension Of A Bishop," DCA No. 9, page 439, columns 1 and 2, and asked common consent to make the following two additions:—

First:—Insert the word "**APPROVED.**" before the word, "service," in line nine, column 1, page 439, and also in line one at the top of column 2, page 439.

Second:—Add the following paragraph at the close of the Report:—

WHEN HE, OR HIS SURVIVING WIDOW AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN BECOME CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS, THE EPISCOPAL FUND SHALL PAY A PENSION ON ACCOUNT OF HIS SERVICE AS A BISHOP, AND HIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OR CONFERENCES, ON ACCOUNT OF HIS APPROVED SERVICE THEREIN.

so that Report No. 2, as amended, will read as follows:—

The Committee recommends the following: That Paragraph 435, Section 2, of the *Discipline* be amended by changing the period at the close of the Paragraph to a comma and adding these words: "**and upon such certification he shall receive a pension from the Episcopal Fund on account of his service as a Bishop and from the Annual Conference**

or Conferences on account of approved service rendered respectively thereto."

so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

A Bishop may voluntarily resign from the Episcopacy at any session of his Jurisdictional Conference. A Bishop so resigning shall surrender to the Secretary of his Jurisdictional Conference his Consecration Papers, and he shall be furnished with a Certificate of his resignation which shall entitle him to membership as a Traveling Elder in the Annual Conference of which he was last a member, or its successor, and upon such certification he shall receive a pension from the Episcopal Fund on account of his service as a Bishop and from the Annual Conference, or Conferences, on account of APPROVED service respectively thereto.

WHEN HE, OR HIS SURVIVING WIDOW AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN BECOME CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS, THE EPISCOPAL FUND SHALL PAY A PENSION ON ACCOUNT OF HIS SERVICE AS A BISHOP, AND HIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OR CONFERENCES, ON ACCOUNT OF HIS APPROVED SERVICE THEREIN.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) spoke to the Report.

The General Conference, granting unanimous common consent, the two additions were made.

Motion of Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), duly seconded, prevailed, adopting Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1653.

No. 3—Pensions—"Pension Legislation; Repeal Of Paragraph 346, 1952 Discipline"—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Adopted

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 151, Subject, "Pension Legislation; Repeal Of Paragraph 346, 1952 *Discipline*," DCA No. 9, page 439, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1654.

No. 4—Pensions—"Pension Legislation"—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Adopted

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 152, Subject, "Pension Legislation," DCA No. 9, page 439, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1654.

No. 5—Pensions—"Pension Legislation"—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Adopted

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the

Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 153, Subject, "Pension Legislation," *DCA* No. 9, page 439, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1654.

No. 6—Pensions—"Pension Legislation; Non-Concurrence"—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Adopted

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 214, Subject, "Pension Legislation; Non-concurrence," *DCA* No. 10, page 511, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 6 was adopted, thus completing the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions. For Report see Appendix, page 1655.

No. 1—Pensions—Reconsidered—"Pension Legislation"—Amendment—W. Nelson Guthrie—Accepted—Lester A. Kilpatrick—Readopted

W. Nelson Guthrie (North Alabama—SE) moved to reconsider Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, Calendar No. 41, Subject, "Pension Legislation," *DCA* No. 6, page 239, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 240, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 241, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 242, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 243, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 244, column 1, for the purpose of making a slight amendment. The motion to reconsider, being duly seconded, was adopted.

W. Nelson Guthrie (North Alabama—SE) moved to amend Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions (DB-172) by deleting the word, "*shall*," at the beginning of line two in Section 3 of Paragraph 1625, *DCA* No. 6, page 242, column 1, and substituting therefor the word, "**MAY**" so that Section 3 of Paragraph 1625 will read as amended:—

"3. The Conference Board of Pensions MAY pay annuities in quarterly or monthly installments."

Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Pensions, accepted the proposed amendment of W. Nelson Guthrie (North Alabama—SE) for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference. Report No. 1 was then readopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1632.

No. 6—Publishing Interests—“Jurisdictional Conference Journals”—C. Anderson Davis—J. Otis Young—Oscar Thomas Olson—Adopted

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, in the absence of the Chairman, J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), presented Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) for the presentation of Reports of the Committee.

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 75, Subject, “Jurisdictional Conference Journals,” *DCA* No. 8, page 372, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 6 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1671.

No. 7—Publishing Interests—“Discount On Books For Methodist Ministers”—Oscar Thomas Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 7 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Subject, “Discount On Books For Methodist Ministers,” *DCA* No. 9, page 409, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1672.

No. 8—Publishing Interests—“Racial Segregation In The Methodist Publishing House”—Oscar Thomas Olson—Chester A. Smith (*)—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 112, Subject, “Racial Segregation In The Methodist Publishing House,” *DCA* No. 9, page 409, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1672.

Information Sought—Chester A. Smith ()—Answers—Oscar Thomas Olson*

In connection with the consideration of and action on Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked some questions, which were answered by Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) as follows:—

“I desire to ask the Chairman of the Committee how many of the employees of The Methodist Publishing House are Negroes?”

Oscar Thomas Olson: The files of The Methodist Publishing House do not show a record whether an employed person is white or colored.

Chester A. Smith: What percentage of the employees of The Publishing House are Negroes?

Oscar Thomas Olson: Your Legislative Committee does not know the answer to that administrative question.

Chester A. Smith: Do you think it is a fair question to ask, sir?

Oscar Thomas Olson: I do not think it is a question to come before a legislative body at this moment.

Chester A. Smith: I regret, sir, that we have not been able to secure the information from the Chairman."

No. 9—Publishing Interests—"Report Of Publishing Interests, Pages 9-39 of 1956 Quadrennial Reports of Boards And Commissions—Oscar Thomas Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 9 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 113, Subject, "Report Of Publishing Interests, Pages 9-39 Of 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," DCA No. 9, page 409, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1673.

No. 10—Publishing Interests—"Policies Regarding Leading Methodist Publications"—Oscar Thomas Olson—Amended—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 10 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 114, Subject, "Policies Regarding Leading Methodist Publications," DCA No. 9, page 409, column 3, and requested unanimous common consent to amend Report No. 10 by referring the subject matter to both the Co-ordinating Council and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. Unanimous common consent being given by The General Conference for this method of procedure, Report No. 10 was adopted on the motion of Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC), duly seconded. For Report see Appendix, page 1674.

No. 11—Publishing Interests—"Promotional Publications"—Oscar Thomas Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 11 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 115, Subject, "Promotional Publications," DCA No. 9, page 409, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1675.

No. 12—Publishing Interests—"Editing The Discipline"—Oscar Thomas Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 12 of the Standing Legislative Committee on

Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 118, Subject, "Editing The *Discipline*," DCA No. 9, page 410, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1675.

No. 13—Publishing Interests—"Revision Of Hymnal And Hymnal For Small Churches"—Oscar Thomas Olson—Chester A. Smith—Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 13 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 119, Subject, "Revision Of Hymnal And Hymnal For Small Churches." DCA No. 9, page 410, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1675.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith (*)—Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Not Germane

In connection with the consideration of and action on Report No. 13 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) proposed an amendment, which was ruled on by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: This will be my last attempt to speak on this particular matter!

I move, Mr. Chairman, as an amendment on page 410, column 2, bottom of the column and top of column 3, *Daily Christian Advocate*, to the Report, by adding to the words at the end of the Report, ending with, "... for its study and action." the following:

We instruct the Commission on Fine Arts to change the word "wine" in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the word "cup" wherever the word occurs.

I was ruled out of order previously, and I think perhaps rightly, by the Chairman, who is always so fair and splendid; but I think now, Mr. Chairman, I have a right to move that a Commission be instructed, because as I understand the law, The General Conference has a right to instruct Commissions.

So, therefore, I move that the Commission be instructed to change the word "wine" to the word "cup."

Ruling—Bishop Holt: The Chair would have to say that this Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests is merely referring this matter under consideration, which is the Hymnal for Youth, to the Worship Commission. I don't see how this particular amendment is germane to this Report.

I think there is no doubt but that in view of your repeated efforts to change this, Brother Smith, the Commission on Worship will certainly take into consideration what you have done here. However, I cannot see that it applies in this particular Report.

Chester A. Smith: Well, I certainly accept your ruling because of

my high regard for you personally, and I hope that the Commission will consider what you have said and that they will adopt your suggestion."

No. 14—Publishing Interests—"Non-Concurrence Memorials"—Oscar Thomas Olson—Adopted

Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC) presented Report No. 14 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, Calendar No. 210, Subject, "Non-concurrence Memorials," DCA No. 10, page 510, column 3, and page 511, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1676.

No. 15—Publishing Interests—"Continue Central Christian Advocate"—C. Anderson Davis—Adopted

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 269, Subject, "Continue Central Christian Advocate," DCA No. 11, page 556, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1676.

Thanks—C. Anderson Davis

Consideration of and action on Report No. 15 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, completed the work of the Committee, and C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C), Vice-Chairman, in the absence of J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman, thanked the members of the Committee, especially the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees, and J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC), Chairman and George E. Clary, Sr. (South Georgia—SE), Secretary, for their interest in and work for all matters germane to the Committee's responsibility.

No. 3—Plan of Organization and Rules of Order—A. Wesley Pugh—Amended—Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, DCA No. 10, page 465, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 466, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 467, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 468, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 469, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 470, columns 1, 2 and 3, explaining the various changes in the same for the 1960 General Conference of The Methodist Church, and requested common consent to make four corrections.

The General Conference unanimously granting the request, the following four corrections were made:—

First:—*DCA* No. 10, page 465, column 1: delete the word “*of*” in “I. Opening of Organization,” and substitute therefor the words, “**Session and,**” so that the amended line will read under “A. Plan of Organization,”

“I. Opening **SESSION AND** Organization.”

Second:—Insert on page 466, column 3, *DCA* No. 10, under, “2. Legislative Committees,” in line seven of the first paragraph following the words, “to the Conference,” the following inadvertently omitted from Report No. 1, adopted Monday, April 30, 1956, which reads as follows:—

“*provided, however, Reports and proposals from the regular Councils and Special Commissions of The General Conference may be made directly to The Conference.*”

Third:—Delete the words, “*and Church Extension,*” in line four of “(6) Missions,” page 467, column 1 of *DCA* No. 10, so that the amended “(6) Missions,” will read as follows:—

“(6) Missions. To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions, and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.”

Fourth:—Delete the capital bold-face words, “**ROUND TRIP SECOND CLASS SHIP FARE,**” found in lines nine and ten, “Section 3. under VIII. Delegates’ Expense Account,” page 468, column 1, *DCA* No. 10, and substitute therefor the words, “**EQUIVALENT ROUND TRIP CABIN-CLASS SHIP FARE,**” so that the amended Section 3 will read:—

3. Travel expense for Delegates to The Conference shall be on the basis of railroad fare by the most direct route (clergy fare for Ministers) lower berth or roomette (Pullman) and meals en route OR BY AIR COACH. OVERSEAS DELEGATES SHALL BE ALLOWED THE ROUND TRIP TOURIST FARE BY AIR OR EQUIVALENT ROUND TRIP CABIN-CLASS SHIP FARE. ADDITIONAL EXPENSE MAY BE ALLOWED SUCH DELEGATES FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE DAYS IN EITHER CASE. When two or more Delegates come in one automobile the owner shall be allowed 7 cents per mile for his car plus the cost of room and meals en route. Guest passengers who are Members of The General Conference shall submit only the cost of room and meals en route. In all cases Delegates shall report only the actual cost of travel.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organiza-

tion and Rules of Order, moved that Report No. 2 be adopted, as amended. The motion was duly seconded.

Questions—Paul V. Galloway—J. Wesley Hole ()—
Answers—A. Wesley Pugh*

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma—SC), Chairman of the Program Committee of The General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, asked some questions which were answered by A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and by J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W), Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, The Conference Entertainment Commission does not want to set up a lot of Orders of the Day, but would you accept in that the right for our Commission to set up Orders of the Day past the first day, for this reason: For example, India. We had to set that up because it affected people from long distances. Would you give us the right to get in touch with you before Conference so that we can set up two or three that have to do with people coming long distances?”

A. Wesley Pugh: I would think that this matter could be rather definitely scheduled, and the Committee of Chairmen would be glad to co-operate on something like that. We will fit the other matter in.

Paul V. Galloway: Another case: the first day, or the second day, we made an Order of the Day for the Chaplains, because that involved bringing men hundreds of miles. That is the reason we don't want to be limited to the first day. We cannot set up the Program for some of the advantages of these people unless we go past the first day.

We have no idea of trying to rule the Orders of the Day, but there are usually two to four we need to set up for the convenience of people, that is all.

A. Wesley Pugh: Well, I think that would be understood by the Committee.

Paul V. Galloway: Thank you.

A. Wesley Pugh: They would readily accept those things and fit the other Orders of the Day into the Program along with them.

Paul V. Galloway: We will not set up anything in regard to legislative matters. Thank you, Dr. Pugh.

J. Wesley Hole: Mr. Chairman, I think in the Report the first day we did schedule Orders ahead. It does not refer to the fact that all the Orders of the Day have to be presented on the first day.

Mr. Pugh and I think it is perfectly clear. We worked it out together.”

Question—John R. Wilkins—Answer—A. Wesley Pugh

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) asked a question which was answered by A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana

—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question, whether pending amendments are to be made as Dr. Pugh proceeds, or at the time he moves adoption of the whole Report?

A. Wesley Pugh: Mr. Chairman, I had intended, if The Conference agreed, that we would go through the whole Report and point out the significant changes, and then be ready for any amendments that might be presented.”

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC) completed the presentation of the Report.

Amendment—Eugene L. Smith—Accepted—A. Wesley Pugh

Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE), General Secretary of the Division of World Missions, General Board of Missions. The Methodist Church, moved to amend “(1) Conferences.” under the general heading “2. Legislative Committees,” page 466, column 3, DCA No. 10, by deleting the words, “*Central, Provisional Central,*” in lines four and five of “(1) Conferences,” so that the amended “(1) Conferences” will read, as follows:—

(1) Conferences. To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to The General, Jurisdictional, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences and Missions; Official Boards and the organization of the local church.

and made the following statement in support of his proposed amendment:—

“I am asking whether the Committee would be willing to delete the reference to Central and Provisional Central Conferences, because under agreement those matters were to go to the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, which has to consider them at much greater length than is possible during The General Conference itself.”

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, accepted the proposed amendment of Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE), General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—John R. Wilkins—A. Wesley Pugh—George H. Atkinson—Not Adopted

John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee

on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, by deleting Sub-section "(1) Committee of Chairman at the top of page 465, column 3, DCA No. 10, which reads as follows:—

(1) *Committee of Chairmen.* The Chairmen of the several Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, and the Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee Reports to The Conference in such order as to expedite the business. To this Committee shall be referred all requests for special Orders of the Day except those requested in the Report of the Commission on Entertainment and Program of The General Conference on the first day of The Conference Session.

and substituting therefor, the following:—

(1) BUSINESS COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FOUR LAYMEN AND THREE MINISTERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS FROM THE REGULARLY ELECTED DELEGATES TO THE ENSUING GENERAL CONFERENCE AT THE WINTER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, PRECEDING THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE. THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHALL CONVENE THE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE. ITS DUTIES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CONSULT WITH AGENCIES AND LEADERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH CONCERNING THE TIMING OF THEIR REPORTS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. IT SHALL CO-OPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION ON ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM IN CORRELATING THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

B. CONSULT WITH AND OBTAIN FROM THE CHAIRMEN OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE SCHEDULING OF THEIR REPORTS ON THE BUSINESS AGENDA. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE SHALL CONVENE THE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND DEVELOP IN CO-OPERATION WITH THEM ANY NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR EXPEDITING THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

C. REPORT TO EACH BUSINESS SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUSINESS AGENDA, INCLUDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS.

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) spoke to the same as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of The General Conference: I would like to propose an amendment to the Report of the Committee on Rules, as follows: On page 465, *Daily Christian Advocate* the third column, under VI, Committees, in the first section, Administrative Committees, and the first sub-section (1) entitled Committee of Chairmen.

The amendment I am proposing is on page 515 of the *Daily Advocate* printed this morning. The substance of the amendment is

to delete the section on Committee of Chairmen, as reported by the Committee of Rules, and substitute for it the above (1) Business Committee.

I shall not endeavor to read all of it.

The first part of it indicates the composition of it, which is in accordance with our customs and the plans that have been reported by the Committee on Rules and adopted by our General Conference in the past. It would be a Business Committee composed of four Laymen and three Ministers appointed by The Council of Bishops; in addition there would be two *ex officio*, the Secretary of The General Conference and the Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program.

The substance of its duties are under A, B, and C.

"A" deals with the problem presented by Dr. Galloway. I would like to request an editorial change if the last sentence under "C" could be added to Section "A." It would read then: "Consult with Agencies and leaders of The Methodist Church concerning the timing of their Reports to The General Conference. It shall co-operate with the Commission on Entertainment and Program in correlating the business of The General Conference."

In counselling with some of the members of the Rules Committee and some of the Chairmen, I discovered there were two points of concern: (1) one of these, that there would be no contradiction and overlapping with the Commission on Entertainment and Program. This is cared for by the fact that the Chairman of the Program Committee is a member of the Business Committee and is instructed to consult and co-operate with it.

Now, the second point of great concern which was logical is covered in Section "B." "It shall consult with and obtain from the Chairman of Legislative and Administrative Committees information and recommendations concerning the scheduling of their Reports on the Business Agenda.

"The Chairman of the Business Committee shall convene the Chairmen of Committees and develop in co-operation with them any necessary procedures for expediting the business of The Conference.

"It is very important that the Chairmen of these Legislative Committees keep in very close touch with the Business Agenda and the scheduling of their Reports."

This is cared for by the fact that the Chairman of the Business Committee must convene those Chairmen and work out a suitable procedure of scheduling Reports.

You will notice in the Report of the Committee presented that in addition to their duties as Chairmen of the Committees, they are assuming duties to help schedule Reports which is important, but now they are proposing additional business duties whereby they in fact become a Business Committee, which overloads the duties of the Chairmen of the Committees.

The last section "C" means that from the very beginning, from the time the gavel falls on the first day of our sessions until the close, the Benediction, there is one continuing co-operating Committee that co-ordinates all of the business.

Now, briefly, in closing, there may be the suggestion to delay and wait and study. If that is done, we will not be relieved of some of

the pressure that has come upon us this afternoon, which is largely due to the lack of timing the first few days.

If we can act on this this afternoon, it will make possible the correcting of this so that The General Conference in 1960 can be managed through this type of Business Committee. I believe it will save time. It will save money. It will correlate our business. It will improve the spirit. In fact, it is conceivable that on the last day of The General Conference of 1960 the Calendar would be cleared, the Delegates relaxed, and they could be served coffee and doughnuts, and the waitresses would be the Methodist women with Full Clergy Rights."

Speaks to Amendment—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, spoke to the proposed amendment of John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, as I see it, this amounts to almost a re-naming of the Committee of Chairmen. They now carry these responsibilities, and as Dr. Wilkins has well stated, it would be very necessary for all of these Committees to keep in very close touch with the new Committee which he suggests.

The Business Committee, if you have one, would have to constantly call the Committee Chairmen to consultation to know what the situation is with respect to the legislative business. It may be that there is merit in this. I spoke to Dr. Wilkins and said it may be so, but if so it ought to be put into the hopper of the Committee on Rules, or somebody so they can think it through long enough to present it with a considered judgment upon it.

This has not been before us in time for us to consider it. If The General Conference in the future wants to do anything more than we have suggested here, of course, it can do it. You can judge for yourselves about this business. I think from the experience we have had it would be very difficult to predict just what The General Conference will do in the first few days. We have suggested some things we believe will relieve the situation at the beginning of The General Conference, at the 1960 Conference. And so far as the Committee is concerned we would prefer to stand on the Report as it is and let this be an item of business if you care to do it at the next General Conference."

George H. Atkinson—For Amendment

George H. Atkinson (California-Nevada—W) spoke for the proposed amendment of John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W) as follows:—

"I just wanted to point out that the big difference is not just in renaming of the Committee. The big difference is that this Business Committee would be appointed three months ahead of time and could have their plans made and started to be made before we got to The Conference. If you wait until the various Committee Chairmen are elected so as to make up the Committee of Chairmen, you already have lost a day, and that is the important day."

Closes Debate—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, closed the debate for the Committee as follows:—

“If you think a Committee meeting three months in advance of The General Conference will know what the legislative matters are going to be throughout The General Conference, you have a better imagination than I have. I do not think they can do it at all.”

Amendment—John R. Wilkins—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada—W), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Paul V. Shearer ()—A. Wesley Pugh—Not Adopted*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, by adding a new Committee, to be numbered “(16) Special Commissions and Committees,” and to be placed after “(15) Enabling Acts and Legal Forms,” at the top of column 2, page 467, DCA No. 10, reading as follows:—

Amend that portion of the Proposed Rules dealing with Committees by adding thereto a new paragraph (16) as follows, on page 467, column 2 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*:

(16) SPECIAL COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES. THERE SHALL BE A COMMITTEE OF TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH JURISDICTION TO WHICH SHALL BE REFERRED ALL REPORTS FROM THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS CREATED BY A PRECEDING GENERAL CONFERENCE DESIGNATED TO REPORT SPECIALLY TO THE CURRENT GENERAL CONFERENCE. SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE PRINTED IN THE *DAILY ADVOCATE* PRIOR TO REFERRAL TO THIS COMMITTEE, AND THIS COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW AND REPORT THEREON CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The motion to amend being duly seconded, Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) spoke to the same as follows:—

“Very briefly, sir.

This Special Commission and Committee is designed to take care of Reports coming from the Co-ordinating Council, the Council of World Service and Finance and other Special Agencies and Committees and Commissions.

The purport of the proposed change in the Rules is that these Reports should be reviewed by a Committee representative of The General Conference to insure adequate consideration being given to them.

This amendment, if it prevails, will guarantee that all matters will be printed and reviewed in advance of its consideration by The General Conference.

Let me remind you that we are the highest Legislative Body of the Church. We are one of the three co-ordinating branches of the Church. There is a noticeable trend, however, to delegate much of the legislative responsibility to Special Commissions. This results in our becoming a body of ratifiers and not legislators. The next logical step would be for the General Boards to by-pass the Legislative Committees themselves.

We all recognize, of course, that the Co-ordinating Council, The Council on World Service and Finance and other Special Commissions at our direction must do the necessary groundwork on matters to be considered by The General Conference. They do this by doing the research and attending to the matters of detail and by preparing Reports, but this does not mean that we should abrogate our rights as legislators.

The principle involved here is a very important and serious one. We are a legislative body, and that function must remain inviolate.

We would do a dis-service to every succeeding General Conference if we failed to assert and exercise our rights as a Legislative Body.

Only in Legislative Committees can the democratic processes be fully utilized. Only in our Legislative Committees can full disclosure be obtained of all the pertinent facts. The ratification theory may be the easier, simpler, more efficient way, but it is not the democratic way.

We are all aware of what happened this year with the Report of the Board of Publication.

It was brought to us for the first time on Monday, April 30, and was initially considered that same morning, without any prior disclosure of detail. It is my understanding that the Board of Publication even refused to answer pertinent questions of detail in the Committee on Publishing Interests, which was considering a general Memorial concerning the Bold Venture, on the theory that they had only to report to The General Conference as such.

I am of the personal opinion that the new Bold Venture would have set a lot better with many of the Members of The General Conference if the Report had been reviewed in full by a Legislative Committee and had had full disclosure and had discussion been permitted in said Committee.

The success of this great General Conference in a large measure has been the result of the spirit of good will and brotherhood generated in the Committees on Conferences and State of the Church. I hope that we will continue to be a Legislative Body."

Previous Question—T. Herbert Minga—Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

T. Herbert Minga (North Texas—SC) moved the Previous Question on all before The General Conference.

Ruling—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, ruled as follows:—

“Well, I wonder if you wouldn’t withhold that just a moment because the procedure now is that the mover of the amendment has made his statement, and the Chairman should make his answer, and then we vote on that, and that is the only thing that is before us until we have cleared all of these amendments.

Closes Debate—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, closed the debate for the Committee as follows:—

“This would be only a matter of privilege for the Committee on Publishing Interests, and Mr. Shearer must have been misinformed about the procedure in that Committee. That Committee was given all the details and all information that they asked for with reference to this Bold Adventure; in fact, we have shown the periodicals and there was shown a film about it. It was completely shown to the Committee for their consideration.

I want to clear that and, in the next place, I just simply want to say that it does not appear to me that to refer or try to refer these great matters to a Committee of twelve persons out of his body would be extending democratic procedure, and ask them to bring in a Report for us, and tell us what we ought to do about them. We are for anything that will help to speed the work of The Conference, but to a good legislative result, and it seems doubtful to me if these Councils and Commissions will even have finished their work and their Reports when they get here. Sometimes they have not.

It would be quite difficult, it seems to me, to put into practice, but if it is your will—”

Amendment—Paul V. Shearer ()—Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendments Withdrawn—Paul V. Shearer ()*

Paul V. Shearer (*) (Iowa-Des Moines—NC) stated that in view of the action of The General Conference, and the tenor of its thinking, he would withdraw the following amendments from the consideration of and action on, by The General Conference, reading as follows:—

Amend that portion of the Proposed Rules dealing with Daily Schedule (Page 468, Column I of *The Daily Christian Advocate*) by adding Rule 3 as follows:

RULE 3. THE COMMITTEE OF CHAIRMEN, BEGINNING WITH THE THIRD DAY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SHALL

SCHEDULE AND HAVE PRINTED IN THE *DAILY ADVOCATE* LISTS OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE CALENDAR FOR THE BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE DAY.

Amend Rule 28—page 469, column 3, of *Daily Christian Advocate*, at end of first paragraph, by striking "*unless by a two-thirds vote of The Conference an item is taken up out of its order,*" and by inserting:—

"UNLESS UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF CHAIRMEN WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONFERENCE A DIFFERENT ORDER IS SCHEDULED."

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—A. Wesley Pugh—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order by proposing three amendments, which were considered and acted on separately by The General Conference as follows:—

First:—Add the words **"AND PROHIBITION"** to the title of Committee No. 10, page 467, column 1, *DCA* No. 10, so that the title will read, "(10) Temperance **AND PROHIBITION.**"

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"I think, as I have said here, prohibition being our final objective on the liquor question, we further ought to retain in the name of this Committee the words **"AND PROHIBITION,"** so it will still remain the Committee on Temperance **AND PROHIBITION.**"

Closes Debate—A. Wesley Pugh—Amendment Not Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, closed the debate on this proposed amendment, as follows:—

"The Committee on Temperance—you will notice under "The Duties of the Committee on Temperance." it states that all Memorials, and so forth, relating to temperance and prohibition of the liquor traffic—we do not back away from our ultimate ideal on this whole matter, but we have a Board of Temperance, Jurisdictional Boards of Temperance, and Annual Conference Boards of Temperance, and it seemed, at least in the interest of harmonization here, to leave out the words "and prohibition" in the name of the committee.

The Committee on Temperance—it doesn't change its duties at all."

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Second:—To substitute for the paragraph relating to expenses or methods of travel of men from abroad, Section 3 of VIII Delegates' Expense Account, page 468, column 1, DCA No. 10, the statement,

"THE STANDARD OF TRAVEL SHALL BE THE SAME FOR ALL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE."

The motion to thus amend, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"In all fairness to the Delegates from abroad, we ought to have them travel in the same kind of accommodations that we have in the United States.

I felt very badly to think that in 1952 we did not do this. I traveled, myself, to this Conference, second class. I sat up all night. I would not take a Pullman or a sleeper because I wanted to identify myself with the men who were coming from abroad, and travel the same second class that they traveled.

I have traveled tourist class on the Atlantic. I have traveled second class on the Atlantic. I have traveled first class on the Atlantic. I have traveled first class on the Mediterranean, and, my friends, tourist class is no good, in spite of what anybody might say. It is not the way we travel to the Conference in this country, and I think we ought to permit the Delegates from abroad to travel first class, the same as we have."

Closes Debate—A. Wesley Pugh—Amendment Not Adopted

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, closed the debate on this proposed amendment, as follows:—

"Now, the next has to do with the travel of the Delegates. If you will notice the first sentence on page 468, under 'Delegates' Expense Account,' the first sentence refers to all Delegates. Brother Smith didn't need to sit up. The Delegates from Overseas and from the United States are entitled to travel first class in this country. When we travel, we all travel the same, or by air coach. That applies to everybody and not to Overseas Delegates. There is no difference made between one Delegate and the other, but to establish some standard for travel overseas, we have inserted in here what we thought would be understood, 'Tourist fare by air,' which is the way almost all of us would go if we were going somewhere and spending the money of the Church. I have done it myself, and it is good travel, and, by ship, the equivalent of round trip cabin-class ship fare.

Now, on the Pacific that might be first class where there is no intermediate class, but on the Atlantic there are, as I understand it, first class—the Bishops don't go first class; they take cabin-class. That is what we want to do, level it out for everybody, and I think this takes care of it."

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Third:—To delete under the Caption, "3. Membership of Committees," page 467, column 2, DCA No. 10, the following paragraph:—

(2) *Legislative Committees numbered 11 to 15, inclusive (Temperance and Prohibition, Hospitals and Homes, Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, Judicial Administration, and Ritual and Orders of Worship), shall each consist of two ministers and two laymen from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one layman from the Delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States.*

and substitute therefor the following:—

COMMITTEES 10 TO 15 (TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION, HOSPITALS AND HOMES, INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES, JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP, ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS) BE COMMITTEES COMPOSED OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WHO HAVE SELECTED THEM AS COMMITTEES UPON WHICH THEY DESIRE TO SERVE, RATHER THAN HAVING THESE COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE BISHOPS;

AND THAT WHEN COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS ARE NOMINATED BY THE BISHOPS THE GENERAL CONFERENCE MAY SUBSTITUTE FOR THE NOMINEES OF THE BISHOPS OTHER NOMINEES AS ITS MEMBERS SO DESIRE OR THAT THEY MAY SUBSTITUTE THEIR NOMINEES FOR THE NOMINEES OF THE BISHOPS AND THAT IF SUCH NOMINEES ARE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, THEY SHALL TAKE THE PLACE OF THOSE NOMINATIONS BY THE BISHOPS.

The proposed amendment, being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"Now, in regard to the matter of the Committees appointed by the Bishops, I think that when The Council of Bishops nominates a Commission or a Committee, we should have the right to nominate from the floor, in place of any nominees they have made, and that we should be permitted to do that. The other night the ruling was that I could not substitute the name of a Negro, Peter J. White, for one of those who were nominated by the Bishops from the Northeastern Jurisdiction. The Presiding Officer that night would not permit the Chairman there to request the Bishops to appoint a Negro. I think we should be permitted to do this."

Closes Debate—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, closed the debate on this amendment as follows:—

"I simply have to say with reference to the proposed amendment to allow nominations from the floor, it would just seem to me, without considering it too carefully, that we would get into quite an involved

situation of a good many ballots. There would be a good many offerings of nominations from the floor. It would result in a ballot election for each one of these Committees that must be raised at the beginning of The General Conference.

I can see the democratic principle involved, but, as a practical proposition, it doesn't seem to me that it would work very well."

Speaks to Pending Question—Merrill B. McFall

Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC) spoke to the pending question as follows:—

"The other night Mr. Smith wanted to make a nomination. The Bishop who was presiding could not accept that nomination, not because he was trying to be difficult or arbitrary, but because the action of this body stated that Bishops of each College of Bishops of each Jurisdiction, after consulting with the Lay and Clerical heads of the Delegations, should receive names, and from those names should make nominations. They were limited.

There was no opportunity for nominations from the floor, by order of this body."

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—J. Wesley Hole ()—Accepted—A. Wesley Pugh*

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, page 468, Column 1, DCA No. 10, by inserting under, "B. RULES OF ORDER, I Daily Schedule; Section (4)" the words, "EVENING PROGRAMS OR," so that Section (4), as amended, will read:—

(4) 7:30 P.M. EVENING PROGRAMS OR Committee Meetings."

The proposed amendment of J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W) was accepted by A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, for the Committee, there being no objection raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Wilford C. Westenberger—Accepted—A. Wesley Pugh

Wilford C. Westenberger (Tennessee—SE) moved to amend Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (DB-173),

page 466, column 2, *DCA* No. 10, third paragraph of "(8) Reference," by inserting the words, "**AND, SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, ONLY ONE CHAPTER IN THE DISCIPLINE,**" to follow the words, "general subject," at the beginning of line three of said third paragraph, so that paragraph three, as amended, will read:—

"All Memorials shall be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject; **AND, SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, ONLY ONE CHAPTER IN THE DISCIPLINE.**"

Not more than one Memorial should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, accepted the proposed amendment of Wilford C. Westenberger (Tennessee—SE) for the Committee, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference.

Amendment—Fran H. Faber ()—A. Wesley Pugh—Not Adopted*

Fran H. Faber (*) (Minnesota—NC) moved to amend "Rule 36, Presentation of Report of Minority," page 470, column 2, *DCA* No. 10 (DB-174), by inserting after the words "Majority Report has been presented," in line nine, the words, "**AND PERFECTED,**" so that Rule 36, as amended, will read:—

Rule 36. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF MINORITY

A member selected by the signers of a Report of a Minority of a Committee to present the same, shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the Chairman in the presentation of the regular (Majority) Report of the Committee, except that he may not present said Minority Report until the Majority Report has been presented, **AND PERFECTED**, and shall then offer it as a substitute therefor, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the question of making the substitution the member presenting the Minority Report shall speak first and the Chairman last.

and made the following statement:—

"I wonder if, under Rule 36, Line 9, the Committee would accept, after the words "Majority Report has been presented," to add the words "**AND PERFECTED.**" I believe that some of your difficulty is that in the discussion of Majority and Minority Reports we were confused on which amendment referred to which."

Closes Debate—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Plan of Organization

and Rules of Order, closed the debate for the Committee as follows:—

"I do not think, as Chairman of the Committee, I could accept that. It seems a matter of fairness, when we have a Minority Report, to allow The General Conference to have presented to it not only the Majority Report, but also know what the Minority think at the beginning of the debate.

I think this is right and proper as it is presented here, and would stand on this."

Amendment—Fran H. Faber ()—Not Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Fran H. Faber (*) (Minnesota—NC), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 3, Plan of Organization and Rules of Order—Adopted As Amended

Report No. 3 of the Standing Administrative Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order was adopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1228.

Nominations Council of Bishops—Bishop Frederick B. Newell

Bishop Frederick B. Newell of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, was recognized, and stated that The Council of Bishops desired to make changes in their previous nominations for the Commission on the Educational Emphasis of the Quadrennial Program, and on the Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System, elected Friday night, May 4, 1956, and on motion of Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), duly seconded, the election to these two Commissions were reconsidered.

Bishop Frederick B. Newell then presented the following changes for The Council of Bishops (DB-175), and on motion of William H. Alderson (New York East—NE), duly seconded, they were elected as follows:—

Commission on the Educational Emphasis of the Quadrennial Program:—Remove Alonzo W. McBride (*) (Washington—C) and place thereon Henry L. Dickason (East Tennessee—C).

Commission to Study and to Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System:—Remove John T. King (*) (West Texas—C) and place thereon Mrs. Obie C. Coe (*) (West Texas—C).

Reference—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted and Ordered to Record

On motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the following Reports of the Standing Administrative Committee of Reference were adopted and ordered to record:—

No. 1. *DCA* No. 10, page 512, column 1.

No. 2. *DCA* No. 10, page 512, columns 1 and 2.

Memorials listed as follows:—From 1-716 inclusive, *DCA* No. 1, columns 1, 2 and 3, found on pages 24 to 30 inclusive and in column 1 of page 31;

Memorials 717-2268 inclusive, *DCA* No. 2, columns 1, 2 and 3, found on pages 61 to 74 inclusive;

Memorials 2269-3010 inclusive, *DCA* No. 3, columns 1, 2 and 3, found on pages 97 to 108 inclusive;

Memorials 3011-3156 inclusive, *DCA* No. 4, columns 1, 2 and 3, found on pages 148-149;

Memorials 3157-3748 inclusive, *DCA* No. 5, columns 1, 2 and 3, found on pages 180 to 187 inclusive;

Memorials 3749-3834 inclusive, *DCA* No. 6, columns 1, 2 and 3, found on page 259;

Memorials 3835-4986 inclusive, *DCA* No. 7, columns 1, 2 and 3, found on pages 277-288 inclusive.

For all Reports of the Standing Administrative Committee of Reference, see Appendix, pages 1257-1308.

Inter-Agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion and Publication—A. Wesley Pugh—Adopted

On motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the Report of the Inter-Agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion and Publication, *DCA* No. 9, page 439, columns 2 and 3, was adopted, and ordered to record. For Report see Appendix, page 1811.

Resolution of Commendation—Caradine R. Hooton—Lynn H. Corson—W. Ralph Ward—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE) presented the following Resolution of Commendation of Caradine R. Hooton (DB-176), and on motion of W. Ralph Ward (Pittsburgh—NE) it was adopted and ordered printed in the Journal, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: Just one brief Resolution before we begin the Calendar.

COMMENDATION OF CARADINE R. HOOTON

Be It Resolved, That Methodism is indebted to Dr. Caradine R. Hooton and the Staff of the General Board of Temperance for the wise and constructive leadership they are giving to the Church in this difficult but very necessary field.

That the Church is fully alerted to the dangers inherent in our present situation and it is prepared to meet the challenge of the liquor traffic through a Program of Education and Commitment is largely due to the leadership of Dr. Hooton and his co-workers.

Your Committee on Temperance would like to commend our leadership in this Special Field, and that this commendation become the action of this General Conference."

(Signed) Lynn H. Corson, Chairman

No. 4—Temperance and Prohibition—"District Director Of Temperance"—Lynn H. Corson—Corrected—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 83, Subject, "District Director Of Temperance," *DCA* No. 8, page 375, columns 2 and 3, and requested that the word, "*the*" be deleted at the end of next to the last line in Paragraph 1543, so that Paragraph 1543, as amended, will read:—

Paragraph 1543. There shall be a District Director of Temperance in each District, appointed by the District Superintendent and publicly assigned by the Bishop to carry forward the work of Temperance in the several Districts of the Annual Conference. Should a vacancy occur in this office during the Conference year, such vacancy may be filled by appointment of the District Superintendent.

The General Conference unanimously approved the requested deletion of the word "*the*."

On the motion of Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, Report No. 4 was adopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1725.

Amendment Proposed—Chester A. Smith ()—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) stated he would like to offer an amendment, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, replied that Report No. 4 had already been adopted, and that he was sorry he had not seen him in time for his proposed amendment.

**No. 5—Temperance and Prohibition—"Commitment Day"—
Lynn H. Corson—Amendment—Mrs. Helen C. Waters—
Not Adopted—Report Adopted**

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 84, Subject, "Commitment Day," DCA No. 8, page 376, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Proposed Amendment—Mrs. Helen C. Waters ()—Lynn H. Corson—Not Adopted*

Mrs. Helen C. Waters (*) (Delaware—C) moved to amend Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, as follows:—

To enlist Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages and to challenge church members to creative action for a sober home and social life:—

I move that there shall be two Special Days of Commitment, each year, to be promoted by the General Board of Temperance through the Jurisdictional and the Annual Conference Boards of Temperance. These days shall be designated as Commitment Days and shall be observed on the first Sunday in December and the first Sunday in June; because they shall be primarily spiritual observances, it is suggested that no Special Temperance Offering be taken but special sermons be preached on that day.

The proposed amendment of Mrs. Helen C. Waters (*) (Delaware—C) being duly seconded, she spoke to the same as follows:—

"While I am deeply interested in all phases of our great Church, and I am happy to be able to say Our Great Church with freedom, I am deeply interested in this question on temperance.

For ten years I have led the fight against alcohol in my own community, and one time had my home set on fire because of it. I would have this Conference know that that did not stop me. I simply added on more insurance and went out to fight harder.

Our 1952 *Discipline* reads: 'We should promote a vigorous Program of Temperance Education.' In spite of that and since 1952, the use of alcoholic beverages in our church homes have been on the increase by our social cocktail parties and our spiked wedding receptions. As I travel about, I inquire as to the Educational Program in our Local Churches. I have talked to a great many since being here at our General Conference.

I have been shocked to learn so little attention is being paid to Commitment Day or even Temperance Sermons. I have heard some say that it is a hard matter to even get a Committee on Temperance in their church.

Considering the increased drinking in our high schools and by our young people, yet we sit by idly and let taverns come into our own communities without a dissenting word or point.

So, Mr. Chairman, I hope that instead of one Commitment Day, we will have two. I would like for it to be in the week of Family Week, but I find that our three Sundays in June are taken. Mr. Chairman, I would like to see this amendment passed, because we need more than one there, we need more than one outside."

Closes Debate—Lynn H. Corson

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, closed the debate for the Committee as follows:—

"Of course, Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Temperance heartily approves of the sentiments in this request, but reminds you that the Co-ordinating Council has already designated one Commitment Day and their Report No. 2 has already been adopted."

Proposed Amendment Mrs. Helen C. Waters Not Adopted—Report Adopted

The proposed amendment of Mrs. Helen C. Waters (*) (Delaware—C), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 5 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1726.

No. 6—Temperance and Prohibition—"Abstinence From Alcoholic Beverages And Official Board Members"—Lynn H. Corson—Proposed Amendment Chester A. Smith (*) —Not Adopted—Report Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 85. Subject, "Abstinence From Alcoholic Beverages And Official Board Members," DCA No. 8, page 376, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 6 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, by deleting Paragraph 2023 as it appears in Report No. 6, reading as follows:—

Paragraph 2023. Abstinence Among Church Leaders. It is recommended that no member be nominated for or appointed to any official position in the Church or Church School who is not a morally disciplined person, with special reference to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

and to substitute the following (DB-177) :—

A QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE OFFICIAL BOARDS OF METHODIST CHURCHES SHALL BE ABSTINENCE FROM THE USE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), being duly seconded, he spoke to the same as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I presented a similar proposition to The General Conference back in 1952.

The Conference did not adopt my proposition, but it did re-write it by saying that the members of Official Boards shall be those who are morally disciplined persons, with a special reference to abstinence from intoxicating liquors.

That was a piece of literary legerdemain worthy of the most astute drafter of any political platform. But it was not worthy and is not worthy of The Methodist Church. We cannot win this fight against the liquor traffic by having our churches led by men who drink. Every drinker of intoxicating liquor is a consorter with the enemy. We cannot win this fight any more than soldiers could win a fight in a war, if they are led by officers who are consorters with the enemy.

If it be urged, and it was urged, I think, in San Francisco, that if my proposition were adopted there would not be enough men in our Methodist churches who will truly be total abstainers to make a complete Official Board membership in any church—that is a tragic situation. Any church which has not sufficient total abstainers to make up the membership of the Official Board, is in a very bad way.

And I submit, Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, that we do not win this fight by numbers. I do not care whether we have a full membership on the Official Boards, or not, if they are not total abstainers. God did not tell Gideon to win his fight by increasing the number of his followers, but by decreasing them! The same principle is true and ought to apply in The Methodist Church today. I hope it will by the adoption of my amendment."

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 6 was adopted. For report see Appendix, page 1727.

No. 7—Temperance and Prohibition—"Temperance Crusade" —Lynn H. Corson—Withdrawn

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 86, Subject, "Temperance Crusade," DCA No. 8, page 376, column 2, and requested permission of The General Conference to withdraw Report No. 7, because the Program for the Quadrennium had already been established by the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Co-ordinating Council.

The General Conference unanimously granted the request, and Report No. 7 was withdrawn from consideration of and action on by The General Conference. For Report see Appendix, page 1727.

No. 8—Temperance and Prohibition—"Changes In Personnel Of General Board Of Temperance"—Lynn H. Corson—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 87, Subject, "Changes In Personnel Of General Board Of Temperance," *DCA* No. 8, page 376, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1728.

No. 9—Temperance and Prohibition—"Continuing Legislation Now In Operation"—Lynn H. Corson—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 88, Subject, "Continuing Legislation Now In Operation," *DCA* No. 8, page 376, column 3 and page 377, column 1, and requested unanimous common consent to delete Paragraph 2020 found at the close of Report No. 9, which reads as follows:—

"Paragraph 2020, Section 12. What is the statement on Temperance found in the Social Creed."

because it is already contained in Report No. 3 of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, Subject, "The Social Creed."

Unanimous common consent was given by The General Conference for the deletion of Paragraph 2020 of Report No. 9.

Report No. 9 was adopted, on motion of Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, duly seconded. For Report see Appendix, page 1729.

No. 10—Temperance and Prohibition—"Non-Concurrence Report"—Lynn H. Corson—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 207, Subject, "Non-concurrence Report," *DCA* No. 10, page 510, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1730.

No. 11—Temperance and Prohibition—"Report Of The General Board Of Temperance, Pages 494-506 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—Lynn H. Corson—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Subject, "Report Of The General Board Of Temperance, Pages 494-506 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," not published in the *DCA*, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1730.

No. 1—Temperance and Prohibition—Memorial—Lynn H. Corson—Adopted

Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, moved the adoption of a Memorial that had inadvertently been overlooked by the Committee, in order to clear the Calendar for the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, stating that the substance of the Memorial appears in Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 80, *DCA* No. 8, page 373, column 3, and page 374, columns 1, 2 and 3. The motion, duly seconded, prevailed. For Report see Appendix, page 1718.

Resolution Re Film "Far From Alone"—Harry O. Ritter—Adopted

On motion of Harry O. Ritter (Kansas—SC), duly seconded, the following Resolution was adopted concerning the sound film, "Far From Alone" (DB-178) :—

Be It Resolved, That The General Conference give the approval to the super-sound film "Far From Alone" and for other excellent aids produced by the General Board of Temperance; that we urge the use of the film "Far From Alone" for use in local churches, and in so far as possible in the high schools of our several communities.

Resolution Re Inter-State Advertising of Alcoholic Beverages—Lynn H. Corson—Adopted

On motion of Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, duly seconded, the following Resolution regarding Inter-State Advertising of Alcoholic Beverages was adopted (DB-179) :—

Whereas, the Churches of our beloved America work for the creation of a responsible society; and

Whereas, Christians desire that all children and persons be protected as far as possible, from the evils of liquor and narcotics; and

Whereas, the advertising of alcoholic beverages through public, Inter-State media, particularly radio and television broadcasting, so penetrates the home life of the people, in both wet and dry areas, so as to make drinking seem harmless and acceptable; and

Whereas, beveraged alcohol is a major threat to the health, safety, security and moral welfare of persons and families; and,

Whereas, drinking is so directly linked with delinquency, crime and economic dependency as to retard spiritual growth, social progress and the development of healthy relationships among men and nations

Therefore Be It Resolved, That The General Conference of The Methodist Church now in session urge the proper Committees of the 84th Congress of the United States of America to press for open debate on the floor of the House of Representatives and Senate the proposed legislation which would outlaw the Inter-State advertising of alcoholic beverages.

*Amendment—C. Anderson Davis—Ruling—Out of Order—
Bishop Ivan Lee Holt*

C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) moved to add to the Resolution just adopted an amendment authorizing the General Board of Temperance to publish the magazine, "A Voice," in order to carry out the spirit of the Resolution.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, ruled that the Resolution would have to be reconsidered before this could be done.

On being put to the vote of The General Conference, the Resolution was not reconsidered, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, ruled that the proposed amendment of C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C) would not be in order.

This completed the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

**No. 8—Temperance and Prohibition—"Youth Members General Board Of Temperance"—Chester A. McPheeters—
Lynn H. Corson—Caradine R. Hooton—Members at Large**

Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC) asked questions which were answered by Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee of Temperance and Prohibition, as follows:—

"I should like to inquire as to Report No. 8, page 376, *Daily Christian Advocate*, Calendar No. 87, of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, to ask the Committee if this Report does not increase the membership on your Board?

Bishop Holt: That is Calendar 87, Report 8. Does this increase the membership?

Lynn H. Corson: No, it does not, Dr. McPheeters.

Chester A. McPheeters: I beg your pardon. As we read it, and the Secretary called it to my attention, you have added two Youth Members.

Lynn H. Corson: I think the Youth Members are not added, but the method of their election is being changed.

Chester A. McPheeters: The *Discipline* of 1952 does not provide for Youth Members. Maybe it should. But you can put them in your Members-at-Large. I call your attention again to the action of this Conference. I think this needs to be reconsidered, Mr. Chairman.

Lynn H. Corson: I should like to have our General Secretary speak to this point, Mr. Chairman."

No. 8—Temperance and Prohibition—"Changes In Personnel Of General Board Of Temperance"—Reconsidered—Method of Election Changed—Re-Adopted

On motion of Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE), duly seconded, The General Conference reconsidered Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, Calendar No. 87, Subject, "Changes In Personnel Of General Board Of Temperance," DCA No. 8, page 376, columns 2 and 3, in order that Caradine R. Hooton (Oklahoma—SC), General Secretary of the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, might speak to the pending matter.

Caradine R. Hooton (Oklahoma—SC), General Secretary of the General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, spoke to the pending question as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman and Friends: We would not want to violate the spirit of any Resolution previously passed, nor would we want to transcend by indirection what The Conference by direction has ordered us to do.

Therefore, we would not object to the understanding that this would not increase the number of our Board personnel. We will consider preferably the addition of two Youth Members through the methods suggested; namely, the possible election of the five Members-at-Large.

The reason I say that, even though it handicaps us, we want the young people to know that we need them and that we are happy to comply with the request which they have made, which we simply incorporated in this bit of legislation.

Bishop Holt: Dr. McPheeters, does that satisfy you?

Chester A. McPheeters: Yes, that is acceptable."

Report No. 8 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temperance and Prohibition was then re-adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1728.

Loyalty Oaths—Harold A. Bosley—Everett W. Palmer—Charles S. Kendall—Adopted

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of

the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, made a request, which was granted, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, a matter of great importance has been called to the attention of the Executive Committee of the State of the Church, and I would ask you in the name of that Committee to recognize for a statement to be printed among Miscellaneous Resolutions, Dr. Everett Palmer of the Southern California-Arizona Conference.”

Resolution Re Loyalty Oaths—Everett W. Palmer—Adopted

Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W) presented a Resolution concerning loyalty oaths (DB-180), and moved that it be published in the 1956 *Discipline* among Miscellaneous Resolutions, as follows:—

Be It Resolved, That we protest legislation requiring the loyalty oath of any church to any State or Nation. The Church must be in the world but not of it. She belongs to no class, nation or race. She belongs to Christ. The Church cannot serve two masters. She can obey but one, Jesus Christ. The Church must be free to bring all persons and institutions under the judgment of the Gospel. In so far as the State is righteous, it has nothing to fear from the Church.

In loyalty to her Lord the Church will be its grave and sturdy ally. But in so far as a State seeks to dominate the Church must resist. Freedom is secure and justice is maintained only as the Church lives and works among men, not as a creature subservient to the State, but as a free, unintimidated voice, speaking for Almighty God in opposition to error and evil, and in support of truth and righteousness.

The motion being duly seconded, Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W) spoke to the same, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: This is a matter of supreme urgency. Already legislation requiring loyalty oaths of churches has been enacted in the State of California. It is reported such legislation is under consideration by other States in this nation.

We believe that this legislation requiring the loyalty oath of churches is in violation of the basic Americanism established by our founding fathers, who, knowing the tendency of a State or government toward over-weakening power, believed this should be a nation under God, not instead of God, and in the light of recent world events, all of us have reason to know that no State will long honor and maintain the rights and dignity of an individual unless it gives its allegiance to a law higher than its own self-interests and to an authority greater than its own powers.

I hope we will support this statement.”

Speaks for Resolution—Harold A. Bosley—Charles S. Kendall

At the request of Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W) spoke to the Resolution, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, we have gone into this and believe it should be adopted. We believe it would strengthen a good many of our Churches in a good many States."

The General Conference adopted the proposed Resolution of Everett W. Palmer (Southern California-Arizona—W).

Question—Frank C. Love ()—Answer—Harold A. Bosley*

Frank C. Love (*) (Central New York—NE) asked a question, which was answered by Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I sought to get the microphone after the Chairman. May we have the Chairman presenting this interpret that for us because I am sure we did not understand what he was attempting to do.

With reference to the addition of this statement which is in connection with this Report.

Harold A. Bosley: The motion was that this be published among Miscellaneous Resolutions. The Executive Committee in dealing with it felt that it was an important matter that would have to be dealt with by the Committee on the State of the Church. Since we were no longer in session, we asked that it be presented directly to this body. It has been done. The body has acted upon it, and I think it is clear to all."

No. 2—State of the Church—"Religion And Public Schools"
—Harold A. Bosley—Amendment Chester A. Smith (*)
—Not Adopted—Report Adopted

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 2 of the Committee, Calendar No. 177, Subject, "Religion And Public Schools," DCA No. 10, page 474, column 2, and moved its adoption. The motion to adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 2 by adding the following (DB-181):—

We petition Congress to vote no federal aid to any State which refuses to comply with the Decision of the United States Supreme Court declaring segregation in the public schools unconstitutional and unlawful, and which in order to avoid complying with such Decision abolishes its public schools. Let those who will not comply with the Decision of the United States Supreme Court take responsibility for having their States lose whatever money would otherwise come to them if they had complied with the Decision of the United States Supreme Court."

The motion to thus amend was duly seconded, but on being

put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 2 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1694.

**No. 5—State of the Church—"Structure Of Boards"—
Harold A. Bosley—Amended—Adopted**

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 5 of the Committee, Calendar No. 179, Subject, "Structure Of Boards," DCA No. 10, page 475, column 3 and page 476, column 1, and requested the privilege of deleting Section 2, DCA No. 10, page 476, column 1, which reads as follows:—

2. That there be established, as soon as possible, in the Annual Conference an Inter-Board Commission on Christian Social Relations whose duties will comprise those assigned to the Committee on World Peace, Committee on Social and Economic Relations and the Committee on Temperance.

and to substitute therefor a paragraph adopted this morning in the adoption of Report No. 7 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, Calendar No. 126, Subject, "Unifying Work of Boards of World Peace, Temperance and Social and Economic Relations," DCA No. 9, page 412, column 2, and which reads as follows:—

"An Annual Conference may, if it so desires, unify into one Board of Christian Social Relations the functions and concerns of any two or all of the following Boards: Board of World Peace, Board of Temperance, and Board of Social and Economic Relations."

The General Conference unanimously granted the request and on motion of Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, Report No. 5 was adopted as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1705.

**Reconsider "Loyalty Oaths"—Harold C. Phend (*)—Bishop
Ivan Lee Holt—Not Adopted**

Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC) asked a question about the Resolution concerning "Loyalty Oaths" adopted in conjunction with consideration of and action on Report No. 2 of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 177, Subject, "Religion And Public Schools," DCA No. 10, page 474, column 2, which was answered by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, as follows:—

"I would like to share my ignorance with the Members of The Conference and ask a question in connection with Calendar No. 177, page 474, *Daily Christian Advocate*, the second column, Report No. 2.

In the speech that was made in connection with that there was mention made of Loyalty Oaths. There is nothing in this Report that indicates anything in regard to Loyalty Oaths. Is that a part of the Report, may I ask?

Bishop Holt: It was, I think, a separate Resolution which was introduced because the Chairman of the Committee said if it had been before the Committee there would have been a Report. He requested that permission be given to introduce that as a separate and Special Resolution. It was not a part of the Report.

Harold C. Phend: If we passed on the Resolution, I would like to ask the permission of this Conference to reconsider it.

Bishop Holt: Would you state your reason for wanting reconsideration?

Harold C. Phend: The reason is primarily that in the minds of us Laymen, when you mention oaths, Loyalty Oaths, there are some of us who have the feeling that when we are opposed to Loyalty Oaths in some minds there is a question as to whether we have some disloyalty to our government that protects us, and I think there are many Laymen who are not in favor of passing loyalty oaths without considerable discussion and careful consideration."

The motion of Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC), duly seconded, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 7—State of the Church—"Study Plan For Long-Range Program"—Harold A. Bosley—Adopted

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 7 of the Committee, Calendar No. 181, Subject, "Study Plan For Long-Range Program." DCA No. 10, page 506, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1713.

No. 8—State of the Church—"Annual Study Program On Disarmament And Inter-National Relations"—Harold A. Bosley—Adopted

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 182, Subject, "Annual Study Program On Disarmament And Inter-National Relations," DCA No. 10, page 506, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1713.

No. 9—State of the Church—"Conscientious Objectors"—Harold A. Bosley—Adopted

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 183,

Subject, "Conscientious Objectors," *DCA* No. 10, page 506, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1714.

**No. 10—State of the Church—"Research In World Peace"
—Harold A. Bosley—Adopted**

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 184, Subject, "Research In World Peace," *DCA* No. 10, page 506, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1716.

**No. 11—State of the Church—"General Board Of World
Peace—Age Of Youth Members"—Harold A. Bosley—
Adopted**

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 218, Subject, "General Board Of World Peace—Age Of Youth Members," *DCA* No. 10, page 511, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1716.

**No. 12—State of the Church—"General Board Of Social
And Economic Relations"—Harold A. Bosley—Adopted**

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 219, Subject, "General Board Of Social And Economic Relations," *DCA* No. 10, page 512, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1716.

**No. 13—State of the Church—"Miscellaneous, Non-Con-
currence Report"—Harold A. Bosley—Adopted**

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on the State of the Church, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 220, Subject, "Miscellaneous; Non-Concurrence Report," *DCA* No. 10, page 512, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1717.

Thanks—Harold A. Bosley

Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC) stated this completed the work of the Standing Legislative Committee on

State of the Church, and in behalf of the Committee, expressed its thanks to the Members of The General Conference for their friendly spirit of co-operation in which The General Conference had received the efforts of the Committee to interpret the mind of the Church in the area of controversial issues.

No. 5—State of the Church—"Structure Of Boards"—Question—G. Lemuel Fenn—Answer—Harold A. Bosley

G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma—SC) raised a question about Report No. 5 of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, Calendar No. 179, Subject, "Structure Of Boards," DCA No. 10, page 475, column 3, and page 476, column 1, adopted a short while ago, which was answered by Harold A. Bosley (Rock River—NC), Vice-Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church, as follows:—

"Relative to the State of the Church Report, which is on page 476, *Daily Christian Advocate*, I know we passed it. I don't know whether to ask for a reconsideration or not. If the Chairman would let me put in a word or two, I think it would be all right. It is on page 476, *Daily Christian Advocate*, right at the very top of the first column, Item No. 2. We were talking about substituting some other matters for paragraph 1, and this one got by in too big a hurry.

It would seem to me to say that it is mandatory that these Boards, that this Inter-Board Commission be set up as soon as possible. I wonder if that is definitely permissive or if the words should be in that Paragraph which are in Paragraph No. 1 that there be established where desired in the Annual Conferences and so forth; and if the Chairmen would let that go in, I sure wish it would.

Harold A. Bosley: Is he talking about Point 2? We were simply asking the right to insert there the action of this General Conference taken earlier this day which was permissive and that was clearly our intention. It is permissive.

G. Lemuel Fenn: Thank you, sir. I am sorry."

No. 6—Ministry—"Chaplains"—James S. Chubb—Amendment—Chester A. Smith (*)—Not Adopted—Report Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 6 of the Committee, Calendar No. 100, Subject, "Chaplains," DCA No. 8, page 380, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion was duly seconded.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 6 of the Committee by adding the following sentence at the close of Paragraph 1582 in the black-

face type, page 380, column 1, DCA No. 8:—

“THAT THE COMMISSION BE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT A CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF METHODIST CHAPLAINS WHEREBY THEY MAY WEAR A DISTINCTIVE UNIFORM OF THE CHURCH, AND BE SUPPORTED BY THE CHURCH.”

The motion was duly seconded, but on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 6 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1550.

No. 7—Ministry—“Recommended Changes In The 1952 Discipline Pertaining To The Ministry In The Methodist Church”—James S. Chubb—Wilson O. Weldon—Lemuel K. Lord—H. Paul Mathison—Allen B. Rice—Chester A. Smith (*)—J. Henry Chitwood—Robert G. Mayfield (*)—J. Earl Moreland (*)—Paul D. Chiles—Waight G. Henry, Jr.—Chester A. Smith (*)—William B. Robinson—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 7 for the Committee, Calendar No. 128, Subject, “Recommended Changes In The 1952 *Discipline* Pertaining To The Ministry In The Methodist Church,” DCA No. 9, page 412, column 3; page 413, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 414, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 415, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 416, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 417, columns 1, 2 and 3, and page 418, columns 1, 2 and 3, and moved its adoption, after explaining the changes. The motion was duly seconded.

Question—Wilson O. Weldon—Answer—James S. Chubb

Wilson O. Weldon (Western North Carolina—SE) asked questions which were answered by James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee, as follows:—

“On page 416, *Daily Christian Advocate*, column 1, Sub-section 1, and Paragraph 393, and also at the top of Column 2, under Sub-section 3, and also in Column 3, in Paragraph 402, in each instance there is a reference to taking the Course of Study under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

I want to ask this question for clarification: do these permit an Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications to give these Courses of Study, or is each Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications required to channel through the Conference Board?

James A. Chubb: I understand that is true. We were somewhat divided, but we came through with this, as you see.

Wilson O. Weldon: My understanding is it is left up to the Annual Conference Board; in other words, all Courses of Study must be on channels through the Department of Ministerial Training?

James A. Chubb: Yes."

Proposed Amendment—Lemuel K. Lord—Not Adopted

Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE) moved to amend Paragraph 341, page 415, column 3, DCA No. 9, Section A of said Paragraph 341, by deleting the words, "*under regular appointment*," in line one of said Section A, and substituting therefor the words, "**IN A CHURCH**," and further to inserting the words, "**OR THE FIELD WORK SUPERVISION OF A THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ACCREDITED OR APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**," to follow the words "a District Superintendent," in lines two and three of the aforesaid Section A, Paragraph 341, so that the amended Section A will read (DB-183) :—

"(a). Serve **IN A CHURCH** under the supervision of a District Superintendent **OR THE FIELD WORK SUPERVISION OF A THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ACCREDITED OR APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY SENATE** in one of the positions specified in paragraph 432, for at least two years since being admitted on trial."

The proposed amendment of Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE), being duly seconded, Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE) spoke to the same as follows :—

"It seems to me, Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference, that it would be a great advantage for the school areas to recognize the Field Supervisor where his work is fully accredited, as being able to give supervision equal to that of a District Superintendent.

I think The Methodist Church would benefit and be able to hold many young men that it now loses because they lose time under our present system."

Closes Debate—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, closed the debate for the Committee, as follows :—

"Mr. Chairman, that simply was not before us. We had no way of being able to discuss it. I know nothing of the relative values."

The proposed amendment of Lemuel K. Lord (New England—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—H. Paul Mathison—Not Adopted

H. Paul Mathison (Alabama—SE) moved to amend re-

port No. 7, page 415, column 1, *DCA* No. 9, Paragraph 322, Section 2, by deleting the words,

"one fourth of the work required for a Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent Degree in a theological school,"

and substituting therefor,

"FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE WORK IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY,"

so that Section 2 of Paragraph 322, as amended, will read:—

"(2). Have completed at least FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE WORK IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY accredited or approved by the University Senate."

The proposed amendment of H. Paul Mathison (Alabama—SE) being duly seconded, Paul H. Mathison (Alabama—SE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"Paragraph 401 spells out that a person can be Admitted or Ordained Elder without having completed his seminary work, and this particular Paragraph means you are limiting a large number of young men who have struggled to complete their four years' college work, and some of our Annual Conferences have provisions whereby men On Trial receive from \$400 to \$500 more than those as Approved Supplies on the Minimum Salary Schedule.

It seems to me that if we could Admit them as they are now and then encourage them with the provision that is laid down here, to go on and complete their work in the seminaries, that we would get men, and at the same time help them to go through their seminary work.

I move that we have this amendment adopted."

Closes Debate—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, closed the debate as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, that was before us. That is the way we put it down. This is the way we voted. It is one of the many things. We could go 'round, and 'round, and 'round, and never be wholly satisfied. I hope you keep the Committee Report as it is."

The proposed amendment of H. Paul Mathison (Alabama—SE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Statement—Allen B. Rice

Allen B. Rice (Northwest Indiana—NC) made the following statement:—

"I simply want to make protest at this hour of the Conference that

this important thing in the Report was left out at a time when we ought to have had a chance to have proper debate and consideration of it."

Questions—Chester A. Smith ()—Answers—James S. Chubb*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) asked a question which was answered by James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, as follows:—

"I desire to ask the Chairman whether or not on page 415, *Daily Christian Advocate*, column 1, near the middle of the page (5), "Are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself," and so forth, is there any change made in our present *Discipline* against preachers smoking?"

James S. Chubb: There isn't. This is one place you can rest in peace. You are with the majority. No change.

Chester A. Smith: I didn't hear that.

James S. Chubb: No change.

Chester A. Smith: Thank you very much. I am very happy."

Question—J. Henry Chitwood—Answer—James S. Chubb

J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama—SE) asked a question which was answered by James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, as follows:—

"I want to ask Dr. Chubb—in the middle column on page 415 *DCA*, paragraph (A) under 3, "sixty semester hours"—I understand in the Committee—

James S. Chubb: Dr. Chitwood, you are right. In the footnotes, this will follow. It will read this way: "In those Conferences where Committees have made"—this provision will not apply. There will have to be Annual Conferences in 1958. I thought we had cleared that."

(Note:—On page 123, 1956 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, see footnote to Section 3, which reads, as follows:—

"In raising this requirement The General Conference of 1956 provided that where a commitment had already been made on the basis of thirty semester hours the new requirement should not take effect until after the Annual Conference session of 1958."
—Editor)

Correction—Robert G. Mayfield ()—James S. Chubb*

Robert G. Mayfield (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC) made the following correction:—

"The Chairman, in explaining this legislative proposal, made reference to the Board of Lay Activities and its work and concern with Local Preachers. I think that was a slip of the tongue. We are working with Lay Speakers.

James A. Chubb: Very well, Lay Speakers. Thank you, sir, for the correction."

Amendment—Waight G. Henry, Jr.—James S. Chubb—J. Earl Moreland ()—Paul D. Chiles—Not Adopted*

Waight G. Henry, Jr. (North Georgia—SE) moved to

amend Report No. 7 (DB-185) by deleting the words, "*or by the State Accrediting Agency*," found in line four of (a), Section 2, Paragraph 315, page 414, column 2, DCA No. 9, and in lines five and six in (b), Section 6 of Paragraph 315, page 414, column 3, DCA No. 9, so that Sections (a) and (b), as amended will read:—

(a) Approved Student Supply Pastors who are in schools, colleges or seminaries **accredited or approved by the University Senate** preparing for Conference membership;

(b) each succeeding year he shall be enrolled as a regular full-time student in a pre-theological or theological course in a college, university, or seminary **accredited or approved by the University Senate**, or have passed one full year of the Course of Study looking to full Ordination. Failure to complete one full year annually shall cause suspension of this privilege. In all missionary fields abroad the conferring of such authorization shall rest with the Central Conference in which the Pastor serves.

The proposed amendment of Waights G. Henry, Jr. (North Georgia—SE) being duly seconded, Waights G. Henry, Jr. (North Georgia—SE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, we ought to support the schools that are approved by the University Senate of The Methodist Church and bring into our ministry men who are trained in those schools, rather than to encourage men to attend schools that are not recognized by the University Senate of The Methodist Church. We already have men in our Conferences who have attended some of these fly-by-night colleges, that have State recognition but are not accredited by any Regional Association or by the University Senate."

Speaks to Proposed Amendment—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, spoke to the pending amendment as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, that also was considered very thoroughly in our Committee. We do not think it hurts the University Senate one bit. Many colleges have State accreditation. They can go from there to our colleges and seminaries."

Personal Privilege—J. Earl Moreland ()*

J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE), speaking to a point of personal privilege, made the following statement:—

"We have had it under the Board of Education for seventeen years. I call to your attention this is a very important matter. These State accrediting agencies cannot be depended upon. I hope we defeat this plan and vote for the amendment."

Answer—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC) spoke to the pending matter as follows:—

"Out of fairness to that, it ought to be said it doesn't hurt a thing. It is one of those places where men disagree. Methodism will be hurt if you sustain this amendment and nobody will be hurt through Standard Agencies. That should be said. It came out in the Committee repeatedly."

Speaks to Amendment—Paul D. Chiles

Paul D. Chiles (Ohio—NC) spoke to the proposed amendment of Waights G. Henry, Jr. (Alabama—SE) as follows:—

"May I say that this grew out of a problem which we face in which a college which was approved by our Ohio State University and Marshall College in West Virginia approved the credits by that institution—they were not on our University Senate and involved vital matters of baptism and administration of the Sacraments, and we felt there would be no violation of anything that the University stood for if these institutions were approved by Ohio State University, by Athens, or Ohio University at Athens, by Miami University at Oxford, and Marshall College in West Virginia."

Amendment—Waights G. Henry, Jr.—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Waights G. Henry, Jr. (North Georgia—SE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 7 by changing the words, "*lay speaker*," to "**LAY PREACHER**," in Report No. 7, or wherever it occurs in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church (DB-186).

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE), being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same as follows:—

"The word '*speaker*' does not signify or carry a connotation to the general public of the person speaking on a religious theme or presenting a religious address or exhortation. A speaker can speak on anything. The word '**preacher**' signifies a presentation of a religious theme or address, or exhortation. It is so understood by the general public, and we must take into consideration the general public in matters of this kind.

If a Layman is to be set apart in any way as one who will give religious addresses, as it evidently was intended to be done when the term '*lay speaker*' was written into the *Discipline*—the word '**preacher**' is the only word by which he should be designated if his work or standing is to have any meaning to the general public, or indeed to the people of The Methodist Church.

Methodism began with Lay Preachers. Lay Preachers made The Methodist Church. Many men are as able to preach now as preachers were able to preach in the early days of the beginning of Methodism, and this fact ought to be recognized by The General Conference, by seeking to have the word '*speaker*' changed to '**LAY PREACHER**.'"

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) was not adopted.

Question—William B. Robinson—Answer—James S. Chubb

William B. Robinson (North-East Ohio—NC) asked if the Paragraph number 345 under Section (E) at the bottom of page 415, column 3, DCA No. 9, should not read "Paragraph 343?"

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, stated that Paragraph 343 was correct, as the number 345 was a printer's error.

Report No. 7 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1552.

No. 8—Ministry—"Legislative Changes Affecting Provisional Annual Conference"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 8 of the Committee, Calendar No. 129, Subject, "Legislative Changes Affecting Provisional Annual Conference," DCA No. 9, page 418, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 8 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1583.

No. 9—Ministry—"Duties Of The Pastor"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 9 of the Committee, Calendar No. 130, Subject, "Duties Of The Pastor," DCA No. 9, page 418, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 9 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1584.

No. 10—Ministry—"The Ministry—Episcopal Address"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 131, Subject, "The Ministry—Episcopal Address," DCA No. 9, page 418, column 3, and page 419, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 10 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1584.

No. 11—Ministry—"Report Of The Commission On Chaplains, Pages 670-673 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Stand-

ing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 11 of the Committee, Calendar No. 132, Subject, "Report Of The Commission On Chaplains, Pages 670-673, Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions," DCA No. 9, page 419, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 11 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1584.

No. 12—Ministry—"Voting Privileges For Supply Pastor"—James S. Chubb—Amendment—Arthur B. R. Colley—Not Adopted—Report Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 12 of the Committee, Calendar No. 133, Subject, "Voting Privileges For Supply Pastor," DCA No. 9, page 419, columns 1 and 2, and moved its adoption. The motion to thus adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—Arthur B. R. Colley—James S. Chubb—Not Adopted—Report Adopted

Arthur B. R. Colley (Erie—NE) moved to amend Report No. 12 by the adoption of a Resolution (DB-187) reading as follows:—

ANY APPROVED SUPPLY PASTOR, FULLY ORDAINED, WHO HAS SERVED THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR A MINIMUM OF SEVEN YEARS SHALL ENJOY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES EXERCISED BY A LAYMAN IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The proposed Resolution of Arthur B. R. Colley (Erie—NE), being duly seconded, Arthur B. R. Colley (Erie—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, I think the Report which is submitted to us is just like throwing a dog a bone, of which the meat has all been scraped clear. We have in our Church a large number of men, and some women, who have served our Church well and faithfully for many years. The fact of the matter is that The Methodist Church cannot function efficiently without them. These men come to us from time to time; they have to do the work of the Church. We admit them to have a voice, but they have no vote to implement that voice.

I feel that these men should have a vote. Now, of course, a lot of people will say this is just simply one more step in breaking down the wall or partition between the Traveling Minister and an Approved Supply Pastor. That may be true, but remember, brethren, that the great breach in the wall of division between a Traveling Minister and an Approved Supply Pastor was made when we allowed non-Ordained men the right of Administering the Sacraments.

I do think that these men who have served the Church for seven years and have received Full Ordination, should be given the right to vote on an equality with the Laymen in the Annual Conference, at the Conference sessions. I feel that just simply to give any preacher who has served our Church one year that privilege, is insufficient. We should have men and women who have proved themselves in the active pastorate before they can have this right.

I hope you will support the amendment."

Statement—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, I have been informed that since this is a Constitutional matter, and I was not aware of it, we had a similar issue up and decided it would be premature to try to get a vote for it in the late hours of the Conference.

I hope you will sustain the Committee."

Resolution—Arthur B. R. Colley—Not Adopted

The proposed Resolution of Arthur B. R. Colley (Erie--NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 12 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1585.

No. 13—Ministry—"Corrective Legislation On Traveling Preachers"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 13 of the Committee, Calendar No. 134, Subject, "Corrective Legislation On Traveling Preachers," DCA No. 9, page 419, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 13 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1586.

No. 14—Ministry—"Traveling Preachers Must Receive Appointment"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 14 of the Committee, Calendar No. 135, Subject, "Traveling Preachers Must Receive Appointment," DCA No. 9, page 419, column 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 14 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1586.

No. 17—Ministry—"Course Of Study For Part Time Approved Supply Pastor"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 17 of the Committee, Calendar No. 186, Subject, "Course Of Study For Part Time Approved Supply Pastor," DCA No. 10, page 506, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 17 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1587.

No. 18—Ministry—"Baptism And Part Time Approved Supply Pastor"—James S. Chubb—Amendment—Bruce L. Middaugh—Not Adopted—Report Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 18 of the Committee, Calendar No. 187, Subject, "Baptism And Part Time Approved Supply Pastor," DCA No. 10, page 506, column 3 and page 507, column 1, and moved its adoption, the motion to thus adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—Bruce L. Middaugh—Not Adopted

Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE) moved to amend Report No. 18 by deleting the words, "*Sacrament of Baptism*," and substituting therefor the word, "SACRAMENTS" (DB-188), so that the amended Section (c) will read as follows:—

(c) A part-time Approved Supply Pastor (other than a Student Pastor) who completes each year two books of the Conference Course of Study, and continues until he is graduated from the Course, shall be authorized to Administer the SACRAMENTS, and if the laws of the State permit, to perform the Marriage Ceremony, within the bounds of his Pastoral Charge.

The proposed amendment of Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE), being duly seconded, Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE) spoke to the same, as follows:—

"It seems to me the distinction we have made here between Baptism and the Lord's Supper is presumably intended to put the Lord's Supper on a higher plane than Baptism, but we do this by putting up a more rigid standard for it.

We do this, I think, because we have a confusion of thought as to the purpose of the whole legislation.

The purpose of this legislation is not to confer a favor on one of these part-time Supply Pastors, but to provide for the needs of the churches. From that point of view, the Report as it stands, seems to imply that Baptism is important to a congregation, but Holy Communion is not. We have to make sure that their pastor may baptize them or marry them, but we do not have to make sure that they have Holy Communion.

It seems to me that these are equally important, and both should be made available on the same terms. We are not giving a favor to pastors; we have to provide for the needs of the congregations."

Closes Debate—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, closed the debate for the Committee, as follows:—

"Mr. Chairman, the reason for that simply was we could get through the other. We could not get through the one on the Sacraments. It has been up with us repeatedly. I hope again you will sustain the Committee."

Amendment—Bruce L. Middaugh—Not Adopted

The proposed amendment of Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE), on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 18 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1588.

No. 19—Ministry—"Nomination Of Members Of Conference Board Of Ministerial Training And Qualifications"—James S. Chubb—Amendment—Chester A. Smith (*)—Not Adopted—Report Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 19 for the Committee, Calendar No. 188, Subject, "Nomination Of Members Of Conference Board Of Ministerial Training And Qualifications," DCA No. 10, page 507, column 1, and moved its adoption. The motion to thus adopt was duly seconded.

Amendment—Chester A. Smith ()—Not Adopted—Report Adopted*

Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) moved to amend Report No. 19 by adding the following to Report No. 19 (DB-189) :—

"THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS SHALL BE COMPOSED OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF PREACHERS AND LAYMEN."

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) being duly seconded, Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) spoke to the same, as follows :—

"The reason therefor, Mr. Chairman, is that Laymen ought to be represented on this important Committee. They should have as much right to say who their preacher shall be and the qualifications which their preacher shall have, as the preachers themselves. We are too much a preacher's Church, and you now have the opportunity by the adoption of my amendment, to put Laymen upon an equal basis with Preachers, in the election or in the deciding of what the qualifications of their preachers will be.

I hope you will do so."

Closes Debate—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, closed the debate for the Committee, as follows :—

"This is a Constitutional question. Up to this moment Ministers have not had any distinctive advantage. I think Brother Smith will agree to that!"

Amendment Not Adopted—Chester A. Smith ()—Report Adopted*

The proposed amendment of Chester A. Smith (*) (New York—NE) on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

Report No. 19 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1588.

No. 15—Ministry—"Term Episcopacy"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 15 of the Committee, Calendar No. 212, Subject, "Term Episcopacy," *DCA* No. 10, page 511, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 15 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1586.

No. 16—Ministry—"Miscellaneous—Non-Concurrence"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 213, Subject, "Miscellaneous—Non-concurrence," *DCA* No. 10, page 511, columns 1 and 2, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 16 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1587.

No. 20—Ministry—"Miscellaneous—Non-Concurrence"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 20 of the Committee, Calendar No. 216, Subject, "Miscellaneous—Non-Concurrence," *DCA* No. 10, page 511, columns 2 and 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 20 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1589.

No. 21—Ministry—"Chaplain At West Point"—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 21 of the Committee, Calendar No. 246, "Subject, "Methodist Chaplain At West Point," *DCA* No. 11, page 552, columns 2 and 3, and requested common consent to delete the word "*Methodist*" in the caption of Report No. 21. The General Conference unanimously granted the request.

On motion of James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, duly seconded, Report No. 21 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1589.

**No. 3—Ministry—"Duties Of District Superintendent"—
—James S. Chubb—Adopted**

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 3 of the Committee, Calendar No. 27, Subject, "Duties Of District Superintendent," *DCA* No. 5, page 192, column 3, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 3 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1547.

**No. 4—Ministry—"Duties Of District Superintendent"—
James S. Chubb—Adopted**

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 4 of the Committee, Calendar No. 28, Subject, "Duties Of District Superintendent," *DCA* No. 5, page 192, column 3 and page 193, column 1, and on his motion, duly seconded, Report No. 4 was adopted. For Report see Appendix, page 1548.

**No. 1—Ministry—"Qualifications For Marriage"—Majority
and Minority Report—James S. Chubb—John W. Mc-
Kelvey—Both Reports Referred**

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—CS) Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented Report No. 1 of the Committee, Calendar No. 11, Subject, "Qualifications For Marriage," *DCA* No. 4, page 151, column 1, together with the Minority Report, Subject, "Qualifications For Marriage," *DCA* No. 8, page 380, columns 2 and 3, and made the following statement:—

"Page 121 *DCA*, Calendar Report No. 11, Report No. 1, Committee on the Ministry. This has to do with divorce legislation. This is a Committee Report. Because of the fact there has been a question in all of our minds in knowing the type of legislation permitted Ministers as to how and when to marry divorced persons, it will be controversial for some time to come.

In the interest of brevity, I have asked Dr. McKelvey to take my time and present the Minority Report and for you to vote it up or down, with no argument either way."

Minority Report—John W. McKelvey—Referred

John W. McKelvey (Philadelphia—NE), at the request of James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, presented the Minority Report to Report No. 1 of the Committee,

DCA No. 8, page 380, columns 2 and 3, Subject, "Qualifications for Marriage," and made the following statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, Members of The Conference: I believe it was agreed that unless in this question there was to be debate, we would present this Motion of Reference, which I will read:

'Be It Resolved That Paragraph 356 remain unchanged for this quadrennium in the *Discipline*, and that it be referred meanwhile to the Commission on Family Life with the request that a new Paragraph of directives and limitations be presented for consideration to the next General Conference.'

Because I think this is not the time, Mr. Chairman, to debate this question, if there is a Motion of Reference which will prevail, it will obviate the necessity."

Question—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt—Answer—James S. Chubb

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, asked James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry,

"What do you say about it, Brother Chubb?"

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, replied:—

"It doesn't make any difference."

Motion—John W. McKelvey—To Refer Adopted

The motion of John W. McKelvey (Philadelphia—NE), duly seconded, was adopted, as follows:—

"Be It Resolved That Paragraph 356 remain unchanged for this quadrennium in the *Discipline*, and that it be referred meanwhile to the Commission on Family Life with the request that a new Paragraph of directives and limitations be presented for consideration to the next General Conference."

For the Majority and Minority Reports, see Appendix, page 1545.

No. 16—Ministry—Memorials Added to Report No. 16—James S. Chubb—Adopted

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, stated that the Committee had received Memorials Nos. 2557, 3013, 3257, 3329, 3571 and 4489 too late for Committee action, and on his motion, duly seconded, the above mentioned Memorials were added to Report No. 16 of the Committee, Calendar No. 213, Subject, "Miscellaneous—Non-Concurrence," DCA No. 10, page 511, columns 1 and 2, previously adopted this afternoon. For Report see Appendix, page 1587.

Thanks—James S. Chubb

James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, stated that the Committee had had twice as many Memorials this time as any other General Conference in history, and expressed, for the Committee, its thanks to the Members of The General Conference for their spirit of co-operation.

Question—Daniel E. Taylor—Answer—James S. Chubb

Daniel R. Taylor (Pacific Northwest—W) raised a question which was answered by James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, as follows:—

“Mr. Chairman, I have a suggestion for Mr. Chubb, if he would accept it. Otherwise reconsideration might be necessary.

On page 419, Calendar 135, Report 14, *Daily Christian Advocate*, he added editorially the word ‘Sabbatical.’

James S. Chubb: Mr. Chairman, that is one of the places where we know there is an editorial change. There are a number of such places.”

No. 7—Ministry—Motion for Reconsideration—Dow Kirkpatrick—Not Adopted

Dow Kirkpatrick (North Georgia—SE) moved a reconsideration of Report No. 7 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, Calendar No. 128, Subject, “Recommended Changes In The 1952 *Discipline* Pertaining To The Ministry In The Methodist Church,” *DCA* No. 9, page 412, column 3; page 413, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 414, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 415, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 416, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 417, columns 1, 2 and 3; and page 418, columns 1, 2 and 3, for the purpose of a motion to suspend the Rules which have limited debate to a point where we have not fully discussed one of the most important matters before The General Conference during the whole time. The motion was duly seconded.

The motion of Dow Kirkpatrick (North Georgia—SE) to reconsider Report No. 7 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ministry, on being put to the vote of The General Conference, was not adopted.

No. 10—Missions—“Board Of Missions Proposed Legislative Changes”—Reconsidered—Amended—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*)—Readopted

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, moved to reconsider Report No. 10 of the Committee, Calendar No. 101, Subject, “Board Of Missions Proposed Legislative Changes,” *DCA* No. 9, page 401, columns 1, 2

and 3; page 402, columns 1, 2, and 3; page 403, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 404, columns 1, 2 and 3; page 405, columns 1, 2, and 3; and page 406, columns 1 and 2, and made the following statement:—

"On page 401, the third column, *Daily Christian Advocate*, the Committee on Missions. The Committee on Missions, as all the other Committees, very graciously listened to the request of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. In most of the other Committees we have had on the floor today notices that the number of people in the Board was increased—I am sure you will remember several of these.

I began to count and I found that the request also increases the Board of Missions by one person. We do not wish this. We wish to co-operate with the other Boards. So I move that on page 401, column 3, the end of the black type, the first black type, Par. 1172.5 the last four lines be deleted, which reads as follows:—*and the World Christian Community Chairman of the National Methodist Student Commission.*"

The motion of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, to reconsider Report No. 10 of the Committee for the purpose indicated, being duly seconded, was adopted by The General Conference.

Report Amended—Readopted

On motion of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, the last four lines in bold face type in Paragraph 1172.2, page 401, column 3, DCA No. 10 reading as follows (DB-191):—

"and the World Christian Community Chairman of the National Methodist Student Commission"

were deleted, so that Paragraph 1172.2 as amended, will read:—

Par. 1172.5. Six Youth Members of the Board, representing all Jurisdictions and divided between Youth and Student Groups, twenty-three years of age or under at the time of their election, nominated by the National Conference of Methodist Youth and elected by the Board. In making the nominations to the Board, the National Conference of Methodist Youth, in consultation with the appropriate Staff of the Board, shall consider suggestions of nominations made by Annual Conference Methodist Youth fellowships, and State or similar units of the Methodist Student Movement. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth. The Chairman of the Program Area of Christian Outreach of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission shall be a member of the Board.

Report No. 10 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, on motion of Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*) (North Iowa—NC), Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Missions, duly seconded, was readopted, as amended. For Report see Appendix, page 1597.

Non-Concurrent Reports Adopted—A. Wesley Pugh—Hospitals and Homes—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities—Judicial Administration—Ritual and Orders of Worship—Temperance and Prohibition—Temporal Economy

On motion of A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen, duly seconded, the Non-Concurrent Reports of the following Standing Legislative Committees were adopted:—

No. 6—Hospitals and Homes

Report No. 6, Hospitals and Homes, Calendar No. 248, Subject, "Miscellaneous; Non-concurrence," DCA No. 11, page 522, column 3. For Report see Appendix, page 1504.

No. 10—Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities

No. 10 of Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, Calendar No. 211, Subject, "Miscellaneous; Non-concurrence," DCA No. 10, page 511, column 1. For Report see Appendix, page 1514.

No. 4—Judicial Administration

No. 4 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Judicial Administration, Calendar No. 209, Subject, "Miscellaneous; Non-concurrence," DCA No. 10, page 510, column 3. For Report see Appendix, page 1519.

No. 9—Ritual and Orders of Worship

No. 9 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Ritual and Worship, Calendar No. 245, Subject, "Miscellaneous; Non-concurrent Report," DCA No. 11, page 552, columns 1 and 2. For Report see Appendix, page 1690.

No. 31—Temporal Economy

No. 31 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Temporal Economy, Calendar No. 221, Subject, "Miscellaneous—Non-Concurrence," DCA No. 10, page 512, columns 1, 2 and 3. For Report see Appendix, page 1760.

Thanks—A. Wesley Pugh

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC), Chairman of the Standing Administrative Committee of Chairmen made the following personal statement:—

"Mr. Chairman, may I be permitted just one additional word. I am

about to say the last word I will ever say as a Delegate of The General Conference, because of other duties that you have granted to me. May my last word be a word of gratitude for your wonderful co-operation and patience, and also my gratitude for the privilege of serving this General Conference and others in which I have been a member."

Lud H. Estes Elected Secretary Emeritus—Don A. Cooke

On motion of Don A. Cooke (Florida—SE), duly seconded, the following action was taken by The General Conference (BX-192):—

"Whereas, Dr. Lud H. Estes has served The Methodist Church effectively, faithfully and with unswerving devotion as Secretary of The General Conference since Unification, I move that we express our sincere appreciation for this service by electing Dr. Estes as Secretary Emeritus of The General Conference as of January 1, 1957."

Quadrennial Program in 1956 Discipline—Chester A. McPheeters—Adopted

On motion of Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit—NC), duly seconded, the Quadrennial Program as presented by the Co-ordinating Council, and adopted by The General Conference, was ordered printed in the 1956 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

Adjournment Sine Die—Thomas B. Clay (*)

Motion of Thomas B. Clay (*) (Genesee—NE), duly seconded, prevailed that after the necessary announcements, and the closing service to be held under the direction of The Council of Bishops, that the 1956 session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, adjourn *sine die*. (DB-193)

Personal Statement—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, the Presiding Officer, made the following personal statement:—

"May the Chair say that he is deeply grateful to you for your co-operation and help, and he does apologize for any mistakes he may have made from time to time. He has had some coaching from behind him here, among his colleagues, and he is grateful for that.

May I say the Secretary has a statement to make and then we will be dismissed in an orderly way. The Council of Bishops has asked the President of the Council, Bishop W. Earl Ledden, to conduct the closing worship service at this General Conference. After Brother Estes has made his announcements I will turn this Chair over to Bishop Ledden."

Announcements—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE). Secretary of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, made some necessary announcements.

Personal Statement—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) made the following personal statement:—

“Mr. Chairman, I come to this moment with a great deal of feeling. This will be my last General Conference as your Secretary. It has been a great Conference because of your splendid co-operation. I want to thank especially my Secretarial Staff, and the Journal Secretaries over here who have labored far into the night and into the morning sometimes. Also the Document Secretaries down here, whose work has contributed to the accuracy of the Journal. These Calendar Secretaries who have expedited our time.

May God’s richest blessings be upon you. No matter where I am or you are, I am still ‘Your Buddy.’”

**Closing Service—Bishop W. Earl Ledden—Benediction—
Bishop W. Earl Ledden**

Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse Area, North-eastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, conducted the closing service of the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church, as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, obviously this is not a time for an address, nor even for a Service of Worship. It is after 3:00 o’clock, I mention this for the record. We haven’t had time to stop for lunch. I think it is a marvelous thing that you have given such alert attention to the business of The Conference to this very moment, that you are here in your seats in such large number for the close of this General Conference.

First of all let me say a very sincere word of appreciation on the part of the Bishops. You have been so considerate and so courteous that they do want me to say to you that we profoundly appreciate the relationship that exists here.

All of us were moved by that beautiful tribute paid to Bishop Holt who is presiding with such exceptional ability this day. We associate ourselves with all of those sentiments that you have expressed.

I know that if you had opportunity at this late hour you would want to include those other Bishops who are to retire before another General Conference. All of us in The Council have heavy hearts as we think of these men leaving the close fellowship of The Council. Every one of these men has made his name stand for something distinct and significant.

These are the men who will be retiring before the next General Conference. As I read their names I just want

you to think for a moment what that name stands for in terms of service to the Church, and how that service will go living on:

Raymond L. Archer
Costen J. Harrell
Ivan Lee Holt
J. Waskom Pickett
Clare Purcell
Clement D. Rockey
Ralph A. Ward

All around the world these names are known and respected. I want you to have a prayer in your hearts for these men as we come to these closing moments of this General Conference.

One cannot sit upon the platform and observe a Conference like this without being deeply impressed by the great resources of The Methodist Church. Here are men and women of consecration. Again and again we have been called to make nominations, we Bishops. Our embarrassment is not to find someone who could do this particular task, but to select from a great wealth of personnel in the Church. Sometimes we are embarrassed by it because there are several who could do an outstanding task in a certain field of leadership and we have to select among them. While it is an embarrassment it is a glorious embarrassment as we remember the enormous resources of our Church in the personality and the personnel, the caliber and the character of the laymen of the Church.

Here you have enacted legislation which will give guidance across the Quadrennium ahead. More than that, you have done some things that will last much longer than the Quadrennium. Take the Quadrennial Program. How one would like to speak of that, the vision there is in it, the challenge to the Church, the great things that could be accomplished in the Quadrennium ahead, in the splendid Program so enthusiastically adopted. Think of the legislation that has been enacted here. With what trepidation we came to this place, wondering how in the world we would ever meet in any kind of agreement on a number of issues. And yet we have come to a most phenomenal, should I say, providential agreement upon these very great issues.

Men have risen on the floor here to say they came irrevocably opposed to this or that. But something happened, and we were drawn closely together. I believe The Methodist Church has never been as much of a spiritual unity in its history as it is at this moment. I submit to you that in view

of all the anticipations of this General Conference that constitutes a spiritual miracle. And I think that is exactly what happened, a spiritual miracle.

We started out with differences of opinion. There was sometimes even contention and heat.

And then suddenly it seemed that overnight something happened. What was it? Who can explain it?

The very next day when some of the most difficult problems we had to resolve were before us, we found there was a new mood here. And if you look into it carefully you will find that in the Committees there was a sense first of give and take, every man, every woman permitted to speak freely his or her mind, but then a growing sense of the need of prayer.

And I do not know how many Committees there were who were in special prayer. I think particularly of the Committee on Evangelism. How earnestly they were in prayer for The General Conference. How through the night members of that Committee and others were in prayer, how there was a wide agreement all over this General Conference that whoever arose to speak on either side or any side should be the object of prayer so there wasn't a person who stood on the floor during all that debate who wasn't the object of special prayer throughout The Conference.

The thing that happened didn't just happen. It was the result of prayer. And if you ever have any question about the matter of miracles or the power of God to move upon the hearts of men, just remember that. It is that spirit which we can take with us from this place.

We shall go to far and distant and perhaps lonely places. Here we have found agreement and sustaining strength, one at his right elbow and one at his left. We shall go to places where we shall feel a bit alone, and where the drift and the drive may be against the things that we have agreed upon here, but remember that the spirit of prayer is not limited by geography, and that every man wherever he goes will remain in that sustaining fellowship of prayer. We shall still be one, and that will strengthen every one of us.

We could spread this truth over the earth and ought to be greatly strengthened in our confidence in the presence of God when we remember that the contentions that separate nations even could yield to this greatest power in the world which is the power of prayer and the love of God, and what we have seen taking place here actually could take place around the world; for if peace ever comes it will be a by-

product, and it will be a by-product of a common spiritual exploit and of Christian attitudes.

This quadrennium ahead is a very crucial quadrennium in the life of the whole world. There will be decisions made here that will affect the generations unborn, and if we can release into society that high sense of consecration to God which has been so manifest here, we shall do something for the healing of the nations that can never be done by all the armies and diplomats of the world.

Nothing in the quadrennium ahead is going to be as important as having a spiritual relationship with God and with man and releasing among men the saving power of Christ.

And so I think I shall just give you a text, a word to take home with you for I have been having it going over and over in my mind as I have been listening these days here on the platform.

I want you to remember a verse in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans. It is in the Revised Standard Version. This is the verse: "Called to belong to Jesus Christ." Now, the setting of that is exciting. The Chapter starts with the word of Paul, called to be an apostle, and soon he is speaking about those of Rome called to be saints as though he would be reading this long afterward and would feel that a call to be an apostle and the call to be a saint would not be ours. In between there is this verse. The verse says, "Including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ."

We have been thinking about The Methodist Church. It belongs to Christ. But in thinking of all the legislation, the plans, the program, the goals, it would be possible for an institution or an organization to get in the way of Christ, and so as we go from here as loyal Methodists, let us remember deep down in our hearts that every one of us is a called person, and the call is to belong to Jesus Christ.

Will you stand.

Adjournment—Benediction—Bishop W. Earl Ledden

The 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church, held in the Municipal Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25-May 7, 1956, adjourned *sine die*, at 3:30 P.M., Monday, May 7, 1956, with the Benediction, pronounced by Bishop W. Earl Ledden, of the Syracuse Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church as follows:—

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit, abide with us all, each one, now and ever more. Amen."

PRESIDING OFFICERS
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
THE METHODIST CHURCH
1956

First Day, Wednesday, April 25

Morning session

Clare Russell

Evening Session

W. E. Keenan

Second Day, Thursday, April 26

Morning session

Frank Smith

Third Day, Friday, April 27

Morning session

W. E. Keenan

Fourth Day, Saturday, April 28

Morning session

W. E. Keenan

Fifth Day, Sunday, April 29

Evening session

W. E. Keenan

Sixth Day, Monday, April 30

Morning session

W. E. Keenan

Seventh Day, Tuesday, May 1

Morning session

W. E. Keenan

Evening session

W. E. Keenan

Eighth Day, Wednesday, May 2

Morning session

Fred Rice Carson

Evening session

Fred Rice Carson

Ninth Day, Thursday, May 3

Morning session

Marvin A. Franklin

Afternoon session

Marvin A. Franklin

Evening session

Marvin A. Franklin

Tenth Day, Friday, May 4

Morning session

Marvin A. Franklin

Afternoon session

Willis J. King

Evening session

Leroy Kamm

Eleventh Day, Saturday, May 5

Morning session

J. Crowley Oram

Afternoon session

J. Washom Sickett

Evening session

Fred R. Carson

Twelfth Day, Sunday, May 6

Evening session

Paul E. Martin

Thirteenth Day, Monday, May 7

Morning session

Leon See Heer

W. E. Heer

Fred W. Ester
Secretary.

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I. COMMUNION SERVICE

The Service of Holy Communion

according to the
**RITE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES**



The Chancel of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church in Minneapolis

**The Opening Service of
The General Conference at Minneapolis, Minnesota
Wednesday, April 25, 1956 at nine o'clock in the morning
at Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church**

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Leader in the Service **BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT**
Assisted by

The President of the Council of Bishops
 BISHOP CLARE PURCELL

The Vice-President of the Council of Bishops
 BISHOP W. EARL LEDDEN

The Secretary of the Council of Bishops
 BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM

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 Dr. Chester A. Pennington

The Organist and Choir Master of the Hennepin Avenue
Methodist Church **Mr. Thure W. Frederickson (*)**

The Choir of Boston University Singers

The Director of the Choir and the Leader of the General
Conference Musical Services **Dr. James A. Houghton (*)**

THE SERVICE

(See Journal page 236)

Prelude—O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig

Johann Sebastian Bach

Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Processional Hymn—

Praise to the Lord the Almighty Number 60

(The congregation will stand at the first notes of the hymn and remain standing until after the singing of the Gloria Patri)

The Call to Worship Led by Bishop Clare Purcell

(The Responses will be sung)

God is a Spirit. They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Light. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Glory be to God on high.

God is power. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Glory be to God on high.

God is love. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us.

Glory be to God on high.

(Then the Gloria Patri shall be sung:)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Collect and Lord's Prayer Led by Bishop J. W. E. Bowen

(The congregation in the attitude of prayer will join the minister in these prayers)

(Then shall the minister say:)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Statement of Divine Law

Led by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

(The congregation in the attitude of prayer, and the responses sung)

God spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

The Beatitudes

Led by Bishop Hazen G. Werner

(The congregation in the attitude of prayer, and the responses sung)

Hear the Beatitudes of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for their shall inherit the earth.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain these blessings.

Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Lord, be gracious unto us, and help us to obtain these blessings.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.

Grant unto us Thy holy Spirit, O God, and enable us to obtain all these blessings, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Anthem—De Profundis (Psalm 130) An Ancient Chant

Arranged by James A. Houghton

The Reading of the Epistle (Philippians 3:7-14)

Bishop Paul N. Garber

The Reading of the Gospel (John 13:3-17)

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips

The Communion Message

Bishop W. Earl Ledden

The Anthem—If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis

The Apostles' Creed

Led by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

(The congregation standing and uniting)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Invitation

(Bishop Holt continues from here the reading of the remaining part of the service)

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and devoutly kneeling make your humble confession to Almighty God.

The Confession—

(Then shall this General Confession be made by the Bishop and those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, the Bishop kneeling, facing the Lord's Table, and all the people in the attitude of prayer)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things,

judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against Thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for Absolution—

(Then shall the Bishop offer this Prayer:)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words—

(Then shall the Bishop say, standing to face the Congregation:)

Hear what the Scripture saith to those of a humble and contrite heart: If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

The Sursum Corda—

(After which the Bishop and congregation shall say, the Bishop still standing)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

It is meet and right so to do.

The Sanctus—

(Then the Bishop, kneeling and facing the Lord's Table, shall say:)

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

(Then shall be sung:)

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high!

The Prayer of Consecration—

(Then shall the Bishop offer the prayer of consecration:)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst

give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the one offering of himself, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy gospel command us to continue, this memorial of His precious death: hear us, O Merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving this bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may also be partakers of the divine nature through Him, who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is My blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. Amen.

The Prayer of Humble Access—

(Then shall the Bishop, still kneeling before the Lord's Table, unite with the people in this prayer:)

We do not presume to come to this, Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table, but Thou art the same Lord, whose mercy is unfailing. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of these memorials of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may be filled with the fullness of His life, may grow into His likeness and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

(Then shall the Bishop first receive the Holy Communion in both kinds himself, after which he shall proceed to deliver the same to the other Celebrants in like manner. After this, the Celebrants shall administer the Holy Communion to the people, while they are devoutly kneeling, after the singing of the Communion Hymn.)

The Communion Hymn—

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Number 414

(The congregation with bowed heads)

(After the singing of the hymn, the people will come forward to kneel at the Communion Rail, as directed by the ushers)

The Communion—

(Before giving the bread, the Celebrant shall say:)

Jesus said, "This is My body which is given for you." Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

(Likewise, before giving the cup he shall say:)

Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. Drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and be thankful.

(When all have communed, the Bishop shall place upon the Lord's Table what remains of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with the linen cloth)

The Prayer of Oblation—

(Then shall the Bishop and the people say:)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants, desire Thy

fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that, by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in His blood, we and Thy whole church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. And here we offer and present unto The, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord: by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

(Then shall be sung the Gloria in Excelsis, the people standing:)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty!

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. That that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Then shall the Bishop let the people depart with this blessing:)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

(The congregation will be seated with bowed heads for silent prayer and will retire as the ministers leave the Chancel and the organist plays the Postlude)

The Postlude—Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele

Johann Sebastian Bach

(After the Consecration of the Elements and the Prayers and during the singing of the Communion Hymn, Bishops Fred P. Corson and Edwin E. Voigt, Secretaries of the Northeastern and North Central Colleges, will depart with the Consecrated Elements to serve those in the Chapels. Assisting at the Chancel and speaking the words of institution will be the Secretaries of the Central, Southeastern, South Central and Western Colleges . . . BISHOP EDGAR LOVE, BISHOP ROY H. SHORT, BISHOP W. ANGIE SMITH, BISHOP A. RAYMOND GRANT.)

To all Communicants—We pray that this will be a service in which each of you will be blessed, and one that will create the spiritual atmosphere for this General Conference. Will you not be in prayer throughout the service? Please come forward as directed by the ushers, to kneel before the Chancel; it is the Lord's Table to which you come!

There is self-service; you will kneel and take the elements as directed by the Bishop. Remain in your pews until the close of the Service and leave immediately for the Auditorium. Depart quietly without talking.

The Bishops of The Methodist Church

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Speaking the Words of Institution at the Chancel are Bishop Archer, Bishop Barbieri, Bishop Booth, Bishop Grant, Bishop Love, Bishop Short, Bishop W. Angie Smith, Bishop Ward.

In the Service after the Lord's Prayer by Bishop Bowen, the following Bishops will give the Lord's Prayer in their native tongues: Bishop Wunderlich in German; Bishop Sabanes in Spanish; Bishop Hagen in Norwegian; Bishop Mondol in Bengali; Bishop Amaral in Portuguese; Bishop Lew in Korean.

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Martin, Ray
Moore, Charles
Rowe, Dick
Snyder, Robert
Tull, Robert

Accompanist—Robert Schilling

II

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS VOTE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

VI, VII AND VIII

VOTE

OF

THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

ON

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

NUMBER VI

NUMBER VII

NUMBER VIII

Announced Wednesday morning, April 25, 1956, by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, at the opening session of the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25-May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 263.

VOTE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS VI, VII, AND VIII

(From the records in the office of the Secretary of The General
Conference, Lud H. Estes. The vote was taken on order of The
General Conference of 1952)

Announced by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of The Council
of Bishops of The Methodist Church, at the opening session of the 1956
General Conference, on Amendments Nos. VI, VII and VIII.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE	NO. VI			NO. VII			NO. VIII		
	Total Vote	Yes	No	Total Vote	Yes	No	Total Vote	Yes	No
1. Alabama.....	198	113	85	94	94	...	158	158	...
2. Angola.....	56	56	...	56	56	...	56	56	...
3. Baltic-Slavic.....				No Report					
4. Baltimore.....	322	322	...	285	285	...	252	252	...
5. Belgian.....	26	26	...	27	27	...	27	27	...
6. Bengal.....	35	35	...	35	35	...	35	35	...
7. Bombay.....	58	58	...	58	58	...	58	58	...
8. Burma.....	23	23	...	23	21	2	23	21	2
9. California-Nevada.....	338	331	7	339	339	...	350	350	...
10. Central Alabama.....	122	122	...	125	125	...	125	125	...
11. Central Congo.....				No Report					
12. Central Germany.....	124	124	...	124	124	...	124	124	...
13. Central Kansas.....	252	230	22	254	252	2	246	243	3
14. Central New York.....	76	76	...	65	65	...	67	67	...
15. Central Pennsylvania.....	204	204	...	123	123	...	115	115	...
16. Central Texas.....	210	210	...	210	210	...	210	210	...
17. Central West.....	78	78	...	82	82	...	85	85	...
18. Chile.....	48	48	...	48	48	...	48	48	...
19. Colorado.....	104	104	...	108	108	...	115	115	...
20. Cuba.....	58	58	...	58	58	...	58	58	...
21. Czechoslovakia.....				No Report					
22. Delaware.....	221	221	...	221	221	...	221	221	...
23. Delhi.....	48	41	7	48	41	7	48	41	7
24. Denmark.....	38	38	...	38	38	...	38	38	...
25. Detroit.....	250	235	15	228	98	130	136	18	118
26. East China.....				No Report					
27. East Tennessee.....	63	63	...	62	62	...	62	62	...
28. Erie.....	90	84	6	102	102	...	93	93	...
29. Florida (C).....	82	82	...	81	81	...	85	85	...
30. Florida (SE).....	198	198	...	198	198	...	198	198	...
31. Foochow.....				No Report					
32. Genesee.....	66	66	...	62	62	...	61	61	...
33. Georgia.....	120	120	...	125	125	...	129	129	...
34. Gujarat.....	106	106	...	106	106	...	106	106	...
35. Hingwa.....				No Report					
36. Holston.....	223	220	3	197	197	...	228	228	...
37. Hyderabad.....	58	58	...	58	58	...	58	58	...
38. Idaho.....	55	55	...	51	51	...	45	45	...
39. Illinois.....	260	260	...	254	254	...	241	241	...
40. Indiana.....	231	231	...	251	231	...	258	258	...
41. Indus River.....	33	33	...	37	267	...	37	37	...
42. Iowa—Des Moines.....	57	57	...	61	13	...	56	56	...
43. Kansas.....	145	131	14	139	19	...	145	145	...
44. Kentucky.....	127	127	...	184	184	...	185	185	...
45. Kiangsi.....				No Report					
46. Lexington.....	134	134	...	134	134	...	139	139	...
47. Liberia.....	48	48	...	51	51	...	48	48	...
48. Little Rock.....	146	146	...	135	135	...	135	135	...
49. Louisiana (C).....	115	115	...	115	115	...	115	115	...
50. Louisiana (SC).....	214	214	...	211	211	...	208	208	...
51. Louisville.....	137	55	82	196	196	...	193	193	...
52. Lucknow.....	54	54	...	52	52	...	52	52	...
53. Madhya Pradesh (Central Provinces).....	48	48	...	48	48	...	48	48	...
54. Maine.....	73	73	...	72	72	...	73	73	...
55. Malaya.....	49	49	...	43	43	...	43	43	...
56. Malaysia Chinese.....	71	71	...	66	66	...	63	63	...
57. Memphis.....	102	102	...	124	124	...	116	116	...
58. Michigan.....	126	123	...	3	149	149	123	121	2
59. Mid-China.....				No Report					
60. Minnesota.....	212	210	2	211	211	...	246	246	...

ANNUAL CONFERENCE	NO. VI			NO. VII			NO. VIII		
	Total Vote	Yes	No	Total Vote	Yes	No	Total Vote	Yes	No
61. Mississippi (C)	97	97		105	105		98	98	
62. Mississippi (SE)	143	143		160	160		166	166	
63. Missouri	111	111		112	112		112	112	
64. Montana	85	84	1	79	79		83	83	
65. Nebraska	144	143	1	167	167		164	164	
66. New England	191	189	2	186	186		185	185	
67. New England Southern	90	90		107	107		101	101	
68. New Hampshire	52	35	17	51	36	15	50	44	6
69. New Jersey	182	176	6	165	165		152	152	
70. New Mexico	118	40	78	102	102		101	101	
71. New York	225	225		193	193		188	188	
72. New York East	132	132		148	148		141	141	
73. Newark	120	120		139	139		144	144	
74. North Alabama	111	97	14	117	117		114	114	
75. North Arkansas	160	160		164	164		161	161	
76. North Carolina (C)	115	115		115	115		115	115	
77. North Carolina (SE)	137	137		131	131		134	134	
78. North China				No Report					
79. North Dakota	44	44		42	42		43	43	
80. North Georgia	292	149	143	134	124	10	151	151	
81. North India	131	131		120	118	2	120	118	2
82. North Indiana	174	174		175	175		175	175	
83. North Iowa	234	234		204	204		184	184	
84. North Mississippi	92	91	1	73	73		83	83	
85. North Texas	131	131		131	131		130	130	
86. Northeast Germany	27	27		27	27		27	27	
87. North-East Ohio	294	291	3	263	263		265	265	
88. Northern New York	68	68		59	59		70	70	
89. Northern Philippines	60	60		43		43	64	60	4
90. Northwest Germany	52	52		52	52		52	52	
91. Northwest Indiana	139	139		139	139		140	140	
92. Northwest Philippines	111	111		68		68	68		68
93. Northwest Texas	278	278		278	278		278	278	
94. Norway	98	98		98	98		98	98	
95. Ohio	384	383	1	294	294		302	302	
96. Oklahoma	208	20	188	233	233		242	242	
97. Oregon	127	126	1	127	126	1	127	126	1
98. Pacific Northwest	136	136		136	136		136	136	
99. Peninsula	162	159	3	155	155		165	165	
100. Philadelphia	86	5	81	95	95		96	96	
101. Philippines	66	66		66	21	45	66		66
102. Pittsburgh	172	171	1	180	180		161	161	
103. Rhodesia	74	74		74	74		74	74	
104. Rio Grande	72	59	13	42	32	10	47	47	
105. River Plate (Now Argentina)	68	68		68	65	3	71	68	3
106. Rock River	212	212		188	188		198	198	
107. Saint Louis	154	153	1	125	125		134	134	
108. Shantung				No Report					
109. South Carolina (C)	177	177		191	191		186	186	
110. South Carolina (SE)	283	281	2	290	290		292	292	
111. South Dakota	90	90		90	90		94	94	
112. South Georgia	172	172		172	172		172	172	
113. South Germany	114	114		114	114		114	114	
114. South India	44	44		44	44		44	44	
115. Southeast Africa				No Report					
116. Southern California-Arizona	206	206		210	210		183	183	
117. Southern Congo	56	56		56	56		56	56	
118. Southern Illinois	182	182		185	185		188	188	
119. Southwest	83	83		80	80		82	82	
120. Southwest Germany	68	68		65	65		65	65	
121. Southwest Missouri	158	157	1	149	149		161	161	
122. Southwest Texas	265	265		302	302		294	294	
123. Sweden	168	168		168	168		168	168	
124. Switzerland	149	149		149	149		149	149	
125. Tennessee (CJ)	68	68		68	68		68	68	
126. Tennessee (SE)	146	146		153	153		145	145	
127. Texas (C)	127	127		127	127		127	127	
128. Texas (SC)	215	215		196	196		205	205	
129. Troy	115	114	1	131	131		136	136	
130. Upper Mississippi	56	56		56	56		56	56	
131. Virginia	274	256	18	277	276	1	248	248	
132. Washington	206	206		206	206		206	206	
133. West China				No Report					
134. West Texas	99	99		98	98		101	101	
135. West Virginia	153	31	122	153	153		153	153	
136. West Wisconsin	67	67		56	56		57	57	
137. West North Carolina	268	265	3	312	312		307	307	
138. Wisconsin	163	157	6	138	138		141	141	

ANNUAL CONFERENCE	NO. VI			NO. VII			NO. VIII		
	Total Vote	Yes	No	Total Vote	Yes	No	Total Vote	Yes	No
139. Wyoming.....	113	113	...	115	115	...	114	114	...
140. Wyoming State.....	34	34	...	33	33	...	33	33	...
141. Yenping.....				No Report					

I hereby certify that of this date, April 10, 1956, the following TOTAL VOTE on the three Constitutional Amendments, as shown by the records in my office, is as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. VI—Granting the Bishops of Central Conferences the privilege of unlimited vote in the Council of Bishops:

Total votes cast.....	17,005
Voting Aye.....	16,051
Voting No.....	954

AMENDMENT NO. VII—Fixing the ratio of representation of a Provisional Annual Conference in the General Conference, from the United States:—

Total votes cast.....	16,538
Voting Aye.....	16,199
Voting No.....	339

AMENDMENT NO. VIII—Granting Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States the right to elect Delegates to the General Conference:—

Total votes cast.....	16,504
Voting Aye.....	16,222
Voting No.....	282

LUD H. ESTES

Secretary,
The General Conference,
The Methodist Church

III

DECISIONS

OF THE

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Elected by The Uniting Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, held at Kansas City, Missouri, April 26-May 10, 1939.

Abbreviations:—MEC, Methodist Episcopal Church; MECS, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; MPC, Methodist Protestant Church. (*) Layman.

NE, Northeastern Jurisdiction; SE, Southeastern Jurisdiction; C, Central Jurisdiction; NC, North Central Jurisdiction; SC, South Central Jurisdiction; W, Western Jurisdiction; OS, Overseas.

President:—Francis R. Bayley (Baltimore—MEC)

Vice-President:—Martin E. Lawson (*) (Southwest Missouri—MECS)

Secretary:—Henry R. Van Deusen (*) (Wyoming—MES)

Ministers

Francis R. Bayley	Baltimore—MEC—NE
J. Stewart French	Holston—MECS—SE
George R. Brown	North Carolina—MPC—SE
Waight G. Henry, Sr.	North Georgia—MECS—SE
Walter C. Buckner	Southern California—MEC—W

Laymen

Martin E. Lawson	Southwest Missouri—MECS—SC
Henry R. Van Deusen	Wyoming—MEC—NE
Vincent P. Clarke	New England—MEC—NE
Marvin A. Childers	West Texas—MECS—SC

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Ministers

A. J. Allen	Pittsburgh—MPC—NE
Ernest S. Lyons	Los Angeles—MEC—W
Sanford W. Corcoran	Pittsburgh—MEC—NE
A. C. Millar	Little Rock—MECS—SC
B. Rhette Turnipseed	Upper South Carolina—MECS—SE

Laymen

Nathan Newby	Pacific—MECS—W
James I. Dolliver	Northwest Iowa—MEC—NC
Benjamin A. Matthews	New York—MEC—NE
Robert L. Flowers	North Carolina—MECS—SE

Quadrenniums 1940-1944 and 1944-1948

Elected by the 1940 General Conference, The Methodist Church

Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 24-May 6

President:—Francis R. Bayley

Vice-President:—Martin E. Lawson (*)

Secretary:—Henry R. Van Deusen (*)

Term expiring 1944

George R. Brown	North Carolina—SE
Waights G. Henry, Sr.	North Georgia—SE
Martin E. Lawson (*)	Southwest Missouri—SC
Henry R. Van Deusen (*)	Wyoming—NE

Term expiring 1948

Francis R. Bayley	Baltimore—NE
Walter C. Buckner	Southern California—W
J. Stewart French	Holston—SE
Marvin A. Childers (*)	West Texas—SC
Vincent P. Clarke (*)	New England—NE

RESERVES

Term expiring 1944

A. C. Millar	Little Rock—SC
B. Rhetta Turnipseed	Upper South Carolina—SE
Nathan Newby (*)	Pacific—W
Benjamin A. Matthews (*)	New York—NE

Term expiring 1948

Sanford W. Corcoran	Pittsburgh—NE
A. J. Allen	Pittsburgh—NE
Ernest S. Lyons	Los Angeles—W
James I. Dolliver (*)	Northwest Iowa—SC
Robert L. Flowers (*)	North Carolina—SE

Quadrenniums of 1944-1948 and 1948-1952

Elected by the 1944 General Conference, The Methodist Church

Kansas City, Missouri, April 26-May 6

President:—Francis R. Bayley

Vice-President:—Martin E. Lawson (*)

Secretary:—Henry R. Van Deusen (*)

Term expiring 1948

Francis R. Bayley	Baltimore—NE
Walter C. Buckner	Southern California—W
J. Stewart French	Holston—SE
Marvin A. Childers (*)	West Texas—SC
Vincent P. Clarke (*)	New England—NE

Term expiring 1952

Waight G. Henry, Sr.	North Alabama—SE
Charles B. Ketcham	North-East Ohio—NC
Martin E. Lawson (*)	Southwest Missouri—SC
Henry R. Van Deusen (*)	Wyoming—NE

RESERVES

Term expiring 1944

A. C. Millar	Little Rock—SC
B. Rhette Turnipseed	Upper South Carolina—SE
Nathan Newby (*)	Pacific—W
Benjamin A. Matthews (*)	New York—NE

Term expiring 1948

Sanford W. Corcoran	Pittsburgh—NE
A. J. Allen	Pittsburgh—NE
Ernest S. Lyons	Los Angeles—W
James I. Dolliver (*)	Northwest Iowa—NC
Robert L. Flowers (*)	North Carolina—SE

Quadrenniums of 1948-1952 and 1952-1956

Elected by the 1948 General Conference, The Methodist Church

Boston, Massachusetts, April 28-May 8

President:—Marvin A. Childers (*)

Vice-President:—Waights G. Henry, Sr.

Secretary:—Charles B. Ketcham

Term expiring 1952

Waights G. Henry, Sr.	North Alabama—SE
Charles B. Ketcham	North-East Ohio—NC
Martin E. Lawson (*)	Southwest Missouri—SC
Henry R. Van Deusen (*)	Wyoming—NE

Term expiring 1956

John Alton Taylor	Ohio—NC
Walter C. Buckner	Southern California-Arizona—W
Walter A. Stanbury	Western North Carolina—SE
Marvin A. Childers (*)	West Texas—SC
J. Ernest Wilkins (*)	Lexington—C

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Term expiring 1952

Raymond M. Shipman	Iowa-Des Moines—NC
Ralph M. Houston	New York—NE
John L. Ferguson	Tennessee—SE
Vincent P. Clarke (*)	New England—NE
Murray F. Benson (*)	Baltimore—NE

Term expiring 1956

L. Dorsey Spaugy	Pittsburgh—NE
Hawes P. Clarke	Virginia—SE
Marcus C. Redwine (*)	Kentucky—SE
James I. Dolliver (*)	Northwest Iowa—NC

Quadrenniums of 1952-1956 and 1956-1960

Elected by the 1952 General Conference, The Methodist Church

San Francisco, California, April 23-May 6

President:—Marvin A. Childers (*)

Vice-President:—Walter C. Buckner (a) (b) (Died September 12, 1953)

John Taylor Alton (a)

Secretary:—Charles B. Ketcham (c) (d) (Died April 2, 1953)

J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (c)

Term expiring 1956

John Taylor Alton (a) Ohio—NC
(Elected Vice-President on death of Walter C. Buckner)

Walter C. Buckner (b) (Died September 12, 1953)

Southern California-Arizona—W

Hawes P. Clarke (b) Virginia—SE

Walter A. Stanbury (e) (Died March 20, 1954)

Western North Carolina—SE

Lester A. Welliver (e) Central Pennsylvania—NE

Marvin A. Childers (*) West Texas—SC

J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (c) Lexington—C

(Elected Secretary on death of Charles B. Ketcham)

Term expiring 1960

Charles B. Ketcham (d) (Died April 2, 1953)

North-East Ohio—NC

Ralph M. Houston New York—NE

Fred B. Noble (*) Florida—SE

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) Alabama—SE

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Term expiring 1956

L. Dorsey Spaugey (d) Pittsburgh—NE
(Assumed seat of Charles B. Ketcham on his death.)

Hawes P. Clarke (b) Virginia—SE
(Assumed seat of Walter C. Buckner on his death)

Marcus C. Redwine (*) Kentucky—SE

James I. Dolliver (*) Northwest Iowa—NC

Term expiring 1960

Lester A. Welliver (e) Central Pennsylvania—NE
(Assumed seat of Walter A. Stanbury on his death)

Harold H. Hughes Virginia—SE

Edward G. Mackay (Died February 23, 1956)

North Georgia—SE

Vincent P. Clarke (*) New England—NE

F. Murray Benson (*) Baltimore—NE

Quadrenniums of 1956-1960 and 1960-1964

Elected by the 1956 General Conference, The Methodist Church

Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25-May 7

President:—J. Ernest Wilkins, 4708 Blagden Terrace, N.W.,
Washington 11, D.C.

Vice-President:—Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (a) (b) (Re-
signed)

Lester A. Welliver, (a) 811 Market St.,
Williamsport, Pa.

(Elected Vice-President to succeed Clarence M. Dannelly (*)
resigned.)

Secretary:—Ralph M. Houston, 112 Long Drive, Hempstead,
N. Y.

Term expiring 1960

Ralph M. Houston New York—NE

J. Russell Throckmorton Central Kansas—SC

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (a) (b) Alabama-West Florida—
SE

(Clarence M. Dannelly resigned and Paul R. Erwin assumed his seat)

Paul R. Ervin (*) (b) Western North Carolina—SE

Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) Saint Louis—SC

Term expiring 1964

A. Wesley Pugh North Indiana—NC

Lester A. Welliver (a) Central Pennsylvania—NE

(Elected Vice-President, succeeding Clarence M. Dannelly (*)

R. F. Curl Southwest Texas—SC

J. Ernest Wilkins (*) Lexington—C

Donald A. Odell (*) Southern California-Arizona—W

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Term expiring 1960

Harold H. Hughes Virginia—SE

Ralph Alton Taylor Wisconsin—NC

Harry A. Hanson North India—OS

Vincent P. Clarke (*) New England—NE

F. Murray Benson (*) Baltimore—NE

Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) Rock River—NC

Term expiring 1964

H. Hughes Wagner New England—NE

Ben H. Christner Colorado—W

Walter G. Williams Colorado—W

Paul R. Ervin (*) (b) Western North Carolina—SE

(Seated in place of Clarence M. Dannelly, resigned)

Robert D. Blue (*) North Iowa—NC

Leon M. Hickman (*) Pittsburgh—NE

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PREFACE

IN framing the Plan of Union for the three Methodist organizations existing prior to 1939, which when adopted by The Uniting Conference, became the Constitution of The Methodist Church, provision was made for a Judicial Council with powers and duties therein set forth.

The creation of a Judiciary, distinct from the Executive and Legislative branches of ecclesiastical bodies, is somewhat new in American Church law. However, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had set up such a body, and that became the model for the United Church Constitution.

Since the organization of The Council in 1939, with only the short experience of the Southern Church to guide it, it has had to set its own precedents. Fortunately, and somewhat contrary to expectation, the number of cases which have been reviewable has not been too numerous. Up to the present time it has not been necessary for The Council to hold sessions oftener, on an average, than once each year. As the membership of The Council is widely scattered, this has been fortunate.

In the matter of hearing and handing down Decisions, the Council has usually been unanimous in its action, and very few Dissenting Opinions have been recorded. In the writing of these Opinions, it has been the policy of The Council to make them as short as possible, and refrain from long legal discussions, and citations of authorities. Some of the Opinions, during sessions of The General Conference, have had to be written rather hurriedly, and without the opportunity to consult authorities. It is hoped that this feature has not detracted from the understanding of the basic principles decided.

The actual work of The Council is only partially reflected by the formal Opinions and Decisions handed down. Almost as much time is consumed in disposing of numerous petitions, requests, and other communications asking for Judicial determination of, or sometimes simply advice upon, questions over which (at least in the manner presented) The Council has no jurisdiction. This also involves a very voluminous correspondence, not only by the Secretary, but by other members of the Council. The character of such cases is illustrated by the first Decision reported herein, but it has been thought unnecessary to include others of a similar character.

For ready reference there is included in this volume the

Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by The Judicial Council. The Constitutional Provisions as to The Council and legislation of The General Conference relating thereto, are not repeated herein, but reference is made to *Discipline* 1956, Paragraphs 901 to 918 inclusive.

The personnel of The Judicial Council as of November 1, 1956, is as follows:

President	J. Ernest Wilkins
4708 Blagden Terrace, N.W., Washington 11, D. C.	
Vice-President (B)	Lester A. Welliver
811 Market St., Williamsport, Pa.	
Secretary	Ralph M. Houston
112 Long Drive, Hempstead, N. Y.	

<i>Ministerial</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ralph M. Houston (New York—NE)	1960
J. Russell Throckmorton	
(Central Kansas—SC)	1960
A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC)	1964
Lester A. Welliver	
(Central Pennsylvania—NE)	1964
R. F. Curl (Southwest Texas—SC)	1964

<i>Lay</i>	
Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (A) (B)	
(Alabama-West Florida—SE)	1960
Paul R. Ervin (*) (A)	
(Western North Carolina—SE)	1960
Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (Saint Louis—SC)	1960
J. Ernest Wilkins (Lexington—C)	1964
Donald A. Odell	
(Southern California-Arizona—W)	1964

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<i>Ministerial</i>	
Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE)	1960
Ralph Alton Taylor (Wisconsin—NC)	1960
Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS)	1960
H. Hughes Wagner	
(New England—NE)	1964
Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)	1964
Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W)	1964

(A) Clarence M. Dannelly, Lay, resigned May 8, 1956, and Paul R. Erwin, Lay, was designated by The Judicial Council to take his place.

(B) Lester A. Welliver, Ministerial, was elected Vice-President in place of Clarence M. Dannelly, Lay, resigned.

Lay

Vincent P. Clarke (New England—NE) 1960

F. Murray Benson (Baltimore—NE) . . 1960

Samuel W. Witwer, Jr.

(Rock River—NC) 1960

Paul R. Erwin (*)

(Western North Carolina—SE) 1964

Robert D. Blue (North Iowa—NC) . . . 1964

Leon M. Hickman (Pittsburgh—NE) . . 1964

RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

1. *Officers.*—The Officers of The Judicial Council shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary, to be elected quadrennially by a majority vote of The Council, *provided, that no officer shall be elected to succeed himself in any particular office.* (Amendment in Bold Face adopted Oct. 23, 1956)

2. *Duties of President.*—The President shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a Presiding Officer of a Judicial Body, including the right to call The Judicial Council into session, as provided by the *Discipline*.

3. *Duties of the Vice-President.*—In case of absence or inability of the President, or at the request of the President, the Vice-President shall preside over part or all of any session of The Judicial Council and perform all duties devolving upon the Presiding Officer while so presiding at such session.

4. *Duties of the Secretary.*—The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the position of Secretary or Clerk of a Judicial Body, and such other duties as shall be requested of him by The Judicial Council, among which shall be:

a) To keep a correct and complete record of all proceedings of The Judicial Council, including discussions, opinions, and all other actions taken by The Council.

b) To keep the docket and perform the duties incident thereto, as hereinafter provided.

c) To furnish certified copy or copies of the record of the action of The Judicial Council, or any matter determined by it, to the party or parties interested and to such others as may have a right thereto.

d) To send to the Secretary of The Council of Bishops certified copies of all Decisions of The Judicial Council on questions of law, as provided in ¶ 909.

e) To notify the President of The Judicial Council immediately upon the filing of any matter submitted to The Judicial Council for determination, giving him a full and complete statement of the matter involved, together with such additional data as he may deem necessary.

5. *Docket.*—All matters of whatsoever kind and character which may be brought before The Judicial Council for determination shall be filed in consecutive order by the Secretary and shall be reported fully to The Council. At the conclusion of any annual session, or General Conference session, of The Judicial Council, all papers, documents, and exhibits

in all matters finally disposed of shall be sent by the Secretary for safekeeping to the library of Drew University.

6. *Proceedings Preparatory for Hearing.*—a) When any matter is appealed to The Judicial Council for determination the document or documents and exhibits setting forth the same shall be filed with the Secretary of The Judicial Council, and entered by him upon the docket of The Council.

b) When a cause has been placed on the docket of The Judicial Council, the Secretary thereof shall, within thirty (30) days from said date, furnish to each member of The Council a copy of the document or documents and exhibits setting forth such appeal, or a careful and accurate digest thereof.

7. *Arguments.*—Interested parties may be heard in person, or by others appearing for them, or both, but not more than two on the same side shall be heard except by consent of The Council. Arguments shall be limited to one hour for each side; but upon request before the argument is begun, The Council may allow such additional time as it may deem necessary for an adequate presentation of the issues involved.

8. *Interested Persons Not Parties May Be Heard.*—Any person or persons not parties to the record, but interested in a question of law pending before The Judicial Council may, with the consent of The Council, be heard thereon before The Council in session.

9. *Decisions.*—All Decisions by The Council shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by an opinion in which the reasons upon which it is based shall be stated with a citation of the pertinent authorities, and shall show whether or not all members of The Council concur in the Decision, giving the names of such members as do not concur. Any member of The Council who dissents may give in writing the reasons for his dissent, which shall be entered of record.

10. *Approval and Signing of the Record.*—The record of all sessions of The Judicial Council shall be approved by The Council in session and signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

11. *No Discussions Outside Council Meetings.*—The members of The Judicial Council will not permit discussion with them on matters pending before them, or that may be referred to them for determination, save and except before The Judicial Council in session.

12. *Rules May Be Amended.*—These Rules may be amended, repealed, or extended, at any session of The Judicial Council by a majority vote thereof.

No. 88

**In Re: Questions Proposed By Ruben V. Candelaria,
Delegate From The Philippines Annual Confer-
ence, And Referred By The General Confer-
ence To The Judicial Council For A
Declaratory Decision**

DIGEST OF DECISION

A retired member of an Annual Conference may be elected to membership in a Central Conference if he meets the conditions required by law of all those who represent their Annual Conferences in The General or Central Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above captioned matter arose in the following manner: On May 6, 1952, Dr. W. A. Stanbury presented to The General Conference, on behalf of The Judicial Council, a brief Report on a matter that had been previously referred to The Judicial Council. When Dr. Stanbury had concluded this Report, the following transpired:

Bishop Reed: Thank you. While we are on the matter of the Report from The Judicial Council, will you permit the Chair to grant the courtesy of the floor to a Delegate from the Philippines on a matter of reference to The Judicial Council?

Ruben V. Candelaria (Philippines): Mr. Chairman and Members of the General Conference, I certainly do not wish to take this moment, knowing we are pressed with time. I have two questions regarding our Central Conference in the Philippines:

First: Can a retired member of an Annual Conference now appointed as a Supply Pastor be elected to the Central Conference?

Second: Can a Committee of Investigation under certain circumstances terminate a case and render a Decision?

With the permission of this body I move these be referred to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision.

Bishop Reed: You have heard the motion. Is it seconded?
(The motion was duly seconded)

Bishop Reed: As many as will refer indicate it with the uplifted hand; contrary the same. It is done.

(Page 549, *Daily Christian Advocate*, 1952)

Later that same afternoon (Page 575, *Daily Christian Advocate*), consent was asked for the privilege of announcing The Judicial Council's Decision on these questions "at the next meeting following the adjournment of The General Conference."

JURISDICTION

The General Conference, under Subdivision 5 of Article II of Division Four of the Constitution (Paragraph 43 of the 1952 *Discipline*), has broad powers in the matter of conferring additional jurisdiction upon The Judicial Council. This Paragraph 43 of the *Discipline* sets

out the Constitutional duties and powers of The Judicial Council, and ends with this Subdivision 5, reading as follows:

5. To have such other duties and powers as may be conferred upon it by The General Conference.

Since these questions were specifically submitted by The General Conference to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision thereon, it is the Decision of The Judicial Council that, under the Constitutional Provision above quoted, it has jurisdiction to render such requested Declaratory Decision.

QUESTION "A"

Can a retired member of an Annual Conference now appointed as a Supply Pastor be elected to the Central Conference?

ANALYSIS

Article IV of the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Paragraph 24 of the 1952 *Discipline*) reads as follows:

"The Ministerial Delegates to The General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the Ministerial Members of the Annual Conference, *provided* that such Delegates shall have been traveling preachers in the constituent Churches forming this union, or in The Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election and are in Full Connection with the Annual Conference electing them when elected and at the time of holding The General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences."

To answer correctly the question here under consideration, it appears advisable that The Judicial Council shall first determine the true meaning of the above quoted Provision in the Constitution relating to the qualification of the Ministerial Delegates to The General Conference. In order to arrive at a satisfactory interpretation of this provision, a review of the background of same, as reflected in the *Discipline* and Judicial Decisions of the "Constituent Churches forming the union" seems important.

The *Constitution* of the *Methodist Protestant Church* contains the following provisions:

2. The General Conference of the Church shall consist of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen. (Sec. 2, Art. VIII of the 1936 *Discipline*.)

No other qualifications were prescribed for the Ministerial Delegates to The General Conference.

The *Constitution* of the *Methodist Episcopal Church* (Paragraph 82 of the 1936 *Discipline*) defined the qualification of Ministerial Delegates to The General Conference as follows:

Such Delegates shall be Elders at least twenty-five years of age, and shall have been Members of an Annual Conference at least four successive years, and at the time of their election and at the time of the session of The General Conference shall be Members of the Annual Conference which elected them.

The *Discipline* of the *Methodist Episcopal Church, South*, defined the

qualifications of its Ministerial Delegates to The General Conference as follows:

Question: Who compose The General Conference, and what are the regulations and powers belonging to it? . . .

Answer 2: The Clerical Representatives shall be elected by the Clerical Members of the Annual Conference; *provided* that such representatives shall have been *traveling preachers* at least four calendar years next preceding their election, and are in Full Connection with an Annual Conference when elected, and also at the time of holding The General Conference. (Page 29, *Discipline* of 1938).

It will be observed that the present law on this subject is identical in all essential parts with the law as it existed in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It is to be presumed that no change in its meaning was intended by its insertion in the Constitution of The Methodist Church. At least there seems to be no evidence of any intended change in its meaning and application.

In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, any member of an Annual Conference, whether active or retired, was considered a "traveling preacher." In that Church even a preacher "On Trial" was considered to be a "traveling preacher" and, under the Episcopal Decision rendered in 1914, never over-ruled and quoted below, could be elected to The General Conference *provided* he had traveled four calendar years and had been received into Full Connection by the time of the election:

Par. 676. What Traveling Preachers can be elected Delegates to The General Conference?

The four "Calendar Years" a preacher must have traveled before he can be elected a Delegate to The General Conference should be counted from the time of his reception On Trial (1914). (Paragraph 676, 1938 *Discipline*.)

Historically, retired members of an Annual Conference have been eligible to election as Delegates to The General Conference. The General Conference of 1808, that established The General Conference as a delegated body, was composed of 131 preachers, three of whom were superannuates (Journal of the 1808 General Conference). They were elected under a provision of the 1804 *Discipline* reading as follows:

Who compose The General Conference?

All the preachers who shall have traveled four year from the time they were received On Trial by an Annual Conference, and are in Full Connection at the time of holding the Conference. (Page 15, *Discipline* F 1804.)

The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, passing upon the question of whether or not a retired minister could be elected as a Delegate to The General Conference, ruled as follows:

46. A Retired Minister is eligible to election as a Delegate to The General Conference. Journal of The General Conference, 1932, p. 611. (Par. 101.46—1936 *Discipline*.)

The *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, answering the question, "Who shall compose an Annual Conference?" provided as follows:

All the traveling preachers in Full Connection with it. (Page 33, 1938 *Discipline*.)

No distinction is made here between preachers in the effective relationship and those in the retired relationship. A Minister did not cease to be a member of the Annual Conference upon his superannuation. He therefore continued to be a "traveling preacher" although not actually serving a charge, as the Annual Conference, so far as its clerical membership was concerned, was composed only of "traveling preachers."

The Judicial Council in its Decision, rendered to The General Conference at its 1952 session (Pages 527-528 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*), reaffirmed this historic relationship of retired ministers to the Annual Conference. (See Decision No. 87 of The Judicial Council.)

Based on the historical interpretations of what constitute a "traveling preacher" and on who compose The General Conference, it appears that a retired minister, meeting the other qualifications for membership in The General Conference, is eligible for election as a member of The General Conference regardless of whether he is or is not serving as a Supply Pastor.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that a retired member of an Annual Conference serving as a Supply Pastor is eligible to election as a Delegate to The General Conference (and to a Jurisdictional or Central Conference) provided he has been a "traveling preacher" (On Trial or in Full Connection) in The Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding his election and is in Full Connection with the Annual Conference electing him when elected and at the time of holding The General Conference.

November 25, 1952.

No. 89

In Re: Question Proposed By Ruben V. Candelaria, Delegate From The Philippines Annual Confer- ence, And Referred By The General Confer- ence To The Judicial Council For A Declaratory Decision

(See Pages 549 and 575, *Daily Christian Advocate*, 1952)

DIGEST OF DECISION

A Committee of Investigation has authority only to inquire whether or not the accused person is guilty of committing one of the offenses enumerated in Par. 921. Its findings must be certified and declared to the Annual Conference by the District Superintendent. If in the judgment of the Committee the evidence does seem to substantiate the accusation, the Committee has no alternative but to prepare and file the proper charges and specifications.

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JURISDICTION

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Question "B"

Can a Committee of Investigation, under certain circumstances, terminate a case and render a Decision? As, for instance, when the accused admits the charge or charges against him?

ANALYSIS

The following Paragraphs from the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church are pertinent to the question under consideration:

Paragraph 921. A. Bishop or traveling preacher On Trial in an Annual Conference shall be liable to accusation and trial upon any of the following charges:

- (a) Unchristian tempers, words or actions.
- (b) Disobedience to the order and *Discipline* of the Church.
- (c) Imprudent or unministerial conduct.
- (d) Habitual neglect of duties as a member or officer in the Church.
- (e) Disseminating Doctrines contrary to the Articles of Religion or other established Standards of Doctrine of the Church.
- (f) Immorality or crime.
- (g) Maladministration in office in the Church.

Paragraph 932. If a traveling preacher or a preacher On Trial, in the interval between sessions of his Conference, shall be accused of any of the offenses enumerated in Paragraph 921, his District Superintendent, or the Superintendent of the District within the bounds of which such acts are alleged to have taken place, shall call the Committee of Investigation to inquire into same, and, if possible, bring the accused and the accuser face to face; the accused shall have the right to make a statement in his own behalf but shall not present any witnesses. The District Superintendent shall preside throughout the proceedings, and shall certify and declare the judgment of the Committee.

Paragraph 934. If in the judgment of a majority of the Committee of Investigation there is reasonable ground for such accusation, they shall prepare and sign the proper charges and specifications, send a copy to the accused, to the Bishop in charge, . . . and to the Secretary of the Annual Conference. . . .

Under these provisions of the law, the accusation must charge the accused of committing one of the offenses enumerated in said Paragraph 921. If, in the judgment of a majority of the Committee, the acts of the accused complained of do not constitute one of such offenses, the Committee has the right so to determine, and the District Superintendent "shall certify and declare the judgment of the Committee" to the Annual Conference. (See Paragraph 932, 1952 *Discipline*.)

On the other hand, if the acts of the accused complained of do constitute one of the offenses enumerated in Paragraph 921, then whether or not the accused admits that he committed such acts, the Committee "shall prepare and sign the proper charges and specifications."

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that if in the judgment of a majority of the Committee of Investigation the acts charged against the accused do not constitute one of the offenses enumerated in Paragraph 921 of the 1952 *Discipline*, the Committee has the right so to determine and it shall be the duty of the District Superintendent to certify and declare such judgment of the Committee to the Annual Conference.

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council, however, that

if the acts charged against the accused do constitute one of the offenses enumerated in Paragraph 921 of the *Discipline*, whether or not the accused admits such charges, the Committee of Investigation has no alternative but to prepare and file the proper charges and specifications.

November 25, 1952.

No. 90

In Re: Ruling Of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, At Newark Annual Conference, June 1, 1952, Interpreting The Effect Of Section 4, Paragraph 806, Of The *Discipline* Of 1948

DIGEST OF DECISION

The provisions of Section 4, Paragraph 806, of the 1948 *Discipline* are mandatory.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Request for Ruling

During the session of the Newark Annual Conference held at Jersey City, New Jersey, May 28-June 1, 1952, the Reverend William McLean Twiddy, Chairman of the Commission on Ministerial Support of the Newark Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, requested on behalf of the Commission that the Bishop rule upon the following question:

Are the provisions of Section 4, Paragraph 806, of the 1948 *Discipline* mandatory?

Paragraph 806, Section 4, follows:

The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance shall estimate the total amount necessary to maintain the schedule of minimum support for the Pastors thereof as adopted by the Conference which total amount shall be apportioned as an item of ministerial support to the Districts or pastoral charges as the Annual Conference may determine.

RULING

They are.

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to pass upon the above quoted ruling of Bishop Oxnam. (Sub. 3, Paragraph 43 of the 1952 *Discipline*, same being Sub. 3, Art. II, Division Four of the Constitution of The Methodist Church.)

ANALYSIS

Subdivision 1 of Paragraph 806 makes it mandatory for every Annual Conference to "adopt a schedule of minimum support for its Pastors, including full-time Accepted Supply Pastors."

Implementing this mandatory provision, Sub. 4 of Paragraph 806 makes it mandatory that the Conference Commission on World Service

and Finance estimate the total amount necessary to maintain such schedule, and that such estimated amount "shall be apportioned as an item of ministerial support to the Districts or pastoral charges as the Annual Conference may determine."

Decision

Bishop Oxnam's decision being strictly in accord with the plain provisions of the law relating to the Minimum Salary Plan, as set out in Paragraph 806 of the *Discipline* of 1948, same as hereby in all things affirmed.

November 25, 1952.

No. 91

In Re: Request Of The Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference For An Interpretation Of Paragraph 308 Of The 1948 *Discipline* As Amended By The 1952 General Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

An unordained Student Pastor, who is a candidate for the traveling ministry while serving as a regularly appointed Pastor of a charge, may be authorized to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and, if the laws of the State permit, to perform the marriage ceremony within the bounds of his pastoral charge, *provided* he has passed the Course of Study for Admission on Trial, but he may be excused from advancing in the Conference Course of Study while attending a college or seminary "approved by the authorized standardizing agency."

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference of The Methodist Church at its 1952 Session, on motion of Dr. E. E. Voigt, Chairman of the Iowa-Des Moines Conference Board of Ministerial Training, adopted the following:

The Iowa-Des Moines Conference requests The Judicial Council to rule upon the effect of Paragraph 308 as amended by The General Conference of 1952, upon young men in college and seminary.

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to respond to this request under the 1952 amendment to Paragraph 914 of the 1948 *Discipline* authorizing Annual Conferences to petition The Judicial Council for Declaratory Decisions.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 308 of the 1948 *Discipline* as amended in 1952 reads as follows:

An unordained Pastor, only while serving as a regularly appointed Pastor of a charge, may be authorized to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and The Lord's Supper and, if the laws of the State

permit, to perform the marriage ceremony, within the bounds of his pastoral charge, *provided*:

- (a) He has passed the Course of Study for Admission on Trial,
- (b) And each year thereafter he passes one full year of the Course of Study, looking to full ordination. Failure to complete one full year annually shall cause suspension of this privilege.

In all foreign mission fields the conferring of such authority shall rest with the Central Conference in which the Pastor serves.

The questions upon which the Iowa-Des Moines Conference requests a Declaratory Decision as expressed in a letter from Dr. Voigt to the Secretary of The Judicial Council are as follows:

Must they (student ministers) in addition to their regular school work, make regular advance in the Conference Course of Study? Or can the end of Paragraph 304 (Paragraph 305, 1952 *Discipline*) be so interpreted that in making regular advances in the academic program they will be excused from the Conference Course of Study and still be allowed to administer the Sacraments in their student charges?

We may assume that the unordained Student Pastor is a licensed Local Preacher and has passed the Course of Study for License to Preach listed under Paragraph 2043 of the 1952 *Discipline*. If he is to qualify for administering the Sacraments it is clear that he must also comply with the requirement of Paragraph 308 (a) by taking the examinations for Admission on Trial as listed under Paragraph 2044, 1952 *Discipline*. These two courses have been termed "Orientation Courses" and are not considered in the same category as the regular Courses of Study listed under Course I, Paragraphs 2045-2048, and Course II, Paragraphs 2052-2055. It would seem that the framers of the legislation governing the Courses of Study regarded knowledge of the books listed in Paragraphs 2043 and 2044 for Local Preacher's license and Admission on Trial as basic, almost indispensable training for the young man who is to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments, whether he attends college and seminary or not.

Paragraph 305 states:

In the case of Local Preachers who are candidates for the traveling ministry, examinations may be suspended while they are pursuing regular Courses of Study in our theological seminaries or in universities and colleges approved by the authorized standardizing agency.

There can be no doubt that this suspension of examinations was intended to apply only to the "Course of Study looking to full Ordination" referred to in Paragraph 308 (b) but not to the "Orientation" Course of Study for Admission on Trial referred to in Paragraph 308 (a). Paragraph 2041 Sec. 4 specifies that

Paragraph 2044 indicates the four books required for: (a) Admission on Trial into an Annual Conference unless candidate furnishes equivalent Seminary credits; (b) authorization for an unordained Supply Pastor to perform ministerial functions as set forth in Paragraph 308; (c) an introduction to the four year Course of Study specified for Full-time Supply Pastors in Paragraph 320.

Then in the same Paragraph, sections 5 and 6 indicate the persons

for whom the Courses I and II are intended. They are either the persons who do not have a seminary degree or Full-time Supply Pastors or other Local Preachers. Paragraph 2041 Section 9 quotes Paragraph 305 by way of emphasis.

All of the above emphasizes the fact that suspended examinations apply only to the four year Courses of Study "for Conference members" indicated in Paragraphs 2045 to 2048, and the four year Course of Study "for Supply Pastors and Local Preachers" indicated in Paragraphs 2052-2055.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that an unordained Student Pastor who is a candidate for the traveling ministry while serving as a regularly appointed Pastor of a charge is authorized to perform ministerial functions as set forth in Paragraph 308 if he has passed the Course of Study for Admission on Trial even though he may not be eligible for Admission because of other Conference standards or requirements. But having passed the Course of Study for Admission on Trial, examinations may be suspended on the regular four year Conference Course as long as he is pursuing courses of study in a college or seminary "approved by the authorized standardizing agency."

November 25, 1952.

No. 92

In Re: Power Of An Annual Conference To Authorize A Hospital Owned By The Conference To Borrow Money

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Annual Conference may authorize a subsidiary hospital corporation to borrow up to a certain percentage of the value of its property for the purpose of its expansion program. When appraised as provided in the Resolution under consideration it cannot be held that such Resolution authorized an unlimited incurring of indebtedness.

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 909 of the 1952 *Discipline* which authorizes The Council "to pass upon the Decisions of Law made by the Bishops in Annual and District Conferences."

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Good Samaritan Hospital is a corporation whose Trustees are elected by the Kentucky Annual Conference and are under the control of the Conference. They ask for authority from the Conference to incur, if necessary, a maximum indebtedness of 25% of the evaluation of its land, as fixed by the Board of Trustees of the Good Samaritan Hospital, hereinafter called the Board of Trustees, and 25% of the evaluation of the property fixed by the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau

for the purposes of insurance, such 25% to be based on such evaluation statement next preceding the time of incurring such indebtedness. Marcus C. Redwine, hereinafter called the appellant, questioned the power of the Conference to grant the request and asked for a ruling on the following question:

In the request submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Good Samaritan Hospital, owned by the Conference, is there not implied, if not expressly stated, a surrender of the sovereign power and discretion, vested in the supreme body to the Board of Trustees, the subordinate body? Can this Conference legally authorize said Board to provide its own means and power to incur unlimited indebtedness against the assets of this Conference? In the final analysis, does not the Conference have to say, "What is the highest debt limit that may be legally placed against the hospital?"

The request of the Trustees was granted by the Conference. The next day the presiding Bishop, William T. Watkins, made the following ruling:

The Kentucky Annual Conference is within its rights to grant the Good Samaritan Hospital the right to incur indebtedness up to twenty-five per cent of its appraised assets. No request was before the Conference for unlimited indebtedness.

ANALYSIS

By his first question the appellant asked if the Conference did not surrender its sovereign power and discretion to the Board of Trustees, a body subordinate to the Conference. The contrary was the fact. The Board of Trustees in asking the Conference for authority to incur indebtedness acknowledged the superior power of the Conference.

The second question apparently asked if the Conference can give the Board of Trustees power to incur debt without limit and pledge the assets of the Conference. This is contrary to the fact. Instead of being unlimited in indebtedness it was limited to 25% of the value of the property of the hospital corporation based on evaluation statement next preceding the time of incurring such indebtedness.

Therefore, there is a limit of indebtedness satisfactory to the Conference which authorized the same. In this instance the only assets of the Conference authorized to be pledged are the assets of its subsidiary corporation.

The third question asked if the Conference does not have to say what is the highest amount of debt that the hospital can incur. Probably the appellant means to ask if the Conference is not required to state in dollars the limit that can be borrowed. In stating the percentage of the value of the property that can be borrowed, the Conference fixed a limit. However, since Paragraph 631 of the 1952 *Discipline* distinctly implies that an Annual Conference can obligate itself, it is obvious that the Conference may authorize a subsidiary corporation to incur indebtedness and not fix the limit. Such, however, was not the case here.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that the ruling of Bishop Watkins be and it is hereby affirmed.

November 25, 1952.

No. 93

**In Re: Ruling Of Bishop W. T. Watkins Of The
Kentucky Conference, August 29, 1952, On
Question Of Quorum Necessary For
Quarterly Conference Business**

DIGEST OF DECISION

No quorum is necessary for a session of the Quarterly Conference and it is legal to reduce the number of the Trustees in a church from nine to three to comply with the State law.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The first Quarterly Conference of the Mead Memorial Church, Russell, Kentucky, was held October 31, 1951. At the fourth Quarterly Conference held on July 13, 1952, the legality of actions taken at the first Quarterly Conference was questioned on the ground of there being no quorum present and also on the ground that the Quarterly Conference had no legal authority to reduce the number of Trustees from nine to three. The District Superintendent ruled that it does not require a quorum for a Quarterly Conference to transact business and that the Quarterly Conference had the authority and duty, as it did, to reduce the number of Trustees to three in order to comply with State law.

Appeal was made from the District Superintendent's ruling to the presiding Bishop who in the session of the Kentucky Annual Conference on August 29, 1952, sustained the ruling of the District Superintendent.

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 909 of the 1952 *Discipline* which authorizes The Council to "pass upon the Decisions of Law made by the Bishop in Annual and District Conferences. . . ."

ANALYSIS

Provisions of the *Discipline* governing Quarterly Conferences do not include any statement concerning quorums. (1952 *Discipline*, Paragraphs 137-154.) Neither by law, tradition, or practice is a quorum required for a Quarterly Conference. Such requirement is provided for only two of the Conferences of Methodism, namely, the Jurisdictional Conference (1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 527) and the General Conference (1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 503.) In Decision No. 36, May 9, 1946, The Judicial Council held that no quorum for an Annual Conference is established in the law of the Church.

The action of the Quarterly Conference reduced the number of Trustees to three as required by the Statutes of Kentucky (Kentucky Revised Statutes, 1948, 273.100). This Statute provides for a religious society to have from "one to three Trustees in whom legal or equitable title to the society's property shall be vested for the use of the society." The *Discipline* of 1952, Paragraph 721, states that "Whenever the law of the State, territory, or country in which is located any property of The Methodist Church, its Agencies or subdivisions, or the provisions of an existing charter of a corporation organized and holding property for such purposes, require otherwise than in this chapter prescribed, such law or Charter shall apply and

be substituted for such of the provisions of this chapter as are in conflict with such law or charter."

The action of the Quarterly Conference in reducing the number of Trustees to the maximum number permitted by Kentucky State Law is in harmony with this Paragraph and the Quarterly Conference therefore acted properly in the premises.

Decision

The ruling of the Bishop that no quorum is necessary for a session of the Quarterly Conference, and that a regular Quarterly Conference with a limited number present was within its authority, and in compliance with the Kentucky Statutes, in reducing the number of its Trustees to three, is correct. The ruling of the Bishop is therefore affirmed.

November 25, 1952.

No. 94

In Re: Successor To Dr. Charles B. Ketcham As Member Of The Judicial Council

DIGEST OF DECISION

Dr. L. Dorsey Spaugy, being the first in order of election of the Ministerial Alternates to membership upon The Judicial Council, is the lawful successor of Dr. Chas. B. Ketcham, deceased.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Thursday, April 2, 1953, Dr. Chas. B. Ketcham, member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, departed this life. Immediately upon his death the necessity arose of calling from among the Ministerial Alternates to membership upon The Council, the successor to Dr. Ketcham.

M. A. Childers, President of the Judicial Council, acting under the provisions of Art. #3 of Paragraph 901, of the 1952 *Discipline*, providing that "Vacancies on The Judicial Council shall be filled by the Alternate or Alternates of the same class or respective classes *in the order of their election as alternates*," and the provisions of Paragraph 2115 of the *Discipline* listing Dr. L. Dorsey Spaugy the first ministerial alternate "in order of election," determined that Dr. Spaugy was the lawful successor of Dr. Ketcham to membership upon the Judicial Council. This determination was questioned by the Secretary of The General Conference, whereupon the question was submitted by the President to all members of The Council by wire and all but one member of The Judicial Council sustained the determination that had been made by the President of The Council.

JURISDICTION

This being a matter of great importance it would seem that this question should be made the subject of a formal Declaratory Decision by The Judicial Council. Sub. 6, Paragraph 43 of the *Discipline* reads as follows:

"The Judicial Council shall have authority:

"6. To provide its own methods of organization and procedure."

The Judicial Council has broad powers, both under the Constitution and the acts of The General Conference to interpret the provisions of the *Discipline*. It would seem that the above quoted provision of the Constitution would give to The Council implied authority, at least, to determine from the provisions of the *Discipline* who shall fill vacancies in its membership occurring *ad interim* the sessions of The General Conference.

This implied authority is emphasized in the provisions of Art. 3, Paragraph 901, directing that "it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary of The Council to notify the Alternate entitled to fill" a vacancy. If a question should be raised as to the proper one to call to fill such a vacancy, there is nobody except The Judicial Council authorized to determine such question.

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that The Council has jurisdiction to render a Decision on the question of who shall be called to membership upon The Judicial Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Chas. B. Ketcham.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 901 of the *Discipline* deals with membership upon The Judicial Council, including the election of members and of alternates. The second unnumbered Paragraph of Art. I of Par. 901, reads as follows:

"Members of The Council shall be nominated and elected in the manner following: At each quadrennial session of The General Conference, The Council of Bishops shall nominate by majority vote four times the number of Ministers and four times the number of Laymen to be elected at such session of The General Conference. At the same daily session at which the above nominations are announced, nominations for each Class may be made from the floor."

The words "*for each Class*" without question means the Ministerial class and the Lay class.

Article 2 of Paragraph 901 reads in part as follows:

"There shall be a like number of Alternates of each Class, and their qualifications shall be the same as for membership on The Judicial Council. The term of the Alternates shall be for eight years."

"The Alternates shall be elected in the manner following: From the nominees of each Class remaining on the ballot after the election of the necessary number of Members of The Judicial Council to be elected at sessions of The General Conference, The General Conference shall by separate ballot, without discussion and by majority vote, elect the number of Alternates of *each Class* to be elected at such session of The General Conference. An election shall be held at each session of The General Conference for only the number of *each Class whose terms expire at such session* of The General Conference or to fill vacancies."

The term "*each Class*" as used in this article could not be interpreted as meaning Class of any particular year or years. In interpreting on that basis, all "*whose terms expire at such session of The General Conference*" would belong to the same Class, and the term "*each Class*" would have no meaning. It is clear that the term "*each Class*," as used in Art. 2 of Paragraph 901 is to be construed as referring to Ministerial and Lay Classes.

It is equally clear that the same interpretation is to be given to the term "of the same Class or respective Classes," as used in Art. 3, Paragraph 901. This Paragraph reads in part as follows:

"If a vacancy or vacancies in the Membership of The Judicial Council occur during the interim between sessions of The General Conference, they shall be filled by the Alternate or Alternates of the same Class or respective Classes in the order of their election as Alternates."

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that the expressions "*of each Class*" or "*respective Classes*" as used in the Articles of Paragraph 901 quoted above refer to Ministerial and Lay members or Ministerial Alternates or Lay Alternates, and not to the Class or Classes of any particular year or years; and that in case of vacancy in the Ministerial membership on The Judicial Council the Ministerial Alternate first in order of election is entitled to fill such vacancy; and that in case of a vacancy in the Lay membership on The Judicial Council, the Lay Alternate first in order of election is entitled to fill such vacancy.

It appearing from Paragraph 2115 of the *Discipline* that Dr. L. Dorsey Spaugy was the first Ministerial Alternate "in order of election," it is clear that Dr. Spaugy was and is entitled to fill the vacancy on The Judicial Council caused by the death of Dr. Chas. B. Ketcham. Accordingly the calling by the President of The Council of Dr. Spaugy to membership upon The Judicial Council is in all things affirmed and approved.

June 25, 1953.

No. 95

In Re: Ruling Of Bishop Paul N. Garber At Virginia Annual Conference, October 11, 1952, As To Paragraph 1618, Section 4, Relating To The Listing Of Special Appointments In The Conference Journal

DIGEST OF DECISION

Special Appointments listed in the Annual Conference Journal in compliance with Paragraph 1618, Section 4, of the 1952 *Discipline*, showing annuity responsibility, must be the Special Appointments of the current Conference and not those of the previous Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Journal of the Virginia Annual Conference meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, records the following action:

"Report No. 1 on Conference Claimants—R. P. Riddick presented

Report No. 1 of the Board of Conference Claimants, and it was adopted." (See Appendix.)

This Report as adopted contained the recommendations of the Board of Conference Claimants listing the Special Appointments with reference to their annuity claim as required in Paragraph 1618, Section 4 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

In connection with the Report the following action was taken at the request of Bishop Paul N. Garber, the Presiding Officer:

"The Board of Conference Claimants of the Virginia Annual Conference, in session October 9, 1952, on proper motion, requested the presiding Bishop to rule on Paragraph 1618, Section 4, of the Methodist *Discipline* (1948 and 1952) as to whether it refers to the Special Appointments of the current Annual Conference or to Special Appointments of the preceding Annual Conference."

In response to this request, on October 10, 1952, Bishop Garber read the following statement to the Conference:

"This is a question that can be answered either way, for there are basic reasons to justify either answer. I feel that this is one question that should be settled by The Judicial Council. I, therefore, answer that Paragraph 1618, Section 4, of the Methodist *Discipline*, refers to Special Appointments of the preceding Annual Conference. I would appreciate it if my ruling should be appealed by our Virginia Annual Conference to The Judicial Council."

The Journal then states:

"R. P. Riddick moved that the Conference appeal the Decision above to The Judicial Council and the motion was adopted."

JURISDICTION

This question is properly before The Judicial Council for a Decision for the following reasons:

1. Paragraph 908 of the *Discipline* 1952 states:

"The Judicial Council shall hear and determine any appeal from a Bishop's Decision on a Question of Law made in the Annual or District Conference, when said appeal has been made by one fifth of that Conference present and voting."

2. Paragraph 909 of the *Discipline* 1952 states:

"The Judicial Council shall meet at least once a year and pass upon the Decisions of Law made by the Bishops in Annual and District Conferences upon questions submitted to them in writing, and reported in writing to The Council, with a syllabus of each case, and affirm, modify or reverse them. Before affirmation no Episcopal Decision shall be authoritative except in the case pending. When the Decisions are affirmed, they shall become the law of the Church."

While the expressed purpose of Bishop Garber's ruling was to bring the question to The Judicial Council for Decision it does come to The Council both by an Episcopal Ruling in an Annual Conference and by an appeal of the Conference from the Bishop's Decision. The Judicial Council, therefore, is authorized to take jurisdiction.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 1618, Section 2, of the 1952 *Discipline*, reads as follows:

"The following years of approved service in the effective relation or On Trial in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, are eligible to be counted for the purpose of determining the annuity claims paid thereon:

- a) As pastor or associate pastor.
- b) As District Superintendent, Presiding Elder, Conference President, or as a full-time salaried official of the Conference.
- c) Service rendered under Special Appointment to an Institution, Organization, or Agency which in the judgment of the Annual Conference rendered to it some form of service, direct or indirect, sufficient to warrant granting an annuity from the Conference funds therefor, or to a community church; *provided*, however, that such institution, organization, agency, or community church accepts and pays annually such apportionments as the Annual Conference may require in accordance with the provisions as set forth in Paragraph 1623, Section 6, and *provided* furthermore, that any institution, organization, agency, or community church may arrange for a pension related to such service through the *Joint Contributory Annuity Fund* administered by the Board of Pensions."

The pertinent part of Section 4 of Paragraph 1618 reads as follows:

"Upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and approved by the Annual Conference, Special Appointments shall be listed in the Conference Journal as follows:

- (1) With annuity claim (a) upon this Annual Conference, or (b) upon a General Board, an Institution or an Agency of The Methodist Church;
- (2) Without annuity claim upon this Annual Conference."

It is clear that it was the intent of the provisions quoted above, that annuity responsibility should be determined before Special Appointments are made so that there may be no question either on the part of the minister involved or on the part of the Board, Institution or Agency to which he may be appointed as to where the annuity responsibility lies.

Decision

In view of the above it is the Decision of The Judicial Council that the recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants concerning the annuity claim of persons in Special Appointments, the approval of the recommendation by the Annual Conference and the listing of same in the Conference Journal in compliance with Paragraph 1618, Section 4 of the Methodist *Discipline* 1952, applies to Special Appointments of the current Conference and not to

Special Appointments of the preceding Conference. The ruling of the Bishop is hereby reversed.

June 26, 1953.

No. 96

In Re: "Is The *Discipline* Of The Methodist Church A Book Of Law?"

DIGEST OF DECISION

The *Discipline* of The Methodist Church is a Book of Law, and the only official and authoritative Book of Law of The Methodist Church—"a body of laws pertaining to Church government," regulating every phase of the life and work of The Methodist Church, including regulations relating to its temporal economy and to the ownership, use and disposition of church property.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In a letter written to The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church by Rev. Oscar M. Polhemus on February 19, 1953, he stated that one of the matters discussed at the annual meeting of the Trustees of the New Hampshire Annual Conference was "the result of the lawsuit instituted by the Trustees to recover property of an 'abandoned' church. We lost that suit. One of the factors in this failure was that the Presiding Officer ruled that our *Discipline* was not a Book of Law. The basis for this ruling was a sentence from the 'Episcopal Greetings': 'the *Discipline* became not a book of definite rules nor yet a formal code, but rather a record of the successive stages of spiritual insight attained by Methodists under the Grace of Christ.'" Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of The Council of Bishops, submitted the question of whether the *Discipline* is a Book of Law to The Judicial Council in a communication under the date of June 12, 1953, which reads in part as follows:

"The Secretary made reference to the legal questions raised by the Rev. Oscar M. Polhemus . . . and The Council voted to refer the legal question to The Judicial Council."

JURISDICTION

Under Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to hear and determine the question submitted to it by The Council of Bishops, as above set out.

ANALYSIS

Under the Constitution of The Methodist Church, The General Conference is the only law making body of the Church and the only body authorized to speak officially for The Methodist Church (Paragraph 512 of the *Discipline*). The *Discipline* contains the Constitution and the enactments of The General Conference. It is self-evident that the *Discipline* is a "Book of Law." Therefore, a Decision seems unnecessary. The "Episcopal Greetings" of the Bishops contained in the *Discipline* is neither a part of the Constitution nor an enactment of The General Conference. Hence it is no part of the "body of laws" governing the life and work of the Church. But even the "Episcopal Greetings" apparently relied on by the Judge in the New Hampshire

case is not subject to the interpretation given to it by the Judge. The true meaning of this statement is revealed by the next sentence following the one quoted, which next sentence reads as follows:

"We have therefore expected that the *Discipline* would be administered not *merely as a legal document*, but as revelation of the Holy Spirit working in and through our people."

It is clear, from this language, that the statement of the Bishops relied on by the trial Judge in the New Hampshire case was not intended as a denial that the *Discipline* is a "Book of Law," but was intended as an affirmation that the *Discipline* is a Book of Law—"A legal document," and that in its administration it can also become a means of spiritual grace.

This same interpretation is expressed in different words in the Historical Statement forming a part of the preface to the *Discipline*. Note the following quotation from pages 5 and 6 of the 1952 *Discipline*:

"Our present Articles of Religion come from this Book and unite us with the historic faith of Christendom. Our Ritual, too, though it has been modified, has this as its source. However, the forms for public worship taken from the Book of Common Prayer were not adapted to the freer religious life of American Methodism and never entered into common use. Instead, Methodism **CREATED A BOOK OF ITS OWN, ITS (DISCIPLINE)**. This contains today the Articles of Religion, Wesley's General Rules, the Ritual and other forms of worship, **AND A LARGE SECTION WHICH DEALS WITH THE MINISTRY, THE VARIOUS CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE RULES GOVERNING THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH.**"

Furthermore, the first 98 Articles of the *Discipline* constitute "The Plan of Union" under which the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church were united in 1939 to form The Methodist Church. Under this plan a Uniting Conference was called to effect the union. This Uniting Conference unanimously adopted "The Declaration of Union" as set out on pages 7 and 8 of the *Discipline*. Paragraph II of the Declaration of Union reads as follows:

"The Plan of Union as adopted is and shall be the Constitution of this United Church and of its three constituent bodies."

Paragraph 10 of the *Discipline*, a part of the Plan of Union, treats the Plan of Union as the Constitution of the United Church and prescribed the method by which this Constitution may be amended.

Paragraph 45 of the *Discipline*, also a part of the Constitution of the United Church, prescribes the procedure for and the duties of the Uniting Conference.

Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Article IV of Paragraph 45 read as follows:

"Art. IV. The duties and powers of the Uniting Conference, subject to the provisions of the Plan of Union shall be:
"1. To harmonize and combine the **RULES AND REGULATIONS** as found in the *Disciplines* of the three Churches relating to membership, the Conferences, the ministry, judicial administration and temporal economy."

"2. To harmonize and combine the Rituals of the three Churches."

This is a positive declaration in the Constitution of the United Church that the *Disciplines* of the three Churches contained their respective "rules and regulations, relating to membership, the Conferences, the ministry, judicial administration and temporal economy," as well as the respective Rituals of the Uniting Churches. The *Discipline*, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, is amended and revised, as may appear necessary by each quadrennial session of The General Conference. This Constitution, Paragraph 8 of the *Discipline*, states that "The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of said powers shall have authority" (among other things,):

"To enact such other legislation as may be necessary, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the Church."

Under this broad legislative power The General Conference has enacted provisions relating to property, its ownership, trust clauses to go with conveyances, regulations governing sales and conveyances of church property, and various other provisions dealing with the life and work of the Church and its temporal economy. Attention is also called to the fact that Division III of the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set out in its *Discipline*, is entitled "Articles of Organization and Government." The *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was denominated:

"The Doctrines and *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

The Methodist Protestant *Discipline* was denominated:

"Constitution and *Discipline* of the Methodist Protestant Church."

Webster's International Dictionary defines "Discipline" as:

"Body of laws pertaining to conduct, church government, etc."

"Body of laws, or practices which may be altered to meet changing conditions."

Thus (1) from historical usage, (2) from the word "*Discipline*" used in the title of the Book of each of the Uniting Churches containing its Rules and Regulations, (3) from the accepted and authoritative definition of the word "*Discipline*," and (4) from the contents of the Book itself, the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church is not only a Book of Law, but is the only official and authoritative Book of Law of The Methodist Church.

Decision

Therefore, it is the *Decision of The Judicial Council* that the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church is a Book of Law governing every aspect of the life and work of the Church, including regulations relating to its temporal economy and to the ownership, use and disposition of church property. It is the only official and authoritative Law Book of the Church.

June 26, 1953.

No. 97

**In Re: The Request Of The Pacific Northwest Annual
Conference For A Declaratory Decision Concern-
ing The Relationship Of "Approved Full-
time Supply Pastors" (Par. 315-c To
Paragraph 320 Of The 1952
Discipline)**

DIGEST OF DECISION

ALL "Approved Full-time Supply Pastors" except those who have already been ordained Elders are required to obey the provisions of Paragraph 320 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A letter, dated June 16, 1953, from Wayne D. Griffen, Secretary, notified The Judicial Council of the following Resolution adopted by the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference in its session on June 12, 1953:

"Judicial ruling is asked on Paragraph 315 relative to category "C"; and Paragraph 320, with special emphasis on whether or not the enforcement of Paragraph 320 involves retroactive action to include *all* Approved Supply Pastors *now* serving or just those who come into that relationship in the future (Conf. year 1953-54, on)"

JURISDICTION

Under Paragraph 914-(8) of the *Discipline*, The Judicial Council has jurisdiction and this request for a Declaratory Decision comes properly before us.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 320 of the 1952 *Discipline* reads as follows:

"Approved Supply Pastors who are giving their full time to pastoral work under the District Superintendents shall be required to take the Conference Course of Study, including the Course for Admission on Trial. The Courses shall be taken by correspondence, or part by correspondence and part in a standard Pastor's school or summer school for ministerial training, except that credits for the Courses of Study may be accepted from the Schools of Theology and colleges, as described in Paragraphs 326-27. Any Approved Supply Pastor who fails to observe the requirements of this Section, or who shall fail to complete two years of the Course of Study within four years and the entire Course within eight years, shall not be employed by a District Superintendent."

It is certainly evident from the wording of this Paragraph that all Approved Full-time Supply Pastors must observe these requirements. There are no provisions for suspending this Rule.

Paragraph 315 (1) reads as follows:

"The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall recommend annually to the Annual Conference those who have met the requirements to become Approved Supply Pastors for the ensuing year, classifying them in one of the following cate-

gories: (a) Approved Student Supply Pastors who are in schools, colleges, or seminaries preparing for Conference membership; (b) Approved Part-time Supply Pastors other than students; (c) Approved Full-time Supply Pastors who are Elders or are taking the Course of study preparing for ordination as required by Paragraph 320 and are giving full time to pastoral work."

Again, it is evident from the wording of category (c), which refers "Approved Full-time Supply Pastors" to the requirements of Paragraph 320, that the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications is given the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of Paragraph 320 in relation to all who seek approval as Full-time Supply Pastors, who have not received ordination as Elders. It is the obvious intent of these provisions in the *Discipline* that all Approved Full-time Supply Pastors shall be either fully Ordained or making progress toward Full Ordination under the provision of Paragraph 320.

The term "retroactive" used in the Resolution of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference requesting a ruling in this matter is not pertinent here. It is not required, for instance, that the provisions of Paragraph 320 concerning time, etc., be made retroactive to cover past years wherein a person may have had a relationship to the Conference as a Supply Pastor. It is certainly required, however, that all Approved Full-time Supply Pastors, now serving, who have not received ordination as Elders, shall obey the provisions of Paragraph 320 regardless of age or years of service.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that all Approved Full-time Supply Pastors must satisfy the requirements of Paragraph 320 of the 1952 *Discipline*. They must have met in full the educational requirements and have received ordination as Elders, or, they must now be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph, preparing for ordination.

June 26, 1953.

No. 98

In Re: Ruling Of Bishop Roy H. Short Regarding The Legality Of The "Conference Council" As Adopted By The Tennessee Annual Conference At Its Session September 4th, 1952

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Annual Conference may create a Commission or "Council" for the purpose of correlating and promoting the work of the various Agencies of the Conference but without authority over those Boards, Commissions and Committees whose powers and duties are defined in certain Paragraphs of the *Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Tennessee Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in session at Pulaski, Tennessee, on September 4, 1952, adopted a proposal for the establishment of a "Conference Council" for the purpose of correlating and promoting the work of the various Boards and Agencies of the Conference (see Journal of the Tennessee Annual Conference for 1952, pages 59, 60, 61). The proposal grew out of the experience of the Annual Conference with an Inter-Board Council which had been in operation since the Conference session of 1945.

At the session of the Tennessee Annual Conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on September 4, 1953, the following request for a ruling was made in writing by three members of the Conference:

"The undersigned respectfully request your ruling as to the legality of the Conference Council as adopted by the Annual Conference meeting in Pulaski, Tennessee, on September 4, 1952, found on pages 59, 60, and 61 of the Journal of the Tennessee Conference of 1952.

W. O. Largen
Willard H. Blue
Cullen T. Carter"

The ruling of the Bishop was as follows:

"The Inter-Board Council or Conference Council is designed to function as a Promotional and Service Agency for all the Boards of the Annual Conference. It is composed of representatives *ex-officio* or duly elected by the various Conference Boards. It does not alter the structure or functioning of any of the Conference Boards as outlined in the *Discipline* or take away any of their prerogatives. It is, therefore, not contrary to the law of the Church."

JURISDICTION

The conditions of Paragraphs 43-3 and 909 of the *Discipline* having been met, the ruling of Bishop Short is now properly before The Judicial Council.

ANALYSIS

The "Conference Council" as adopted by the Tennessee Annual Conference at its session of September 4, 1952, might be alleged to be contrary to the law of the Church if (1), the Conference by its action had exceeded its authority, or, (2) the "Conference Council" as adopted had been granted powers which contradicted the rights of The General Conference in its establishment of certain Annual Conference Boards, Commissions and Committees with powers and duties as defined in certain Paragraphs of the *Discipline*. The facts do not support such an allegation.

(1)—An Annual Conference certainly has the right to create its own Agencies for the promotion of the work of the Church within its bounds.

SECTION VII, article 11 of the Constitution (Paragraph 22 of the *Discipline*) reads as follows:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all Constitutional Amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to The

General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its Ministerial Members, and on the Ordination of Ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to The General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that Lay Members may not vote on matters of Ordination, character, and Conference relations of Ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as The General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

There is ample evidence in the *Discipline* that among "such other rights as have not been delegated to The General Conference" is the right of the Annual Conference to govern its own procedures within the limits of the Constitution.

The first sentence of Paragraph 631 of the *Discipline* reads:

"The Annual Conference may make rules to govern its own procedures; *provided* that no Annual Conference shall make any rule contrary to the Constitution or to the powers granted it by The General Conference."

Paragraph 630 (1) of the *Discipline* becomes specific concerning the right of an Annual Conference to create its own Agencies for its work:

"The Annual Conference at the first session following The General Conference or Jurisdictional or Central Conferences shall appoint or elect such Quadrennial Boards, Commissions, or Committees as shall be ordered by The General Conference or the Jurisdictional or the Central Conference of which the said Annual Conference is a part, or by the Annual Conference itself, for the purpose of promoting the work of The Methodist Church within the bounds of the said Annual Conference. The powers and duties of said Boards, Commissions, and Committees shall be prescribed by the Conference authorizing them or as defined in certain Paragraphs of this *Discipline*."

Certainly the "Conference Council" as adopted by the Tennessee Annual Conference is one of the "Boards, Commissions or Committees" ordered by that Conference for the promotion of the work of The Methodist Church within its bounds.

(2)—The "Conference Council" as adopted by the Tennessee Annual Conference on September 4, 1952, was not granted powers which are in conflict with the powers and duties of Annual Conference Boards, Commissions and Committees established by The General Conference and defined in the *Discipline*. Paragraph 6(b) of the plan of the "Conference Council" as adopted reads:

"The Conference Council is a Promoting and Correlating Agency of the Boards and Agencies of the Annual Conference and has no authority over the participating Boards and Agencies."

Under the plan, each Annual Conference Board or Agency presents to the Annual Conference its suggested Program for adoption. When adopted, those phases of the Program which are to be promoted by the "Conference Council" are submitted to the "Council" for correlation and promotion. There seems to be no conflict here with the rights of The General Conference or with the powers and duties of Annual Conference agencies established by The General Conference.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that the "Conference Council" as adopted by the Tennessee Annual Conference on September 4, 1952, is not contrary to the law of the Church. Accordingly, the ruling of Bishop Short is hereby affirmed.

July 19, 1954.

No. 99

In Re: Removal Of Residence Of Secretary Of The Board Of Church Extension Of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, From Louisville To Philadelphia

DIGEST OF DECISION

General legislation giving the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions control over the work of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (a Kentucky Corporation), did not give it the authority to change the residence of the Secretary from Louisville, Kentucky, where it was fixed by basic law under the facts in this case. The General Conference is the only body which has power to make the change contemplated.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Board of Missions by petition seeks a Declaratory Decision under section 914 of the *Discipline*. The petition sets out that the Board of Missions is an incorporated body and has control of all work formerly controlled and administered by the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (See Paragraph 1168 of 1952 *Discipline*.)

The Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church is charged, among other things, with the responsibility of the work of missions and church extension in the United States through a Section of National Missions and a Section of Church Extension, by Paragraphs 1213 and 1214 of 1952 *Discipline*.

Since Unification the Church Extension Work has been administered through two offices: one at Louisville, Kentucky, serving the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions through the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Church, South, a Kentucky Corporation; and the other serving the remaining Jurisdictions in the United States through the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Pennsylvania Corporation.

The charter of the Kentucky Corporation, granted by the State of Kentucky in 1884 provides in Section V that the Officers and Managers can do all things necessary to the purpose of the corporation "not inconsistent with . . . the Constitution of the Board" (meaning the Board of Church Extension which The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had organized about two years previously). In section VI of the Charter it is provided that the Con-

stitution can be altered or amended by The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. That power is now in The General Conference of The Methodist Church. This Constitution was adopted by The General Conference of The Methodist Church in 1944 and was amended by it in 1952.

Article III of this Constitution prescribes the duties of the Secretary and provides that he shall reside where the Board (i.e., the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Kentucky Corporation) is located. The next Article IV states, "The Board shall be located in Louisville, Ky."

The Division of National Missions on January 20, 1954, took action to consolidate the work of the Kentucky and Pennsylvania Corporations by transferring the Staff and work of the Louisville office to Philadelphia, but retaining an office in Louisville, where securities, corporate seal and records shall be kept. It further provided that the Secretary of the Kentucky Corporation, who is also Executive Secretary of the Section of Church Extension of the Division of National Missions, shall reside in Philadelphia.

The question is raised, on which a Declaratory Decision is asked, whether the Board of Missions, through its Division of National Missions, which, by the *Discipline*, Paragraph 1213 of 1952, has been given control of all the work formerly administered by the Kentucky Corporation, can provide that its Executive Secretary, who is also the Secretary of the Kentucky Corporation, shall reside in Philadelphia. It is contended that there is a conflict in legislation between said Paragraphs 1168 and 1213 and in the said Constitution adopted in 1944.

JURISDICTION

This petition for a Declaratory Decision comes from a General Conference Board or body, on matters relating to or affecting the work of such Board or body and is therefore properly before The Judicial Council, under the provisions of Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

Decision

The charter of the Kentucky Corporation having expressly provided that the officers and managers could not do anything inconsistent with the Constitution, which fixed the location of the Corporation in Louisville, and that the Secretary must reside there is the supreme law of that corporation. It is expressly provided in the Charter how the Constitution may be amended. General legislation giving the Division of National Missions control over the work of the Kentucky Corporation cannot be considered as an Amendment to the said Constitution. Therefore, the petitioner does not have the authority to move the said Secretary's residence from Louisville to Philadelphia. That can be done only by specific action of The General Conference amending the Constitution.

July 19, 1954.

No. 100

In Re: Request Of Louisiana Annual Conference For A Declaratory Decision Interpreting The Pro- visions Of The *Discipline* Relating To Licens- ing And Renewal Of Licenses Of Local Preachers

DIGEST OF DECISION

Where there is no District Conference, the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications has sole and final authority to license Local Preachers, and to renew their licenses. Where there is a District Conference the final authority for licensing Local Preachers and for renewing their licenses is vested in the District Conference.

In either case, for the securing of a license the applicant must comply with the provisions of Par. 304 of the *Discipline*.

In the matter of renewal of a license, where there is a District Conference, it is the duty of the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications to examine the applicant and report to the District Conference whether in its opinion the "gifts, graces and usefulness" of the applicant warrant a renewal; but the final action for such renewal shall be taken by the District Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Judicial Council received from the Louisiana Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction, the following petition for a Declaratory Decision:

- "1. Your petitioner is the Louisiana Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction, of The Methodist Church.
- "2. That your petitioner, the Louisiana Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction, of The Methodist Church, in session at Monroe, Louisiana, June 1-4, 1954, in accordance with Paragraph 914, No. (8), of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church respectfully petitions The Judicial Council to make a Declaratory Decision on Paragraph 675, No. 2 (a), with reference to the following question: 'Can a District Conference license a Local Preacher or renew the license of a Local Preacher when the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications does not recommend such action to said Conference?'"

Wherefore the petitioner requests a ruling and Declaratory Decision construing the meaning, application and effect of said Paragraph.

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 914 sub (8) to render the Declaratory Decision requested.

ANALYSIS

The following is a full statement of all the law contained in the *Discipline* relating to the licensing and renewal of the license of a Local Preacher:

"Paragraph 304—A person may be licensed to preach by the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Par. 675). Unless the

license is renewed, it expires after one year. (See Pars. 319 and 329.) To qualify for a license to preach, the person must take the following steps:

- "1. Receive the approval of the Quarterly Conference of the church in which he holds his church membership (Par. 146 #1).
- "2. Appear before and secure the written approval of the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.
- "3. Pass a satisfactory written examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach, and be examined in the subjects of Doctrine and Discipline (Par. 2043).
- "4. Agree to make a complete dedication of himself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry and bear witness to the same by his abstinence from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure his influence, consecrating himself to purity of life in body, in mind, and in spirit."

Paragraph 362. The duties of the District Superintendent are:

- "4. To issue licenses for Local Preachers and to renew them in accordance with the action of the District Conference or District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Par. 675)."

"Paragraph 675. 1. There shall be a *District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications*, of which the District Superintendent shall be Chairman. The Committee shall be composed of the District Superintendent and five traveling preachers of the District, nominated annually by him, and approved by the Annual Conference. Interim vacancies may be filled by the Chairman.

- "2. The duties of the Committee shall be:

a) To examine each person who applies in writing for a license to preach, or for a renewal of such license. (See Par. 304.) Where there is evidence that his gifts, graces and usefulness warrant, it may, upon recommendation of the Quarterly Conference, of the church in which he is a member (Par. 146 No. 1), issue or renew his license to preach; *provided*, however, that where a District Conference exists, *final action on such licensing shall be taken by the District Conference*; and *provided*, further, that before the ballot for licensing a person to preach is taken he shall have agreed to the condition set forth in Par. 304 No. 4. The District Superintendent shall furnish a certified list of the persons licensed to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for insertion in the Journal. (See Par. 362 No. 10).

b) To recommend to the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications suitable candidates for acceptance as Approved Supply pastors, for Admission on Trial, for Local Deacon's Orders, for Local Elder's Orders, and for restoration of Credentials.

- "3. The vote of the Committee in all such matters shall be by individual written ballot, and a three-fourths majority vote of the Committee shall be required for license or approval.

- "4. The Committee shall report its work to the District Conference for approval where such Conference exists."

It will be noted that there are conflicts and ambiguities in these Paragraphs. That can be easily explained by reason of the fact that in certain sections of the Church there are no District Conferences, and the law relating to the issuing and renewing of license to preach by the District Conference, where one exists, and by the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications where there is no District Conference has been grouped together in such a manner as to confuse the two and render ambiguous the provisions relating to each separately. When these provisions are unscrambled, it appears that the most reasonable construction—and it is the opinion of The Judicial Council—that Par. 675 2a in connection with the other provisions of the *Discipline*, quoted above, should be interpreted as follows:

First: Where there is no District Conference the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications has sole and final authority to license or refuse to license a Local Preacher and to renew or refuse to renew such license; but where there is a District Conference the final authority for licensing a Local Preacher and for renewing his license is vested in the District Conference.

Second: In either case, for the securing of an original license as a Local Preacher the applicant must comply with all the provisions of Paragraph 304 of the *Discipline*.

Third: For a renewal of license it would not appear necessary that the applicant be examined again in the "subjects of Doctrine and Discipline" and be re-examined in the studies prescribed for candidates for license to preach. However, the question of "gifts and graces" and particularly the question of the "usefulness" of an applicant for renewal of license is one of importance. Paragraph 675 2(a) requires the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications to make such an examination and determine whether or not to recommend renewal of such license.

Fourth: Subdivision 4 of Paragraph 675 specifically provides that where there is a District Conference "the Committee shall report its work to the District Conference for approval"; and sub. 2(a) of said Paragraph 675 specifically provides that "final action on such licensing" (including renewals) "shall be taken by the District Conference."

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that the specific question propounded should be divided and answered as follows:

1st. Can a District Conference license a local preacher when the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications does not recommend such action to the Conference?

Answer: No.

2nd. Can a District Conference renew the license of a local preacher when the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications does not recommend such action?

Answer: Yes.

In this connection attention is called again to the provi-

sions of Paragraph 675 which, where a District Conference exists, requires the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications to report its work (not just a part of its work) to the District Conference and which provides that final action on the issuing or renewing of a license to preach "shall be taken by the District Conference." We are aware that at this point, there may seem to be some contradiction in answering the first question in the negative and the second question in the affirmative. The *Discipline* makes it clear, however, that the "final action" reserved to the District Conference by Paragraph 675 is, in the matter of the issuance of a license to preach, limited by Paragraph 304 (2) which requires the written approval of the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, but that, in the matter of the renewal of a license to preach, there is no such limitation, the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications making recommendations but its approval not being made a specific requirement.

July 20, 1954.

No. 101

In Re: Request Of Western North Carolina Annual Conference For A Declaratory Decision On The Meaning Of The Word "*Consult*" As Found In Paragraph 432(1) Of The 1952 *Discipline*

DIGEST OF DECISION

The word "*Consult*" in Paragraph 432(1) means an exchange of ideas between the District Superintendent and the pastor concerning his Appointment before the final announcement.

Simultaneous releasing of the Appointments before the final reading does not constitute consultation as required in Paragraph 432(1) of the 1952 *Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the Western North Carolina Conference held at High Point, North Carolina on September 23-27, 1953, the following Resolution was adopted:

"Resolution asking The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision on the meaning of the word *consult* in Paragraph 432(1) of the *Discipline*

We, the undersigned, move that the Western North Carolina Conference request The Judicial Council to:

1. Define the word "*consult*" as it appears in Paragraph 432(1) of the *Discipline* in the statement "and *provided*, further that before the final announcement of Appointments is made the District Superintendents shall *consult* with the pastors. . . ."
2. Give a Decision as to whether or not a simultaneous releasing of

the Appointments before the final reading constitutes consultation.

3. If The Judicial Council finds this request outside its jurisdiction, it is asked to request a definition from The General Conference.

In the Western North Carolina Conference it has been the practice for the last several years to have a closed Cabinet from the Saturday before the Annual Conference session begins until the following Friday afternoon when each District Superintendent informs the men in his District of their Appointment except in most unusual cases.

There seem to be a number of divergent views about what the *Discipline* means by "*consult*" and it is the feeling of this Conference that it should be given the same interpretation throughout Methodism.

Signed: H. S. Williams
G. N. Dulin
D. L. Stubbs"

JURISDICTION

Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline* states:

"When The General Conference shall have passed any act or Legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when a Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning or application, The Judicial Council, on petition as hereinafter provided, shall have jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the meaning, application and effect of such act, legislation, or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline*: and the Decision of The Judicial Council thereon shall be as binding and effectual as a Decision made by The Judicial Council on appeal under the law relating to appeals to The Judicial Council. "The following bodies in The Methodist Church are hereby authorized to make such petition to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. . . .

"(8) Any Annual Conference, on matters relating to Annual Conferences or the work therein."

From the facts in connection with the foregoing Resolution The Judicial Council is authorized to take jurisdiction in the matter presented by the Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

ANALYSIS

The word "*Consult*" means to seek the opinion of or to confer or discuss with another. In Paragraph 432(1) it means that the District Superintendent shall inform the pastor of the proposed Appointment and discuss the matter with him with the view of ascertaining if there are any reasons why such Appointment should not be made. Consultation means that there is an exchange of ideas even though they may not be in agreement. Consequently, in number two of the Resolution presented by the Western North Carolina Conference, the simultaneous releasing of Appointments of pastors to their charges before the final reading could not be regarded as consultation required by Paragraph 432(1) of the 1952 *Discipline*. Evidently the phrase in question in Paragraph 432 was designed to encourage a more considerate procedure in appointing Pastors to their charges.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that while the final authority in appointing preachers to their charges rests upon the presiding Bishop, it does not relieve the District Superintendent of the responsibility of consulting with the preacher in order to ascertain whether there are any reasons why the Appointment should not be made. Therefore, the final reading of the Appointment of preachers to their charges must be preceded by consultation of the District Superintendent with the preacher.

July 20, 1954.

No. 102

In Re: Action Of The Second Quarterly Conference Of Inglenook First Methodist Church Held May 13, 1953, In Adding Three New Members To The Board Of Trustees And Reorganizing The Board, As Presented On Appeal From The Decision Of The District Super- intendent Affirmed By The Pre- siding Bishop In Open Session Of The North Alabama Annual Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

1. That a Second Quarterly Conference held on May 13, 1953 on a call announced to the congregation at its prayer service April 29, 1953 was regular and had the right to consider and act upon the matter of proceedings to recover from the Ex-Treasurer the Treasurer's books and records for the previous year; and that the courts will entertain suits between members of the Church as between members of society and other groups.

2. That the action of the Quarterly Conference of Inglenook First Methodist Church adding to its Board of Trustees three new members, at its Second Quarterly Conference, was null and void.

3. That the Resolution of the Quarterly Conference authorizing the Trustees to employ attorneys without the fee being stipulated was within the authority of the Quarterly Conference and was legal.

4. That the meeting of the Board of Trustees not called by the Chairman and participated in by three illegally elected Trustees was illegal and void.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The record in this case is too voluminous to reproduce here. Four members of the Quarterly Conference of Inglenook First Methodist Church, North Alabama Conference raised some questions as to the legality of the calling of a Quarterly Conference held on May 13,

1953, and the action of the Quarterly Conference in adding three new members to the Board of Trustees at such session of the Quarterly Conference. They filed a written request with G. M. Davenport, District Superintendent asking for a ruling both as to the legality of the call for the session of the Quarterly Conference and also as to the action of such session. Their request contained six points, which in brief may be stated as follows:

1. That under date of May 3, 1953 a notice was published in the Bulletin of the Inglenook First Methodist Church, calling a Special Session of the Quarterly Conference on May 11, for the express purpose of authorizing legal proceedings against a member or members of the Church for the purpose of securing the records of the ex-Treasurer; that if said session had been held it would have been illegal for lack of ten days' notice.

That on May 11, 1953 announcement was made from the pulpit of the Church that the regular Second Quarterly Conference would be held on May 13; that no mention was made of postponement of the session called for May 11; that Par. 141 of the *Discipline* provides that a Quarterly Conference shall transact the business committed to it by the *Discipline*; and no authority is found in the *Discipline* giving the Quarterly Conference authority to institute legal proceedings against members of the Church.

RULING OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

To this point the District Superintendent in his decision replied that this was the regular Second Quarterly Conference held on May 13; that request for ruling was in error as to the time when same was called; that announcement was made to the congregation at its prayer service on April 29 that the Second Quarterly Conference would be held May 13, "thus giving ample time to fulfill any provision of the *Discipline* as to time"; that this Second Quarterly Conference was held at the discretion of the District Superintendent (Par. 140 of the *Discipline*); that under the heading of "Is there any further business," (Question 29) the matter of proceedings to recover the Treasurer's book and records for the previous year was brought up; that it was proper business for the Quarterly Conference to consider and act upon; that the courts of the land will entertain suits between members of the Church and between members of society or any other groups.

2. That Inglenook First Methodist Church has operated for years with six Trustees and was so operating when the May 13, 1953 session of its Quarterly Conference was held; that at this the Second Quarterly Conference three new Trustees were added making a total number of nine Trustees; That this was done on a Report from the Nominating Committee signed by J. T. Aldridge as Chairman, whereas, Par. 145 of the *Discipline* specifically provides that the Pastor shall be Chairman of the Nominating Committee; that this was illegal and void.

This was not the Fourth Quarterly Conference, and no vacancies were declared on the Board, hence the action of the Quarterly Conference in adding three new members to the Board of Trustees was invalid (Par. 160 of the *Discipline*); and that since the pastor only can be Chairman of the Nominating Committee and this election was held on the nomination of a Committee of which a Layman was registered as Chairman, the election was null and void. (Par. 160 of the *Discipline*.)

3. That the authorization of the employment of a law firm to act as attorneys for the Church to institute legal proceedings as they saw

fit, no specific fee being mentioned, committed the Church to a debt, the amount of which is unknown; that the commitment if made at all should have been made for a stipulated amount; and in the absence of such stipulation the legality of the proceedings was questioned.

"The Church was not committed to any debt of the Quarterly Conference and therefore the Church cannot be obligated to an indebtedness."

4. That on May 17, 1953, at the evening service, announcement was made from the pulpit of a called meeting of the Board of Trustees; that such meeting was held and the three newly elected members participated therein; that the then President of the Board of Trustees did not call this meeting, nor did he preside at said meeting; that a new President of the Board was elected and the existing President was ejected from the office of President.

"It is my opinion that with three members illegally elected on the Board that the meeting was illegal and that the calling of the meeting was also illegal, in that the Chairman did not call the meeting."

5. The fifth point is a general statement that in the opinion of the persons making the request for a Decision "the actions being taken by the pastor and officers of the Inglenook First Methodist Church are not in harmony with the purpose and intent of the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, and that such actions as are being taken are harmful to the Church and are not for its best interest." To this general statement the District Superintendent did not reply.

6. "It is our opinion that since the Pastor, Howard W. Raines, has totally disregarded the rules of the *Discipline*, and has assumed totalitarian policies, that he should be removed from the Pastorship of the Inglenook First Methodist Church, and that a Pastor well versed in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church should be appointed to arbitrate and settle the matters involved in the disputes within the Inglenook First Methodist Church."

"The appeal with reference to the pastor, Howard W. Raines, is out of order in that the appointment of a pastor is the province of the Bishop and his Cabinet, and any request for removal or securing a preacher should go to the Bishop and his Cabinet."

RULING OF THE BISHOP:

On appeal to the presiding Bishop of the next ensuing session of the North Alabama Annual Conference, Bishop Clare Purcell rendered the following Decision:

"The undersigned as presiding Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of The Methodist Church, in which Inglenook First Methodist Church is located, has read the record as submitted in this file." (The appeal file) "He is of the opinion that the Decision of the District Superintendent, Dr. G. M. Davenport, as herewith attached, is correct. It is, therefore affirmed."

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to review this Decision of the Bishop made in open session of the Annual Conference. See Par. 43, sub. 3; Par. 909; and Decision No. 29 of The Judicial Council (1944).

Decision

Likewise, in the opinion of The Judicial Council the Decision of the District Superintendent, Dr. G. M. Davenport, is in all things correct, except in his response to point 3. The Quarterly Conference had the authority to commit the Church for a reasonable attorney's fee, and such commitment was legal. Therefore, the Decision of Bishop Clare Purcell made thereon at the 1953 session of the North Alabama Annual Conference is in all things affirmed, except as above modified.

July 20, 1954.

No. 103

**In Re: Decision Of Bishop Clare Purcell In The 1953
Session Of The North Alabama Annual Confer-
ence On Appeal From The Decision Of The Dis-
trict Superintendent Made In The Quar-
terly Conference Of Inglenook First
Methodist Church, Upholding
The Removal Of William
Westbrook, Jr., As Stew-
ard And Trustee**

DIGEST OF DECISION

A Steward and Trustee having been Church Treasurer for years and having failed of re-election, and then withholding the Church records and account books from his successor and from the Commission on Finance and Auditing Committee, was acting at variance to his duties as a Steward and Trustee, and was subject to being removed from the offices of Steward and Trustee by the Quarterly Conference to which he was amenable without having been previously notified of such proposed action, and without charges being preferred against him under Paragraph 1001 to 1005 inclusive of the *Discipline*.

The Board of Stewards and the Board of Trustees are subject to the Quarterly Conference, and so are the individual Stewards and Trustees, and when a Steward or Trustee acts contrary to his duties as such the Quarterly Conference has the inherent right and authority to vacate his offices as Steward and Trustee.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The record in this case is too voluminous to insert in full in this statement. Apparently from the record, and the exhibits attached to the Decision of the District Superintendent, William M. Westbrook, Jr., was Treasurer of the Inglenook First Methodist Church for a number of years until his successor was elected in 1952; that he refused to turn over to the incoming Treasurer and the Auditing Committee the books and records presumably in his possession and refused to have such books and records audited; that the Quarterly Conference ordered him to turn such books and records over to the Trustees, or the Commission on Finance. As provided by Par. 139 of

the *Discipline* the District Superintendent called a group Quarterly Conference including the Quarterly Conference of Inglenook First Methodist Church to be held at Fairmount on June 5, 1953. This was the third Quarterly Conference of the Inglenook Church, and due notice of same was given. At this Quarterly Conference the Nominating Committee submitted the following written recommendation:

"We, the Nominating Committee of Inglenook First Methodist Church, make the following recommendation to the Quarterly Conference held at Fairmount Methodist Church, June 5, 1953 at 7:30 p.m.

"We do hereby recommend that William M. Westbrook, Jr., be relieved of the position of Steward and Trustee of the Inglenook First Methodist Church for the following reasons:

1. For refusing to turn church financial records over to the Church as requested by the Board of Stewards and the Quarterly Conference.
2. For not attending church, Stewards' meetings, Trustees' meetings, and for not contributing in any way toward the church program.

"For authority we refer to the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, page 76, Article 191.

"We further recommend that A. J. Moore be named to fill the unexpired term of William M. Westbrook, Jr., on the Board of Trustees."

This recommendation was adopted and William M. Westbrook, Jr., was declared removed from the offices of Steward and Trustee and A. J. Moore was declared elected as his successor as Trustee.

The District Superintendent was called upon to render a Decision on the legality of the action of the Quarterly Conference in removing William M. Westbrook, Jr., from the offices of Steward and Trustee.

G. M. Davenport, District Superintendent, ruled that the Quarterly Conference under such circumstances had the right to remove William M. Westbrook, Jr., from the offices of Steward and Trustee at a regular session of the Quarterly Conference without giving William M. Westbrook, Jr., any advance notice of any such action being contemplated.

William M. Westbrook, Jr., and his associates appealed to Bishop Clare Purcell, President of the next Session of the North Alabama Annual Conference. Bishop Purcell in open Annual Conference session on October 2, 1953, ruled thereon as follows:

"The undersigned as Presiding Bishop of the North Alabama Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, in which Inglenook First Methodist Church is located, has read the record as submitted in this file." (the appeal file)

"He is of the opinion that the decision of the District Superintendent Dr. G. M. Davenport as herewith attached, is correct. It is, therefore, affirmed."

JURISDICTION

Dr. G. M. Davenport, District Superintendent, on request of interested parties, made a ruling on points of law in the Quarterly Conference of the Inglenook First Methodist Church under authority of Sec. 14, Par. 362 of the *Discipline*. A written appeal was made from

his Decision to Bishop Clare Purcell, the President of the North Alabama Annual Conference.

In open session of the Annual Conference Bishop Clare Purcell delivered in writing and read his Decision on the appeal. No appeal was taken to The Judicial Council, as provided in Par. 1034 of the *Discipline*.

The question arises: In the absence of such an appeal does The Judicial Council have jurisdiction to review this Decision?

The Constitution, Par. 43, Sec. 3, gives The Judicial Council authority "to pass upon Decisions of Law made by Bishops in Annual and District Conferences." The Judicial Council has interpreted this to mean that it is the duty of The Judicial Council to pass upon all such Decisions regardless of their origin. Par. 1034 is statutory and not Constitutional, therefore, if there is a conflict between it and the Constitution Par. 1034 must yield.

The Judicial Council determined this question in its Decision No. 29, made December 4, 1944, in which case a Quarterly Conference appealed direct to The Judicial Council from a Decision made by the District Superintendent in the Quarterly Conference. The Judicial Council held that under this Constitution and laws it had no jurisdiction to determine such an appeal, but added:

"It may be stated that this does not mean that there is no remedy in a case of this character." ****

"Par. 362, subsection 14 makes it the duty of the District Superintendent 'To decide all questions of law which may arise in the business of the Quarterly Conference, Subject to an Appeal to the President of the next Annual Conference. Thus a procedure is provided whereby any such question can be acted upon by the presiding bishop of the Annual Conference, whose ruling thereon becomes subject to review by The Judicial Council.'"

Accordingly it is the Decision of The Judicial Council that it has jurisdiction to review such Decision made by Bishop Clare Purcell on appeal from the Decision of the District Superintendent made in the Quarterly Conference of Inglenook First Methodist Church.

ANALYSIS

William M. Westbrook, Jr., based his appeal on the following points:

1. That he could not be removed from the office of Steward or Trustee except on formal charges being preferred and his being given a hearing on same. In support of this point he cited Paragraphs 1001 to 1005, inclusive, of the *Discipline*.
2. That under Par. 208 of the *Discipline* Stewards are elected annually; that there is no provision in the *Discipline* for removing a steward; that a new steward could be elected only in case of a vacancy, and that since he had not resigned there was no vacancy to fill.
3. That under Par. 160 of the *Discipline* Trustees are elected at the final meeting of the Quarterly Conference; that there is no provision for the election of a Trustee at any other time except to fill a vacancy as provided in Par. 161; that he had not resigned, and that there was no provision in the *Discipline* for

the removal of a Trustee except for the refusal to execute a legal document ordered executed by the Quarterly Conference as provided in Par. 191, and that no such refusal was involved in his case.

The District Superintendent answered the request for a ruling essentially as follows:

After stating the facts, as set out in the Statement above, he ruled as follows:

1. The Quarterly Conference was the regular Third Quarterly Conference; that notice of same had been duly given, and that it had the right to transact any business authorized or permitted by the *Discipline*
2. That said Quarterly Conference did have authority to remove William M. Westbrook, Jr., as Steward; that it did not have to prefer charges against him under Paragraphs 1001 and 1005 inclusive, of the *Discipline*; and that it did not have to notify William M. Westbrook, Jr., of the proposed action by which he was removed as Steward.
3. That under the circumstances said Quarterly Conference had authority to remove William M. Westbrook, Jr., as Trustee; that it did not have to notify William M. Westbrook, Jr., of the proposed action by which he would be removed as Trustee; that the failure to execute a legal document ordered by the Quarterly Conference (Par. 191) was not the only ground for such removal; that the Quarterly Conference under Section 5, Paragraph 157 of the *Discipline* has the right to remove a Trustee for causes beyond that cause set out in Par. 191.
4. That formal charges did not have to be preferred against William M. Westbrook, Jr., as provided in Pars. 1001-1005 inclusive of the *Discipline* in order to remove him as Trustee.

In analyzing the points of appeal and Decision of the District Superintendent on which they are based, attention is here called to the following facts:

First: Par. 143 of the *Discipline* provides that Stewards shall be elected annually, but it does not prohibit the election of individual Stewards at other sessions of the Quarterly Conference. The Quarterly Conference has the right to fill vacancies on the Board of Stewards at any session however the vacancy may have occurred. Par. 208.

Second: Par. 164 of the *Discipline* provides that the Board of Trustees "shall be subject to the directions of, and be responsible to, the Quarterly Conference." If the whole Board is subject to the direction of and responsible to the Quarterly Conference, each member is likewise subject to the direction of and responsible to the Quarterly Conference.

Third: Par. 206 of the *Discipline* provides that the Official Board of which each Steward is a member "shall be responsible to the Quarterly Conference." Likewise that means that each member of the Board is so responsible.

Fourth: Par. 157 of the *Discipline* provides that the Quarterly Conference shall be vested with power and authority as hereinafter

set forth in connection with the property, both real and personal of said local church, namely:—

"5. To do any and all things necessary to exercise such other powers and duties relating to the property, real and personal, of the local Church concerned as may be committed to it by the *Discipline*."

The Church records and account books are property—personal property. The wilful withholding of same from his successor and from the Commission on Finance, the Auditing Committee and the Trustees was wholly contrary to the duties of a Steward, a Trustee and an ex-official of the Church. In this connection it may be noted that William M. Westbrook, Jr., in his appeal, made no denial of the allegations set out in the Report of the Nominating Committee on which he was removed as Steward and Trustee. It would be an unwarranted infringement upon the prerogatives of the Quarterly Conference to which he was amenable that it could not discontinue his membership both as a Steward and as a Trustee.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that no notice to William M. Westbrook, Jr., of such proposed action by the Quarterly Conference was necessary; that no charges under Paragraphs 1001-1005 were necessary; that the regular Third Quarterly Conference had the inherent right and authority by written law and by implication to enforce its authority against an individual Steward and Trustee who was acting at variance to his duties as such Steward and Trustee; and in the exercise of that authority had the right to discontinue his membership on the Board of Stewards and vacate his office as a Steward, and to discontinue his membership as a Trustee, and vacate his office as a Trustee; and under Paragraph 161, the Quarterly Conference had the right to fill the vacancy thus created. Accordingly the Decision of Bishop Clare Purcell, on the appeal, affirming the decision of Dr. G. M. Davenport, District Superintendent, is in all things affirmed.

July 20, 1954.

No. 104

In Re: The Restoration Of Credentials To A Minister Who Was Permitted To Withdraw From The Conference Under Charges

DIGEST OF DECISION

After a lapse of two years since the charges were lodged by the Investigating Committee and when the application is accompanied by the proper recommendations and other requirements of the *Discipline* have been met, no trial is necessary on the old charges in order to have a Preacher's Credentials restored according to Paragraph 993 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

The Annual Conference determines for itself whether there has been complete amendment of life on the part of the applicant and what Committee shall present the recommendation to the Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the meeting of The Council of Bishops held at Sea Island, Georgia, on Thursday, December 10, 1953, The Council voted to request a Declaratory Decision of The Judicial Council, covering the following questions submitted by Bishop Garber. This request was made after reading Paragraphs 848, 991, 992, and 993, *Discipline* 1952.

"A preacher in the North Carolina Annual Conference withdrew under charges five years ago. The Committee of Investigation had already voted that a trial was necessary, but when the preacher withdrew and surrendered his credentials rather than stand trial, the records of the North Carolina Annual Conference show that he withdrew under charges. Now this same preacher desires to be Re-admitted to the North Carolina Annual Conference. The question is whether he must stand trial since the Committee on Investigation had voted that a trial was necessary five years ago or can he be Re-admitted under Paragraph 993 of the *Discipline* of 1952 without standing trial under the old charges? In what manner can an Annual Conference be assured that there has been a complete amendment of life on the part of the former holder of the credentials? What Committee of the Annual Conference should make such a recommendation to the Conference?"

JURISDICTION

Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline* states:

"When The General Conference shall have passed any act of legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning or application, The Judicial Council on petition as hereinafter provided, shall have jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the meaning, application and effect of such act, legislation, or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline*; and the Decision of The Judicial Council thereon shall be as binding and effectual as a Decision made by The Judicial Council on appeal under the law relating to appeals to The Judicial Council."

"The following bodies in The Methodist Church are hereby authorized to make such petitions to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision:

- (1) The Council of Bishops, etc.

"The Judicial Council shall determine from the facts in connection with each such petition whether or not it has jurisdiction to hear and determine the same."

From the above quotations it is apparent that on the questions submitted by Bishop Garber and referred to The Judicial Council by The Council of Bishops for a Declaratory Decision, The Judicial Council is authorized to take jurisdiction.

ANALYSIS

In the case presented to us there are three questions raised for our consideration:

1. Can the former holder of credentials who has withdrawn under charges be Re-admitted to the Annual Conference under Paragraph 993 of the *Discipline* of 1952 without standing trial under the old charges?
2. In what manner can the Annual Conference be assured that there has been a complete amendment of life on the part of the former holder of the credentials?
3. What Committee of the Annual Conference should make such recommendations to the Conference?

In giving consideration to these questions there are several things that should be kept in mind.

(1) Membership in the Annual Conference and ordination are not necessarily in the same category. Laymen are Members of the Annual Conference being elected by their local church. Persons also are ordained Local Deacons and Elders without becoming members of the Annual Conference. Ministers who are located voluntarily according to Paragraph 375 or involuntarily according to Paragraph 377 retain their credentials but are no longer members of the Annual Conference.

(2) Paragraph 993 of the 1952 *Discipline* deals only with the Restoration of Credentials and not with Re-admission to the Annual Conference.

(3) The Investigating Committee of an Annual Conference is not a Trial Committee. Its function is to determine for the Annual Conference whether there are "reasonable grounds" for a trial. The accused is not guilty just because he surrenders his credentials. He may prefer to do so rather than go through the ordeal of a trial. Consequently, the Annual Conference can hold a man guilty only when he confesses his guilt or is tried by the Annual Conference Trial Committee and proven guilty. However, Paragraphs 952 and 953 of the 1952 *Discipline* state that "withdrawn under complaints" or "withdrawn under charges means that "his status shall be the same as if he had been expelled." We take it that "status" refers to his relation to the Annual Conference and has no reference to his character.

With these facts before us, we turn to Paragraph 993 of the 1952 *Discipline* concerning which a Declaratory Decision is requested.

This Paragraph states:

"The Annual Conference to which Credentials were surrendered as provided in Paragraphs 991-992 may restore the same at its discretion, if no charges or complaints against the minister have been lodged or were pending at the time of his surrender of said credentials; and if at the time of his request for the restoration of said Credentials, he is a Member in good standing in The Methodist Church and shall present from his Quarterly Conference a certificate of his character and a recommendation for the restoration of his Credentials."

This means that if there are no charges or complaints lodged or pending, the Annual Conference may restore his Credentials at any time, providing he is a member in good standing of The Methodist Church and is recommended by his Quarterly Conference.

Then Paragraph 993 proceeds to state what can be done when there are charges or complaints lodged or pending as in the case of the brother from the North Carolina Conference.

"In cases of surrender of credentials under situations involving the character of the minister, the said credentials may be restored only after a lapse of at least two years and upon the following conditions:

(a) That the Annual Conference holding the Credentials shall be assured that there has been a complete amendment of life upon the part of the former holder of the Credentials.

(b) That he shall have been Re-admitted on Trial into the Annual Conference from which he withdrew or Admitted to another Annual Conference on Trial or has been licensed as a Local Preacher by some District or Quarterly Conference.

(c) That the Annual Conference which has Admitted him On Trial (if another than the one from which he withdrew) or the District or Quarterly Conference which licensed him shall present to the Annual Conference holding the Credentials a certificate of his good character and a recommendation that his Credentials be restored."

This Paragraph makes it perfectly clear that the former holder of the Credentials in order to have them restored must follow the steps taken by any Layman who seeks Ordination as a Methodist preacher. (See Judicial Decision No. 18 in Re: C. M. Tyndal.) Of course when he surrendered his Credentials he did not surrender his scholastic credits or his college and seminary degrees, if any. These credits and degrees may be accepted in lieu of the required Courses of Study, but a trial on the old charges is not required.

Question number two above as to how "the Annual Conference holding the credentials shall be assured that there has been a complete amendment of the life" is one which the Annual Conference itself must decide and cannot be answered by Judicial Decision. When Admission on Trial is a prerequisite to the restoration of Credentials, the procedure of Admission, which involves a certificate of character from his Quarterly Conference and examination by the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications as to his fitness for the ministry, would be a partial answer to the question. (See Paragraph 993 (b) of 1952 *Discipline*.)

As to question number three above, viz.: "What Committee of the Annual Conference should make such recommendation to the Annual Conference?" Obviously "Such recommendation" refers to question number two concerning "complete amendment of life." Since the brother from the North Carolina Annual Conference desires to be Re-admitted to the same Annual Conference to which he surrendered his Credentials, and must be Received on Trial by the same steps taken by any other candidate for the Ministry, upon his Admission On Trial he may have his Credentials restored under Paragraph 993 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

This Paragraph does not specify the Committee to which the question of restoration of Credentials shall be referred. However, it would

be appropriate for the Annual Conference to refer the case to the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications for further recommendation, or could under its Disciplinary power to govern its own procedure, refer it to some other regular or specially appointed Committee.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council, therefore, that in the case referred to The Judicial Council by The Council of Bishops:

1. The brother from the North Carolina Annual Conference cannot be Re-admitted to the Annual Conference under Paragraph No. 993, but only through the regular procedure prescribed for Admission in Paragraph No. 321 of the *Discipline*.

In view of the fact that more than two years have elapsed since the charges were lodged by the Investigating Committee, and assuming that the minister comes to the Annual Conference with the proper recommendations as to his character and fitness for the ministry, no trial is necessary on the old charges presented by the Investigating Committee in order to have his Credentials restored or to be Re-admitted to the Annual Conference.

2. The Annual Conference sets up its own standard of judgment on whether there has been a complete amendment of life on the part of the former holder of the Credentials.
3. The Annual Conference may receive the recommendation of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications which has examined the brother for his fitness for Admission on Trial, or it may refer the case to some other regular or specially appointed Committee.

July 20, 1954.

No. 105

In Re: The Request Of The Council Of Bishops For Declaratory Decision Concerning The Meaning Of The Words "Upon Recommendation Of The Committee On Conference Relations" On The Question Of Supernumerary Relation

DIGEST OF DECISION

The words "upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations" do not mean that an Annual Conference cannot act contrary to its Committee's recommendation if it wishes to do so.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the New York East Annual Conference in May, 1953, the question was raised concerning the interpretation of Paragraph 365 of the 1952 *Discipline*. The first two sentences of this Paragraph read:

"A Supernumerary Minister is one who, because of impaired health or other equally sufficient reason, is temporarily unable to perform full work. This relation shall not be granted for more than five years in succession, except by two-thirds vote of the Conference, upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, and a statement of the reason for such recommendation."

The question is, do the words "upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations" mean that the Annual Conference cannot grant Supernumerary Relation for more than five years if its Committee on Conference Relations is unwilling to vote for such recommendation?

JURISDICTION

The Council of Bishops having asked The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision on the question submitted, The Judicial Council under Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline* has jurisdiction to grant the request.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 22, Article 11, of the Constitution reads as follows:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body of the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all Constitutional Amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to The General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its Ministerial Members, etc."

Paragraph 8, (sub. 3) of the Constitution reads as follows:

"The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctly connectional, and in the exercise of that authority shall have authority as follows:

"3. To define and fix the powers and duties of the Annual Conferences,"

This provision of the Constitution might be interpreted as in conflict with Paragraph 22 quoted above. That apparent conflict can be resolved easily when we consider the wording of Paragraph 22 which says that the right to "vote" on the character and Conference Relations of its Ministerial Members is *reserved* to the Annual Conference. That right to vote being *reserved* to the Annual Conference The General Conference has no power or authority to abridge that right.

The General Conference in Paragraph 8 (3) of the 1952 *Discipline* can prescribe procedure to be followed leading up to the vote, or to be followed preceding the vote, but it cannot deny or abridge the right to vote regardless of the recommendation of the Committee through which the matter is brought before the Annual Conference for action.

To say that the Annual Conference could not vote to extend the Supernumerary Relation for more than five years unless the Com-

mittee on Conference Relations recommended such extension would be an abridgment of this right to vote on all such matters reserved to the Annual Conference in the Constitution. Its right to determine by vote all such matters cannot be delegated to any Committee.

The words "upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations" if valid at all, must be interpreted to mean that before a vote is taken on such extension of the Supernumerary Relationship, the matter must be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a recommendation either for or against such extension. The Annual Conference after receiving such recommendation may in its discretion, vote just the opposite to such recommendation. Its right to *vote* cannot be abridged by the recommendation of the Committee.

The Committee on Conference Relations is elected by the Annual Conference as provided in Paragraph 638 of the 1952 *Discipline*. This Committee, therefore, is the creature of the Annual Conference. If the Annual Conference cannot vote against the recommendation of a Committee of its own election, if it wishes to do so, then it must be concluded that it, the Conference, is helplessly caught in its own web.

The Constitution of the Church having declared the Annual Conference to be the basic body in the Church does not, however, give the Annual Conference authority "for it to delegate its powers in such a manner as to deprive itself of that basic or ultimate power." (See Judicial Council Decision No. 38.)

Decision

The answer to the question asked, therefore, is: the words "upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations" do not mean that the Conference cannot grant Supernumerary Relation for more than five years if it wishes to do so in spite of the contrary recommendation of its Committee. The right to vote "on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its Ministerial Members" is specifically *reserved* to the Annual Conference by the Constitution and cannot be abridged by any act of The General Conference. (See Paragraph 22, 1952 *Discipline*.)

July 20, 1954.

No. 106

In Re: Request Of Council On World Service And Finance For Declaratory Decision On Pension For Resigned Bishop Or His Widow

DIGEST OF DECISION

There is no legislation in the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church dealing with a pension for a resigned Bishop or his widow and therefore no basis for a Declaratory Decision on such legislation by The Judicial Council as requested by the Executive Com-

mittee of the Council on World Service and Finance. The Judicial Council therefore declines to accept jurisdiction in this instance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On January 5, 1953, the Executive Committee of the Council on World Service and Finance took the following action:

"The Committee reviewed the data concerning the claim of Mrs. G. R. Grose for a pension. G. B. McKibbin moved that the matter be referred to The Judicial Council for an Advisory Opinion or a Declaratory Decision. R. F. Curl seconded, and it was carried."

Mrs. G. R. Grose is the widow of Dr. George R. Grose who was elected to the Episcopacy by The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1924. He was assigned to the Peking Area in China and re-assigned to the same Area in 1928. In 1929, he was released from his duties as a Bishop, and in 1932 his resignation from that office was accepted. The following notation appears in the Journal of The General Conference of 1932 (page 542):

"Your Committee, having made careful inquiry into the matters referred to it, respectfully recommends that the resignation of George R. Grose from the office of General Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church be accepted, to take effect as of May 18, 1932. Adopted May 24, 1932."

Following this resignation no action was taken by any Church body to provide a pension for G. R. Grose although he continued as a retired minister, listed as such in the North Indiana Annual Conference Minutes from 1933 until his death in 1953. He relinquished pension claims on the Conference Annuity Funds for these years. The North Indiana Annual Conference Minutes for 1953 (p. 493), contains a memoir recognizing his membership in that Annual Conference.

Mrs. Grose receives a widow's pension for the years of her husband's services in the New England, the Baltimore and the North Indiana Conferences prior to his election as a Bishop in 1924.

Decision

The Judicial Council in Paragraph 914 has authority to make "a Declaratory Decision as to the *meaning, application, and effect*" of acts or legislation enacted by The General Conference when these are "subject to more than one interpretation" or may be of "doubtful meaning, or application." There is, however, no legislation whatever in the *Discipline* dealing with pension provisions for a resigned Bishop or his widow, and therefore no basis for a Declaratory Decision by The Judicial Council. For The Council to render a Decision would be for it to take legislative action and this is not within the authority of this body. Thus, The Judicial Council must decline to make a Declaratory Decision as requested by the Executive Committee of the Council on World Service and Finance.

July 20, 1954.

No. 107

**In Re: Request Of Division Of National Missions Of
The General Board Of Missions For A Declaratory
Decision On The Meaning Of The Words "Or
Sub-divisions" In Paragraph 174 Of
Discipline Of 1952**

DIGEST OF DECISION

The words "*or sub-divisions*" as they appear in the second line of Paragraph 174 of the *Discipline* of 1952 mean sub-divisions of Governmental Agencies and not sub-divisions of private real estate projects.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Division of National Missions in making a donation grant of \$2,500 to the St. Luke's Methodist Church in San Angelo, Texas, specified that one of the conditions of the grant was that the title be vested in the Trustees of the said church in fee simple with the usual "trust clause" specified in Paragraph 174 of the *Discipline* of 1952 included.

St. Luke's Church is to receive, without cost, a deed to certain property from the developer of a residential real estate sub-division who wishes to insert a reversion clause and omit the "trust clause" from the deed.

It is the claim of the developer that the words "*or sub-divisions*" in the second line of Paragraph 174 of the *Discipline* of 1952 permit such an arrangement. The Division of National Missions contends that the words "*or sub-divisions*" refer to Governmental Agencies and that no other exceptions to the procedure of requiring the "trust clause" can be made.

The Judicial Council is asked for a Declaratory Decision interpreting the words "*or sub-divisions*" in Paragraph 174.

JURISDICTION

Paragraph 914 of the *Discipline* of 1952 provides that,

"When The General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning, or application, The Judicial Council, on petition as hereinafter provided, shall have jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a *Declaratory Decision* as to the meaning, application, and effect of such act, legislation, or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline*."

"The following bodies in The Methodist Church are authorized to make such petitions to The Judicial Council for Declaratory Decisions: (2) any General Conference Board or body, on matters relating to or affecting the work of such Board or body."

Since the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions is a General Conference body and makes a request for a Declaratory Decision on a matter relating to and affecting its work, it is properly

within the jurisdiction of The Judicial Council to render such a Decision.

ANALYSIS

The purpose of Paragraph 174 of the *Discipline* of 1952 requiring that a trust clause be inserted in all written instruments of conveyance by which premises are held or acquired for use as a place of divine worship for members of The Methodist Church or other church activities is to protect the interests of The Methodist Church in the property and its financial investment therein.

The only exception is made with respect to Governmental Agencies or sub-divisions which are unable to supply a deed without a reversion clause and with a trust clause included. To interpret the words "*or sub-divisions*" as referring to real estate developments so broadens the exception as to abrogate the general principle and defeat the purpose of this Paragraph.

Furthermore, if "*sub-divisions*" referred to other than Governmental Agencies one would expect some such word as "from" to precede the word "sub-division."

While the language would be clarified had it been made to read "*or sub-divisions thereof*," it is still to be interpreted to mean that the word "Governmental" modifies both "Agencies" and "sub-divisions." Were that not the case and the word "sub-division" interpreted as a portion of a real estate development, the further question would arise as to whether a sub-division of real estate can convey property. A sub-division refers to a plot of ground and not to a person or Agency which has the power to convey real estate.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council, therefore, that the words "*or sub-divisions*" found in the second line of Paragraph 174 of the *Discipline* of 1952 mean sub-divisions of Governmental Agencies, and not sub-divisions of private real estate projects.

July 20, 1954.

No. 108

**In Re: Request Of The Council Of Bishops Asking If
An Annual Conference Incorporated In Accord-
ance With Paragraph 625 Of The 1952 *Disci-
pline* Is Compelled To Incorporate Its
Board Of Trustees In Accordance
With Paragraph 709 Of The
1952 *Discipline***

DIGEST OF DECISION

If the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference are the Directors of the Incorporated Annual Conference and are performing the same

functions and duties as those assigned to an Incorporated Board of Trustees in Paragraph 709, 1952 *Discipline* that constitutes a substantial compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 709, and the separate incorporation of the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is not necessary.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Bishop Frederick B. Newell, presiding Bishop of the Newark Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, sent to The Council of Bishops the following communication:

"The following question has been raised by the Newark Annual Conference and is presented herewith for the consideration of The Council of Bishops at its Annual Meeting to be held in New York, April 29-30, 1954.

- "1. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 625 of the 1952 *Discipline* which reads as follows:

'Annual Conferences may become severally bodies corporate wherever practicable, under the law of the countries, States, and territories within whose bounds they are located.'

"The Newark Annual Conference is a body corporate in the State of New Jersey.

- "2. At the 1953 session of the Newark Annual Conference when the Bishop was momentarily out of the Chair, the following Resolution was adopted by the Conference:

'That the Trustees of the Newark Annual Conference be and hereby are authorized to effect the incorporation of the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference in conformity with Paragraph 709, Section 1, page 186, *Discipline* 1952.'

- "3. The authorization for '2' above for the Trustees of the Conference to incorporate has not been fulfilled, and the Bishop has requested that it not be fulfilled until The Council of Bishops gives its opinion or The Judicial Council gives a Declaratory Decision.

"Is Paragraph 709 which states, 'Each Annual Conference *shall* have an incorporated Board of Trustees,' compulsory in those Annual Conferences where under Paragraph 625 a corporation has previously been formed under the permissive authorization, 'Annual Conferences *may* become severally bodies corporate wherever practicable.'"

Upon receipt of this communication The Council of Bishops referred same to its Committee on Law and Administration. This Committee reported back to the Bishops as follows:

"With reference to the request of Bishop Newell, in the case of the Newark Annual Conference, inquiring whether or not an incorporated Annual Conference, under the provisions of Paragraph 625 of the 1952 *Discipline*, is compelled under Paragraph 709 also to have an incorporated Board of Trustees, it is our opinion that the two Paragraphs are in conflict; and we therefore recommend that The Council of Bishops request The Judicial Council to render a Declaratory Decision in this matter."

This Report was adopted by The Council of Bishops and the file on same was forwarded by the Secretary of The Council of Bishops to the Secretary of The Judicial Council.

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this matter under Sub. (1), Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 625 of the 1952 *Discipline* provides that "Annual Conferences *may* become severally bodies corporate, wherever practicable, under the law of the countries, States and territories within whose bounds they are located."

Paragraph 709 of the 1952 *Discipline* provides that "each Annual Conference *shall* have an incorporated Board of Trustees," with certain powers to administer the funds and properties of the Annual Conference.

The essential purpose of Paragraph 709 of the 1952 *Discipline* is to provide a responsible Administrative Corporate Agency to hold, preserve, manage and care for the properties and funds of the Annual Conference. It is hardly conceivable that The General Conference by these two provisions contemplated the possibility of having two separate corporations within an Annual Conference charged with similar responsibility.

Decision

If the Trustees of the present incorporated Newark Conference are the Directors or constitute the governing Board of such corporation and perform the functions that an incorporated Board of Trustees under Paragraph 709, 1952 *Discipline* would perform, the present corporation, in the opinion of The Judicial Council, constitutes a substantial compliance with the provisions of Paragraph 709, 1952 *Discipline* and a separate incorporation of the Board of Trustees of the Conference is not necessary.

July 21, 1954.

No. 109

In Re: Instruction Of Lay And Reserve Members Of An Annual Conference By An Official Board Or A Quarterly Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Official Board or a Quarterly Conference has no authority in the law of The Methodist Church to order or instruct Lay or Reserve Members to vote in any prescribed manner on issues expected to come before an Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A request for an Episcopal Decision was made at the 1954 session

of the Central Texas Annual Conference as follows:

"Whereas, the Official Board of First Methodist Church, Coleman, Texas, in regular session on June 7, 1954, did adopt by majority vote a motion that the Lay Member and Reserve Lay Members of the Annual Conference from that church be ordered and instructed to vote against any motion, Report, or Resolution that might be presented to the Annual Conference favoring any relaxation of the practice of racial segregation in Methodist institutions as it existed at the time that the Supreme Court of the United States rendered its recent Decision concerning racial segregation in public schools,

"Therefore, a formal request is made for an Episcopal Decision to the following question, 'Does an Official Board of a Methodist Church, or a Quarterly Conference, have the authority to order and instruct its Lay Member or Reserve Lay Members of the Annual Conference to vote in any specified manner on matters coming before the Annual Conference?'"

Bishop William C. Martin, presiding, gave his written Decision as follows:

"In conformity with the generally accepted principle that delegated members of a Church Council shall be free to make decisions in the light of facts and discussions concerning issues that are considered by such body, the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church does not authorize an Official Board or a Quarterly Conference 'to order and instruct its Lay Member or Reserve Lay Members of the Annual Conference to vote in any specified manner on matters coming before the Annual Conference.'"

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council is authorized to take jurisdiction under Par. 909 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

Decision

The Judicial Council affirms the action of the Bishop as presented above and adopts his statement as the Decision of The Council.

July 21, 1954.

No. 110

**In Re: Request Of New England Southern Annual
Conference For A Declaratory Decision As To The
Meaning, Application And Effect Of Paragraphs
375 And 309 Of *Discipline* Of 1952 Referring
To Termination Of Annual Conference
Membership By Voluntary Location**

DIGEST OF DECISION

A Minister who locates voluntarily retains his relationship as a

Local Preacher in the Quarterly Conference where he resides. His license is not subject to renewal annually. He is held amenable for his conduct and the continuance of his Ordination rights to the Annual Conference in which his Quarterly Conference membership is held. He continues as a Local Preacher in the Quarterly Conference until such time as he voluntarily surrenders his Credentials or is deprived of such by due process of trial.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Judicial Council received the following petition for a Declaratory Decision from the New England Southern Annual Conference:

"The New England Southern Annual Conference, in session in Brockton, Mass., June 5, 1954, by unanimous vote, petitions The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, in compliance with Par. 914 (8) *Discipline* of 1952, to make a ruling, in the nature of a Declaratory Decision, as to the meaning, application and effect of Sec. VIII, *Termination of Annual Conference Membership* Par. 375, By Voluntary Location (also Par. 309) with respect to the following particulars:

"It is understood that a member of an Annual Conference who locates at his own request thereupon becomes a Local Preacher with such Orders as he has previously received.

"Question 1. In the case of a member of an Annual Conference who has located at his own request, is the continuance of his status as a Local Preacher dependent upon

(a) The renewal annually of a license to preach by Quarterly, District or Annual Conference action?

(b) Is it dependent upon membership in a local Methodist Church and Quarterly Conference where he resides?

"Question 2. In the case of a member of an Annual Conference who has located at his own request, is the continuance of his status as a Deacon or Elder dependent upon his membership in a Methodist Church and a Quarterly Conference where he resides?

"Question 3. If it is adjudged that the ministerial status of a member of an Annual Conference who has located at his own request is dependent upon membership in a Methodist Church and Quarterly Conference where he resides, after what lapse of time following location would one cease to have standing as a Local Preacher and as a Deacon and/or Elder, if no connection with a Methodist Church or Quarterly Conference has been established?"

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 914 (8) 1952 *Discipline* to render the Declaratory Decision requested.

ANALYSIS

In the request of the New England Southern Annual Conference cited above, three specific questions are asked:

(1) In the case of a member of an Annual Conference who has located at his own request, is the continuance of his status as a Local Preacher dependent upon

(a) The renewal annually of a license to preach by Quarterly District or Annual Conference action?

(b) Is it dependent upon membership in a local Methodist Church and Quarterly Conference where he resides?

The answer to (a) is *NO*. The ordination of a local preacher makes unnecessary the annual renewal of his license.

The answer to (b) is *YES*. Paragraph 310 of the 1952 *Discipline* provides that "whenever Local Preachers, Ordained or un-Ordained shall sever their relation with The Methodist Church in any way whatsoever, they shall deposit their Credentials with the proper authorities."

Question 2. In the case of a member of an Annual Conference who has located at his own request, is the continuance of his status as a Deacon or Elder dependent upon his membership in a Methodist Church and a Quarterly Conference where he resides?

The answer is *YES*. For the same reason as in (b) above see Par. 310.

Question 3. If it is adjudged that the ministerial status of a member of an Annual Conference who has located at his own request is dependent upon membership in a Methodist Church and Quarterly Conference where he resides, after what lapse of time following location would one cease to have standing as a Local Preacher and as a Deacon and/or Elder, if no connection with a Methodist Church or Quarterly Conference has been established?

The answer is that a minister who has located, automatically becomes a member of the Quarterly Conference where he resides at the time of his location, Paragraph 309. He continues as a Local Preacher in that Quarterly Conference or in such other to which he may be transferred (Par. 306), until such time as he voluntarily surrenders his credentials or is deprived of them through due process of trial.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council, therefore, that a minister who is located voluntarily is not required to have his license renewed annually. His status as a Local Preacher and as a Deacon and Elder is dependent upon his membership in The Methodist Church and Quarterly Conference where he resides. A minister when located, automatically becomes a member of The Methodist Church and Quarterly Conference where he resides. He continues as a Local Preacher in that Methodist Church and Quarterly Conference or in such other to which he may be transferred until such time as he voluntarily surrenders his credentials or is deprived of them by due process of a trial.

July 21, 1954.

No. 111

In Re: Answer Of A Candidate For The Traveling Ministry As To His Abstinence From The Use Of Tobacco

DIGEST OF DECISION

The answer of a candidate for the traveling ministry to the ques-

tion set out in Paragraph 321 (4) of the 1952 *Discipline* as to abstinence from the use of tobacco, in order to be satisfactory must be in the affirmative and without qualification.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This matter comes before The Judicial Council on the following action of the North-East Ohio Annual Conference taken on June 27, 1953:

"The North-East Ohio Annual Conference requests The Judicial Council to interpret what constitutes a "satisfactory written answer" to (4) in Paragraph 321 "are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry and bear witness to the same by your abstinence from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure your influence, consecrating yourself to purity of life in body, in mind and in spirit?" e.g., is it "satisfactory" for a candidate to answer that he is willing to make a complete dedication of himself to the highest ideals of Christian ministry and to bear witness to the same by his abstinence from indulgences which may injure his influence, consecrating himself to purity of life in body, in mind, and in spirit, but that he objects to the singling out of tobacco as the only specific illustration of these "indulgences."

JURISDICTION

The above request of the North-East Ohio Annual Conference is a request for a Declaratory Decision and The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 914 (8) of the 1952 *Discipline*.

ANALYSIS

The candidate must deposit with the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in duplicate "satisfactory written answers" to certain questions, among which is that which has a clause pertaining to abstinence from the use of tobacco. The *Discipline* does not state to whom the answer must be satisfactory. Surely the candidate is not meant. If he were, there might be as many different answers as candidates. Nor can the particular Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications be meant. This would give rise to as many different answers as there are Annual Conferences. This was a matter of General Conference concern and legislation and of uniform application. Those present at the 1952 General Conference, when a Minority Committee Report on this subject was substituted and adopted for the Majority Report, could not have any doubt as to the intent of The General Conference. That intent was that the answer of the candidate should be in the affirmative without equivocation or reservation, either mental or expressed. Attention is further directed to Paragraph 675 (2a) of the 1952 *Discipline* providing that before the ballot for licensing a person to preach is taken he shall have agreed to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 304 (4), which are the same as Paragraph 321 (4). The application of the requirement of abstinence from the use of tobacco is not different in the case of an applicant for a license to preach than in the case of a candidate for the traveling ministry.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that a satisfactory written answer to said Paragraph 321 (4) of

the 1952 *Discipline* is an unequivocal affirmative answer to the disciplinary question as stated. The suggested answer on which the opinion is requested is not satisfactory.

July 21, 1954.

No. 112

In Re: Ruling By Bishop Watkins On Whether An Approved Supply Pastor Can Be Elected By His Charge As A Lay Member Of The Annual Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Approved Supply Pastor represents his Charge as a pastor in every respect except the right to vote. Therefore he cannot represent the charge in the dual capacity of Pastor and Lay Member at the same time.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On June 12, 1954 at the session of the Memphis Annual Conference, Wm. M. O'Donnell presented a request for a ruling by the presiding Bishop Wm. T. Watkins as follows:

"You are respectfully requested to rule whether a charge served as pastor by an Approved Supply, may elect *that* Approved Supply Pastor as the Lay Member of the Annual Conference for that charge."

On June 13, 1954, Bishop Watkins presented to the Annual Conference his ruling on the question proposed as follows:

"The Constitution of the Church specifies that each pastoral charge shall have a Lay representative in the Annual Conference. (Par. 21).

The General Conference has enacted that a Supply Pastor may speak upon the Conference floor, but without vote. (Par. 317).

To elect a Supply Pastor as a Lay Delegate from the pastoral charge meets neither of these requirements. Many Supply Pastors are Elders and exercise all functions of the Ministry and all Supply Pastors in charge of churches function as Ministers and not as Laymen and to elect one of them as a Delegate to the Annual Conference is to deny the charge involved Lay representation as required by the Constitution of the Church, and it is to grant to the Supply Pastor involved a vote in the Annual Conference which is prohibited by act of The General Conference. Therefore a charge may not elect a Supply Pastor as its representative in the Annual Conference."

JURISDICTION

Division four, Article II (Par. 43 of the 1952 *Discipline*) reads in part as follows:

"Art. II. The Judicial Council shall have authority:— 3. To pass upon Decisions of Law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences."

The official transcript of the daily proceedings of the Memphis Annual Conference held at Jackson, Tenn., in June 1954, shows clearly that the above request for a ruling and Bishop Watkins' ruling were submitted to the Conference in writing in regular sessions of the Annual Conference. Accordingly, The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to review and pass upon said ruling by Bishop Watkins by the authority of the Constitution and Paragraph 909 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

ANALYSIS

Par. 21, Art. 1 of the Constitution (*Discipline* 1952) states:

"The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in Full Connection with it, together with a Lay Member elected by each pastoral charge. . . ."

The question involved in this case is, in which category, if either, does an Approved Supply Pastor belong? Clearly he is not a Traveling Preacher in Full Connection with the Conference. Can he then be regarded as a Layman and as such eligible for election as a Lay Member of the Annual Conference?

There is little question that from the beginning of The Methodist Church the term Local Preacher has meant a Layman who has been granted the privilege of preaching the Word and who is responsible to the District and Quarterly Conference for his license to preach. However, as time went on and the need for preachers increased with the expansion and growth of the Church a new relationship arose in the local ministry of the Church known as the Approved Supply relationship which is granted to certain qualified Local Preachers by vote of the Annual Conference making them eligible to be appointed as Pastors of charges and to assume most of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of a Traveling Preacher in Full Connection in the Annual Conference, except the right to vote. The Approved Supply is responsible to the Annual Conference which alone has jurisdiction over his authority to preach. The whole history of Methodist legislation leads to the conclusion that a Local Preacher who has been made an Approved Supply and appointed Pastor of a charge cannot be regarded as a Layman. Even though he holds his membership and Quarterly Conference relations with the church he serves, he is not a Layman but a Pastor in charge and is amenable to the Annual Conference as no Layman is or can be. (Par. 307, 1952, *Discipline*). He receives his salary from the local church, not as a Layman but as Pastor. He submits a Report to the Annual Conference, not as a Layman but as a Pastor. He represents his charge in the Annual Conference, speaks on the floor of the Conference and is required to attend the sessions not as a Layman but as a Pastor. If charges are brought against him for offenses enumerated in Paragraph 921 of the *Discipline* he is brought to trial, not as a Layman, but as any other Preacher in like standing. When he retires he is eligible for a pension through the Board of Conference Claimants because he served the church as a Pastor.

There is much merit in Bishop Watkins' statement that to elect an Approved Supply Pastor as a Lay Member in the Annual Conference is to deny the charge involved Lay representation as required by the Constitution. But it is equally true that it would deny the charge involved of pastoral representation which the Approved Supply Pastor does in every respect except the right to vote. For an Approved Supply Pastor to represent his charge in the Conference in the dual capacity of Pastor and Lay Member would violate the Constitutional requirement concerning Lay representation and defeat the purpose of

Methodist legislation concerning Local Preachers serving as Approved Supply Pastors.

Furthermore the question of full and adequate Lay representation in the Annual and General Conferences was a pronounced issue in the original Methodist Church in America as early as 1820. The denial of such representation by the 1828 General Conference gave rise to the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church. Under the Plan of Union finally adopted in 1938 and put into operation by the Uniting Conference in 1939 the Methodist Protestant Church was united with the other two branches of historical Methodism in America to form The Methodist Church.

This Plan of Union, overwhelmingly accepted by the Methodist Protestant Church, is now the Constitution of the United Church. *Par.* 21 of this Constitution specifically provides that the Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in Full Connection with it together with a *Lay Member* elected by each pastoral charge.

In the opinion of The Judicial Council this provision must be interpreted in the light of the history of unification and the basic change in lay representation provided in the Plan of Union, and not in the light of former interpretations made by the Methodist Episcopal Church, or the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When so considered it is conclusive that a person serving as Pastor of a charge and being amenable to the Annual Conference in all respects as a Traveling Preacher, (even though he cannot vote in the Annual Conference), is not such a "Lay Member" as is contemplated by *Par.* 21 of the Constitution.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that a charge served by an Approved Supply Pastor may not elect said Approved Supply Pastor as the lay member of the Annual Conference for that charge. Accordingly the ruling of Bishop Watkins is hereby affirmed.

July 29, 1955.

No. 113

In Re: Ruling Of Bishop Dana Dawson As To What Constitutes A Pastoral Charge In The Election Of Lay Members Of An Annual Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

A pastoral charge consists of all the churches of a Circuit and they are entitled to elect only one Lay Member to an Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Bishop Dana Dawson as President of the Central Kansas Annual Conference was asked for a ruling on the number of Lay Members of

an Annual Conference and as a basis therefor to decide what constitutes "a pastoral charge" which may elect a Lay Member and a Reserve. In other words, is a Circuit charge entitled to one Lay Member, or one for each church on the charge?

Bishop Dawson ruled that only one Lay Member may be elected from each Charge or Circuit.

The Judicial Council is requested to pass upon this Decision of Law made by this Bishop at an Annual Conference.

JURISDICTION

Section 3 of Article II of Division Four of the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Paragraph 43 (3) of 1952 *Discipline*) reads in part as follows:

"Art. II—The Judicial Council shall have authority: . . . "3. To pass upon Decisions of Law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences."

The records submitted clearly show that such a ruling was made by Bishop Dawson in a session of the Central Kansas Annual Conference with respect to the matter here under consideration. Accordingly, The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to review and pass upon said ruling made by Bishop Dawson in said Conference.

Decision

Article I, of Section VII of Division Two of the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Paragraph 21 of 1952 *Discipline*) reads in part as follows:

"Article I—The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in full connection with it, together with a Lay Member elected by each pastoral charge. . . ."

Paragraph 104 of 1952 *Discipline* defines a pastoral charge as follows:

"104. A pastoral charge shall consist of one or more churches which are organized under, and subject to, the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, with a single pastoral-charge Quarterly Conference, and to which a Minister is or may be duly appointed or appointable as preacher in charge. A pastoral charge of two or more churches is a circuit."

This language is so clear indicating that Bishop Dawson's ruling is correct that we need not refer to other sections of the *Discipline* which support it. Bishop Dawson's ruling is therefore affirmed.

July 29, 1955.

No. 114

In Re: Requiring The Consent Of a Ministerial Member Of An Annual Conference Before He Can Be Transferred To Another Annual Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

That part of Paragraph 431, Section 7, of the 1952 *Discipline* which requires the consent of a ministerial member of an Annual Conference before he can be transferred to another Annual Conference is Constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a meeting of The Council of Bishops on November 19, 1954, it was voted to request a Declaratory Decision from The Judicial Council as to the constitutionality of the provision in Paragraph 431, Section 7, of the 1952 *Discipline* which requires the consent of a ministerial member of an Annual Conference before he can be transferred to another Annual Conference.

JURISDICTION

Paragraph 904, Section 1, of the 1952 *Discipline* gives The Judicial Council authority to "determine the constitutionality of any act of The General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of The Council of Bishops." Therefore, the request of The Council of Bishops is properly before The Judicial Council.

ANALYSIS

The Constitution makes provision in Paragraph 34, Article I, that "there shall be an Episcopacy in The Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges and duties" as existed at the time of union in the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The question, therefore, resolves itself into one of whether a Bishop had authority to move a Ministerial Member of one Annual Conference to another without his consent at the time of union in 1939. There was no permissive legislation authorizing such a transfer from one Annual Conference to another, nor was there restrictive legislation preventing such transfer. The general practice, however, was to secure the consent of the Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference before the presiding Bishop arranged the transfer of the Minister; and if a transfer was made occasionally without permissive legislation, it does not constitute such a general practice as to have provided Bishops any established "plan, powers, privileges" in the two Episcopal Methodisms. Legislation in Paragraph 431, Section 7, provided clarification of this question and does not remove from the Bishops any authorized "plan, powers, privileges and duties" in the question of a transfer of a Minister from one Annual Conference to another without his consent.

Applicable to this question is the status of the Minister in The Methodist Church. Prior to union in 1939 the Minister joined an Annual Conference. Methodist Church procedures have long been

designed to the end that a Minister should and shall belong to an Annual Conference of his own choosing, subject to Disciplinary arrangements for Admission, for continuing his membership, and for possible transfer from one to another. For this transfer to be effective, the consent of the appointive powers has been and is necessary, and it seems entirely proper that the general practice on the part of Bishops to secure the Minister's consent for such transfer should be written into the *Discipline*. The presiding Bishop's authority is clear as to appointment within the Annual Conference where a Minister's membership is held. There has been question, however, about the legality of transfer from one Annual Conference to another without the transferee's consent, and it is at this point that The General Conference has acted.

Of equal force with Paragraph 34, Article I, and bearing directly on this question are other provisions in the Constitution, namely Article IV, Paragraph 8, which reads "The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctly connectional," and Section 5 of the same Paragraph which specifically grants to The General Conference the power "To define and fix the powers, duties and privileges of the Episcopacy." This is definite authority for The General Conference to enact the provision in Paragraph 431, Section 7, which requires the consent of a Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference before the Bishop can transfer him to another.

It is recognized that there may be administrative advantages, and even advantages to the Minister involved, of transferring him from one Annual Conference to another within the Episcopal Area where the Conference at any given time is located. However, there has not been in Episcopal Methodism any expressed legal permission to transfer a Minister without his consent to another Conference within the Episcopal Area of the Conference's current location, nor beyond it. If Bishops had the right in 1939 to transfer a Minister without his consent, such right would have permitted the Bishop to transfer the Minister to any Conference not only within his Area but also beyond it and even into another Jurisdiction, limited only by the consent of the receiving Bishop. There was no permissive authority at that time nor has there been such expressed authority subsequent thereto. The Minister is a member of the Annual Conference where he holds his membership and has the right to retain his membership there unless he is agreeable for his presiding Bishop to arrange a transfer for him.

Paragraph 431, Section 4, gives the Bishops authority "to fix the appointments of the preachers in the Annual Conferences . . . as the *Discipline* may direct." In case of transfer from one Annual Conference to another, the *Discipline* directs in Section 7 of the same Paragraph that the Bishops secure the minister's consent.

Decision

The Judicial Council, therefore, holds that the provision in Paragraph 431, Section 7, providing for consent by a minister before he can be transferred from an Annual Conference where he holds membership to another is Constitutional.

July 29, 1955.

No. 115

**In Re: Ruling Of Bishop Clare Purcell Relative To
The Real And Legal Date Of The Close Of The An-
nual Conference Year, Given At The Session
Of The North Alabama Conference,
September 8-12, 1954**

DIGEST OF DECISION

While an Annual Conference has the right to fix the dates of the fiscal year on which it operates, from the legal point of view the Conference year begins with the adjournment of an Annual Conference session and ends with the adjournment of the next regular session of the Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The North Alabama Annual Conference, meeting at Birmingham Southern College, September 8-12, 1954, adopted on the recommendation of its Commission on World Service and Finance "a twelve months' Conference year beginning October 1, 1954, and ending September 30, 1955."

G. M. Davenport then read the following request for a ruling by the Bishop:

"A motion was passed at the 1954 session of the North Alabama Annual Conference setting the date of the beginning of the 1954-55 session (year) of the North Alabama Annual Conference as October 1, 1954, and ending the same Conference year September 30, 1955. Whereas the adjournment of the North Alabama Annual Conference will (not) be later than September 13, 1955, leaving a period of 17 days between the adjournment of the North Alabama Annual Conference and the date of September 30, 1955, which the North Alabama Annual Conference set as the close of the Conference year. Ruling is asked of Bishop Clare Purcell as to the real and legal date of the close of the Conference year. Is the close of the Annual Conference year September 30 or on the date of the actual adjournment of the Annual Conference?"

The Decision of the Bishop was as follows:

"Throughout Methodist history the Conference year has begun immediately following the reading of the Appointments for the coming year and has ended at the adjournment of the next session of the Annual Conference. (Waugh as recorded on page 48 of 'Manual of the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,' 19th edition, originally prepared by Holland N. McTyeire, revised and enlarged by Collins Denny, 1931.) It is obvious, therefore, that the Annual Conference year begins and ends as above stated.

"Although the word 'fiscal' does not appear in the Report of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance which was adopted, it is clear that the intent of this Report was to fix a convenient date for the opening and closing of the business of the Annual Conference Agencies. Ample precedent for such an arrangement is found in the fact that June 1st through the following May 31st is universally used as the business year of all General Confer-

ence Agencies, although The General Conference itself meets in April and May every fourth year. It is, therefore, the opinion of the undersigned that the Annual Conference year is from the reading of the appointments to the closing of the next session of the Annual Conference, and that it is not illegal for an Annual Conference to fix October 1st through the following September 30th as a convenient date to begin and end the business of its Boards and other Agencies."

CLARE PURCELL

JURISDICTION

The ruling of Bishop Purcell is properly before The Judicial Council under Paragraphs 43 (3) and 909 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

ANALYSIS

The first part of the Bishop's Decision in answer to the question concerning the "real and legal date of the close of the Annual Conference year" is that "the Conference year is from the reading of the Appointments to the closing of the next session of the Conference."

There seems to be an ambiguity here because the Conference year is said to begin at one place in an Annual Conference session and end in another place in the following Conference session. The ambiguity is slight because it has been Methodist custom to have the reading of the Appointments just prior to the adjournment of the Conference session.

From the legal point of view, however, it would be more accurate to say that the legal Conference year is from the adjournment of an Annual Conference session to the adjournment of the next regular session of the Conference—that, therefore, the real and legal date for the closing of the Conference year is the date of the adjournment of the Conference session. Evidently this is what Bishop Purcell intended to hold.

This means, of course, that the authority of all Conference actions, unless modified by a special session of the Conference, continues until the adjournment of the next regular Conference session.

It seems, however, from the wording of the request for the Bishop's ruling, that the problem the request had in mind was the confusion resulting from various interpretations of the term "Conference year" for instance, whether, in the case of changes in Appointments at the Conference session, the ministers involved should have their salaries paid in terms of the legal Conference year or in terms of the fiscal Conference year adopted by the Conference.

As the Bishop indicates in his ruling, an Annual Conference certainly has the right to determine the dates of the fiscal year on which it operates. Paragraphs 22 and 631 of the 1952 *Discipline* grant an Annual Conference the right to make rules to govern its own procedure in any manner not contradictory to the Constitution or to the powers granted to it by The General Conference.

The Bishop fixes the dates of the Annual Conference session (Par. 626). While all concerned try to make the relation between the dates of the Conference session and the fiscal year as convenient as possible it is seldom possible in any Conference to have the legal and fiscal years coincide.

The request for the Bishop's ruling notes that there are 17 days

between the end of the Conference session and the end of the fiscal year, fixed by the Conference. Judging by the argument, the implied question is, "Who shall be paid for that 17 days in case of a change in Appointment, the Minister who is leaving the charge, or the newly appointed Minister?" The same problem would arise whether the adjournment of the Conference session came before or after the closing of the fiscal Conference year. Some churches and Ministers have apparently assumed that the minister who is leaving a charge should be paid on the basis of the fiscal Conference year; others have assumed that he should be paid on the basis of the legal Conference year.

The Appointment of a Minister in The Methodist Church is an Episcopal Appointment. The charge to which he is appointed is responsible for his support while he is the Appointed Minister. Normally, when Appointments are made in an Annual Conference session, the period of a charge's responsibility for the support of a particular Minister will coincide with the legal Conference year.

It is difficult to see why there needs to be confusion here. A local Methodist Charge pays its ministerial support and its Conference Apportionments on the basis of the fiscal Annual Conference year. This does not mean necessarily that in any fiscal year the total ministerial support is paid to one particular Minister. When the Appointments are made in the month before or after the end of the fiscal Annual Conference year surely the Annual Conference can fix its procedures here, too, by determining, in charges where there are Appointment changes, what percentage of the month's salary involved shall be paid to the Minister who leaves the charge and what percentage to the newly appointed Minister.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that the legal Annual Conference year begins with adjournment of a regular session of an Annual Conference and ends with the adjournment of the next regular session of the Annual Conference, and that an Annual Conference, in governing its own procedure, may determine the fiscal year on the basis on which it operates. The ruling of Bishop Clare Purcell, with the minor correction noted, is hereby affirmed.

July 29, 1955.

No. 116

**In Re: Appeal Of Reverend L. Blake Craft In The
Case Of North Georgia Annual Conference vs.
The Reverend L. Blake Craft**

DIGEST OF DECISION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction only on questions of law. The charges against appellant, though meager, are sufficient to inform him of the offense with which he is charged. The charges having been made during the session of the Annual Conference the accused was triable under Paragraphs 936 and 937 of the 1952 *Discipline*, and not under Paragraph 935 of the 1952 *Discipline*. Five days were given

the accused to prepare for trial. As a matter of law that cannot be held to be insufficient time. Par. 1006 of the 1952 *Discipline* establishes a policy that the counsel for the accused must be a Traveling Preacher. By inference the assistant counsel provided in Par. 1007, 1952 *Discipline* must be a Traveling Preacher. The trial having been conducted substantially in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline*, the judgments of the Trial Court and of the Court of Appeals are in all things affirmed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Basis of the Appeal and Statement Relating to the Issues of Law Involved

At the 1954 session of the North Georgia Annual Conference complaints regarding the conduct of Reverend L. Blake Craft, an Elder in the North Georgia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church having been called to the attention of the Conference Committee of Investigation, the Committee met during that session of the Conference.

On June 23, 1954 the Committee of Investigation made the following report to the Annual Conference:

"In reporting the case of the Reverend L. Blake Craft, an Elder in the North Georgia Conference, for trial, we present the following bill of charges and specifications; we deem that the accused is liable for trial according to the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 921.

- (a) Unchristian tempers, words or actions.
- (b) Disobedience to the order and *Discipline* of the Church.
- (c) Imprudent or unministerial conduct.

"Specifications:

- (1) The Reverend L. Blake Craft publishes a paper One Methodist Voice.
- (2) It is not a parish paper, nor a paper to aid ministers in the conduct of their work. It injures the effectiveness of the work of his own ministry, hampers the work of fellow ministers and damages the good name of The Methodist Church.
- (3) The paper is not distributed to subscribers only, but is sent out by subsidy as propaganda to both Ministers and Laymen.
- (4) There is evidence to the effect that the accused has violated the vows of his ordination."

The accused claims as a matter of law this Report did not and does not constitute a charge against him on which he could be legally put to trial; that at most it only constituted an announcement that he "was liable to trial" but did not constitute a Charge on which he could be put to trial. The Conference then proceeded as provided in Paragraphs 936-937 of the 1952 *Discipline*, to put the accused to trial, and a session for organizing the Trial Court was ordered for that afternoon; and a motion was made and carried that the trial be completed at that session of the Annual Conference unless the Court brings some reason why it should not be done.

At the convening of the Trial Court that afternoon the accused asked for sufficient time to prepare for trial and stated that his counsel, a Member of another Annual Conference, could not be present until the

following week because he had just moved to his new appointment. A jury was selected, but the actual trial was postponed for five days, the record with reference to such postponement, as set forth in the Conference minutes, reading as follows:

"By agreement between the accused, the counsel for the Church, and the Presider and with the unanimous expressed concurrence of the members of the Trial Court, the time of trial was set for Tuesday, June 29, 1954, at ten o'clock in the morning."

At this first meeting of the Trial Court the accused repeated the statement he had made in the Annual Conference, that he would act as his own Counsel until his Counsel could be present, and asked permission for a Layman to act as Assistant Counsel, citing Paragraph 1007 of the 1952 *Discipline* as authority therefor. The trial Judge refused the request for a Layman to act as Assistant Counsel. The accused then did act as his own Counsel in interrogating the prospective jurors and exercised the challenges authorized by law.

The accused claims that as a matter of law his having to participate in the selection of the jury without aid of Counsel was reversible error; that the refusal by the trial Judge to allow a Layman to act as Assistant Counsel was an error of law entitling him to a new trial. The accused also contends that he was entitled to the ten days' notice required under Paragraph 935, 1952 *Discipline* and that the putting him to trial was an error of law entitling him to a reversal of the final judgment imposed on him at the conclusion of the trial. The trial was resumed on the date agreed upon, and on July 8, 1954 the jury brought in the following verdict:

"Verdict

"Under the charges set forth by the Committee of Investigations of the North Georgia Annual Conference, under Paragraph 921, section (a), (b) and (c), *Discipline* 1952, we find the defendant, Rev. L. Blake Craft, guilty of the following charges:

"1. Section (a) Paragraph 921, 1952 *Discipline* 'unchristian tempers, words or actions.'

"2. Section (c) Paragraph 921, 1952 *Discipline* 'imprudent and unministerial conduct.'

"We specify his use of 'One Methodist Voice' as a means to personally attack his brother ministers, to discredit the leadership of his Conference, and to confuse the Laymen of the Church, creating doubt in their minds by the dissemination of inflammatory writings.

"We point out that the guilt is substantiated by various and sundry evidence given during the trial.

"Penalty: We specify the penalty to be suspension from the exercise of the functions of his office, effective from this date to continue until the opening date of the Annual Conference of the North Georgia Conference in the year 1955."

The accused attacks the validity of this, as will be shown later. The case was timely appealed to the Court of Appeals of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, and is now before The Judicial Council on an appeal based on alleged errors of law, as set forth in appellants brief filed herein:

"An Appeal from the Findings of the Trial Court and from the Decision of the Appellate Court in the Case of the North Georgia Conference versus the Reverend Blake Craft"

"Appeal

"We respectfully petition The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church to decide the following questions of law:

"1. The Charges

- "(1) Do the bill of charges and specifications comply with the law of the Church?
- "(2) Did the President of the Trial Court err in failing to sustain the motions of the accused for dismissal on the grounds that the bill of charges and specifications were faulty and fatally defective in that they did not comply with the law of the Church as outlined and prescribed in Paragraphs 1002 and 1005, 1952 *Discipline*?

"2. The Verdict

"Did the jury of the Trial Court in its reported verdict commit an error by not complying with the law of the Church in Paragraph 1002, in failing to show what its findings were upon the four (4) specifications in the bill of charges on which the accused was brought to trial; and substituting therefor its own created three (3) specifications which have no basis in the original specifications, and, thus finding the accused guilty of them?

"3. Did the Presiding Officer of the Trial Court err in the following?

- "(1) He gave instruction to the trial jury, and sent it out to enter into deliberations for the express purpose of finding and rendering a verdict, in the absence of the accused and his counsel.
- "(2) He gave instructions and directions to a Committee of the trial jury, and in the absence of the other eleven jurors before the verdict was announced, and this without the knowledge of, and in the absence of the accused and his counsel.
- "(3) He instructed the jury to follow its own interpretations of the law in the *Discipline* in arriving at a verdict.
- "4. Did the Presiding Officer of the Trial Court err by forcing the accused both to trial without due notices and 'sufficient time' to prepare for the trial, and selecting the jury without the presence and benefit of the accused' counsel against his protest and citation of laws which such action violated?
- "5. Did the Appellate Court err by refusing the appellant's request and attempt to present the second section of the Brief on the '**Evidence Does Not Support the Charges**' which outlined the illegal and irregular procedure of the Trial Court which permitted the admission of improper remarks, illegal accusations, speeches by the witnesses, conclusions and sarcastic comments by the counsel for the Church and some Church witnesses

and numerous pleas made to the jury by the counsel for the Church while witnesses were on the stand?

- “6. Did the Presiding Officer of the Trial Court err by ruling against the appellant's request to use a Methodist Layman as his Assistant Counsel?”

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council, under Par. 1045 of the 1952 *Discipline*, has jurisdiction to hear and determine this appeal. (See Par. 1033.)

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

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THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The issues in this appeal were ably presented by the Reverend L. Blake Craft, appellant, and by his counsel Dr. J. Ed Fain; and an able reply thereto was presented by Dr. Waights G. Henry, Jr. and his assistant Dr. Harvey C. Holland, counsel for the North Georgia Annual Conference.

1. The Charges

1. While the Charges are meager, the Report containing the specifications refers to them as “the following bill of charges and specifications.” In the opinion of The Judicial Council the bill of charges and specifications were sufficient to put appellant on notice of what he was being accused and constituted a substantial compliance of the law of the Church relating to charges and specifications.

2. Therefore, the President of the Trial Court did not err in failing to sustain the appellant's motion for dismissal of the charges and specifications.

2. The Verdict

1. The verdict returned found the accused guilty on two of the specifications in the charges. The jury did not specify new charges, but it specifically repeated in the verdict two of the original specifications on which it had found the accused guilty. By inference the accused was acquitted on the other specifications.

2. In the appellant's brief he challenges the verdict on the ground that it did not show that each specification was voted on separately by the jury, as required by Par. 1002 of the *Discipline*.

There is no proof in the record that the jury did not vote on each specification separately. The fact that the accused was found guilty on only two of the specifications is a circumstance indicating that the jury did vote on each specification separately.

However, in the absence of positive proof that such was not the case The Judicial Council will presume that the jury complied with the law in arriving at its verdict.

3. The appellant claims as a matter of law, that the Trial Court erred by instructing the jury in the absence of accused and his Counsel, and sending it out to arrive at a verdict, and instructing it to follow its own interpretation of the law in the *Discipline* in arriving at a verdict.

Counsel for the Conference, in reply to this objection, states that the reason the accused and his counsel were not present when the jury was instructed and sent out to arrive at a verdict was that they absented themselves for an unreasonable time after the appointed time for the Court to convene. This becomes a matter of fact on which The Judicial Council is not permitted to pass. The instruction complained of does not appear to be sufficient on which to declare the action of the Trial Court as constituting an error of law.

4. As to whether the accused was given "sufficient time" to prepare for trial, and whether the Trial Court erred in forcing him to select the jury without aid of counsel is another point raised in the appeal. Had the charges been filed in the interval between sessions of the Annual Conference the accused would have been given 10 days' notice.

The General Conference, however, under the Constitution, Paragraph 8 of the 1952 *Discipline*, has "full legislative power over all matters distinctly connectinal." It is not the prerogative of The Judicial Council to question why The General Conference has established one proceeding for trials in the interval between sessions of the Annual Conference, and another proceeding for trials when accusations are preferred against a Traveling Elder during the session of an Annual Conference. The accused was charged and tried under Paragraph 936, 1952 *Discipline* and the succeeding Paragraphs of the *Discipline*; and Par. 937 specifically provides that "the Annual Conference may order the completion of such trial before the final adjournment of the session."

Apparently the whole matter was conducted substantially in accordance with the law of the Church, and The Judicial Council so finds.

5. The Court of Appeals of the Southeastern Jurisdiction had some discretionary power in the matter of length of arguments, etc., the presentation of briefs, etc., and the record is not sufficient to sustain the charge that as a matter of law the Appellate Court erred by "refusing appellant's request and attempt to present the second section of the Brief on the "Evidence Does Not Support The Charges."

6. The sixth point of the appeal can be answered categorically in the negative—Par. 1006 of the 1952 *Discipline*. That Paragraph establishes the policy that in the trial of a Traveling Preacher no Layman shall participate as Counsel. By implication at least that includes an Assistant Counsel.

Decision

Since the record discloses that the whole proceedings in regard to the charges against the Reverend L. Blake Craft, his trial thereon, and his appeal therefrom to the Court of Appeals of the Southeastern Jurisdiction were conducted substantially in accordance with the established law of the Church, and that no error of law was committed justifying a reversal of the judgments of the trial and appellate Courts, it is the Decision of The Judicial Council that the judgments of the Trial and Appellate Courts in this matter be and they are hereby in all things affirmed.

July 29, 1955.

No. 117

In Re: Request Of Council of Bishops For A Declaratory Decision On The Question "Whether Or Not A Retired Bishop Of A Central Conference Is Authorized To Attend Meetings Of The Council Of Bishops With Expenses Paid"

DIGEST OF DECISION

A retired Bishop of a Central Conference is authorized to attend meetings of The Council of Bishops with expenses paid.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a meeting of The Council of Bishops held in Seattle, Washington, April 19-22, 1955, The Council voted to request The Judicial Council to render a Declaratory Judgment upon the following question:

"Is a retired Bishop of a Central Conference authorized to attend meetings of The Council of Bishops with expenses paid?"

JURISDICTION

Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline* states in part as follows:

"When The General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning, or application, The Judicial Council, on petition as hereinafter provided, shall have jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a *Declaratory Decision* as to the meaning, application, and effect of such act, legislation, or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the 1952 *Discipline*. . . .

. . . (1) The Council of Bishops. . . .

From the facts indicated above The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this matter.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 36, Article III, of the Constitution, 1952 *Discipline* states:

"There shall be a Council of Bishops composed of all the Bishops of all the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences. . . ."

Paragraph 555, 1952 *Discipline* states:

"A Bishop elected by a Central Conference shall have the status, rights, and duties within his territory of a Bishop elected by or functioning in a Jurisdictional Conference. A Bishop elected by a Central Conference shall have membership in The Council of Bishops and shall have the privilege of full participation with vote in the

meetings of The Council whenever the interest of his Central Conference or the interests common to all Central Conferences are involved. Attendance upon the annual meetings of The Council of Bishops by Bishops elected by Central Conferences shall be left to the option of the Bishops in each Central Conference."

Paragraph 437, 1952 *Discipline* referring to a retired bishop, states:

" . . . He may participate in The Council of Bishops, but without vote. . . ."

From the Paragraphs of the 1952 *Discipline* quoted above, it would seem that a retired Bishop of a Central Conference is a member of The Council of Bishops, has the right to attend the meetings of the Council if he so desires, and may participate in the meetings whenever the interest of his Central Conference, or the interests common to all Central Conferences, are involved, but without vote.

Paragraph 574, 1, 1952 *Discipline* provides that:

"A Central Conference shall participate in the General Episcopal Fund upon payment of its apportionment on the same basis as that fixed for Annual Conferences in Jurisdictional Conferences. . . ."

Paragraph 773, 1952 *Discipline* provides that:

"The Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance shall pay monthly the claim for the official travel of each Bishop or Missionary Bishop, upon presentation of an itemized voucher. . . ."

Since travel to the meetings of The Council of Bishops, which retired Central Conference Bishops are authorized to attend, is clearly official travel, they are entitled to payment of travel expense.

A Central Conference Bishop who has not been re-elected and later retires and returns to his Annual Conference, is no longer a Bishop, even though he receives an allowance from the General Episcopal Fund for the years during which he served as Bishop. He is therefore not a member of The Council of Bishops and not entitled to attend its meetings. (See Decision No. 61 of the Judicial Council.)

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that a retired Bishop of a Central Conference is entitled to attend the meetings of The Council of Bishops, with expenses paid, and participate in such meetings whenever the interest of his Central Conference, or the interests common to all Central Conferences, are involved, but without vote.

July 29, 1955.

No. 118

**In Re: Request Of The Ohio Annual Conference For
A Declaratory Decision On The Question "Can
The Church Treasurer Withhold Pension
Fund Assessments And Send Them In
Directly To The Pension Office Or
Must The Ministers Send The
Money In Themselves?"**

DIGEST OF DECISION

Church Treasurers cannot withhold the 3% Pension Fund Assessments on salaries of Ministers and remit them to the Pension Board. Such assessments must be sent in by the Ministers themselves. If the ministers should agree to such withholding and authorize the Church Treasurer to send same to the Fund in quarterly installments that would constitute compliance with Par. 1646 of the *Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the Ohio Annual Conference held at Lakeside, Ohio, June 7-12, 1955, the Reserve Pension Committee Report recommended that the Conference adopt a salary withholding plan for the 3% assessment (Reserve Pension Plan).

By this method of withholding assessments from ministers' salaries by Local Church Treasurers who would send them in directly to the Pension Office, it was thought to prevent arrearages now so prevalent among ministers of the Conference. A motion was passed by the Conference asking The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision interpreting Paragraph 1646, Section 1 of the 1952 *Discipline* as to its bearing on the question of Local Church Treasurers withholding such assessments from Ministers' salaries and sending them to the Pension Office.

JURISDICTION

Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline* states:

"When The General Conference shall have passed any act or legislation that appears to be subject to more than one interpretation, or when any Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline* seem to be of doubtful meaning or application, The Judicial Council, on petitions as hereinafter provided, shall have jurisdiction to make a ruling in the nature of a Declaratory Decision as to the meaning, application and effect of such act, legislation or Paragraph or Paragraphs of the *Discipline*. . . ."

"The following bodies in The Methodist Church are hereby authorized to make such petitions to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. . . ."

(8) Any Annual Conferences, on matters relating to Annual Conferences or the work therein."

The above conditions having been met by the Ohio Annual Con-

ference, The Judicial Council is therefore authorized to take jurisdiction in the matter presented by said Annual Conference.

ANALYSIS

The General Conference has provided the following procedure for contributions of Lay Employees to the "Lay Employees Pension Fund": Paragraph 1658 (3b) of the 1952 *Discipline* relating to "Contributions of Lay Employees" to the Lay Employees Pension Fund states the following: "Each participating employer shall deduct from the compensation of its Lay Employees at the time such compensation is paid and the accommodations set forth in Sec. 3a are furnished, a sum equivalent to not less than three per cent (3%) of the same amount used in the computation set forth in Sec. 3a . . . which sum shall be forwarded to the Illinois Corporation. . ."

Paragraph 1659 (4a) re: Lay Employees of an effective Bishop, directs the Bishop to "deduct the required contributions from the compensation of such participating Lay Employees and forward such amounts concurrently with the required Employer's contributions to the Fund. . ."

The General Conference, however, has seen fit to adopt a different plan regarding the collection of contributions from Ministers for the "Ministers Reserve Pension Fund."

Paragraph 1646 (1) of the 1952 *Discipline* is clear and explicit in its statement that "an annual contribution, the equivalent of 3% of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in Paragraph 1618, Sec. 6 of the Pension Code) shall be paid directly to the Fund by each qualified member thereof in quarterly installments, etc."

In case the individual contributors should agree that such contributions might be withheld by the Church Treasurer and sent in to the Fund quarterly this would be a compliance with Par. 1646 (1). In the absence of such agreement it appears that the Annual Conference does not have the power to enforce a withholding of such contributions.

Decision

In view of Paragraph 1646 (1) of the 1952 *Discipline*, in the absence of agreement therefor by the ministers involved, it is the Decision of The Judicial Council that church Treasurers may not withhold the 3% reserve Pension Fund contributions from the salaries of Ministers. Such contributions must be sent in by the Minister themselves or by their authorized agent.

NOTE: John Taylor Alton did not vote on the Decision in this case.

July 29, 1955.

No. 119

**In Re: Whether The Proceeds Of The Sale Of Grace
Methodist Church Of Portland, Oregon, Should
Be Turned Over To The Conference Claim-
ants' Endowment Fund, Or To The Port-
land District Of The Oregon
Annual Conference**

DIGEST OF DECISION

When an Annual Conference adopts a Standing Rule it is bound by such Rule unless same is suspended or rescinded and some other action taken. Any action in conflict with the Standing Rule taken without suspending or rescinding the Rule is void. Therefore, the proceeds of the sale of Grace Methodist Church belong to the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund as determined by the Standing Rule of the Oregon Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Request for Declaratory Decision

The following request for a Declaratory Decision by The Judicial Council has been received from the Oregon Annual Conference of The Methodist Church:

"Resolution

"Be It Resolved, by the Oregon Annual Conference of The Methodist Church that the following matter be submitted to The Judicial Council with a request that The Judicial Council render a Declaratory Decision thereon:

"Whether the proceeds derived from the sale of the Grace Methodist Church of Portland, Oregon, formerly known as 'The First German Church of Portland, Oregon,' is the property and should be turned over to the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund of the Oregon Annual Conference, or whether it is the property of, and should be turned over to, the Portland District of the Oregon Annual Conference.

"Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Milton A. Marcy
/s/ Edward Terry"

"Certificate

"I, *Lawrence Guderian*, Secretary of the Oregon Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by said Annual Conference at its annual session held on the 19th day of June, 1954.

"Witness my official signature this, the 18th day of June, 1955.

"/s/ Lawrence Guderian
Secretary of the Oregon
Annual Conference of
The Methodist Church."

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 914 of the 1952 *Discipline of The Methodist Church* to hear and determine the matter here submitted.

Statement

In 1928, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church adopted the following policy relating to the properties of foreign language churches being merged with English speaking churches.

Par. 354. Transfer of Property of Merging Charges. When a Foreign Language Church merges with one or more English-speaking charges, thereby abandoning their church and parsonage property, such property may by vote of the Quarterly Conference, a majority of all members of such Quarterly Conference concurring, be, prior to such merger, conveyed to the Trustees of the Annual Conference, within whose geographical territory the property is located at the time of the merger, in trust for the benefit of the Conference Claimants of such Annual Conference." (Page 601, 1928 General Conference Journal, Methodist Episcopal Church.)

In 1932 the following rule appeared in the Oregon Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

"XV. Abandoned Church Property. Sec. 1. When any property of the German speaking churches within the bounds of the Oregon Annual Conference becomes abandoned according to the Disciplinary requirements, the Trustees of the Conference are instructed to turn the property to the Board of Conference Claimants of the Conference for Administration."

This was a policy established by the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Oregon Annual Conference prior to Union.

In 1940 (after Union) The General Conference adopted the following provision relative to abandoned Church property:

"Par. 782. With the consent of the presiding Bishop and a majority of the District Superintendents and the District Board of Church Location and Building within whose jurisdiction the action is contemplated, the Annual Conference may declare any charge or church within its bounds discontinued or abandoned. Upon a charge or church being thus discontinued or abandoned it shall be the duty of its Board of Trustees to make such disposition of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct, and if no such lawful Trustees remain, or if for any reason said Trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Annual Conference to sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the directions of the Annual Conference. . . ."

In 1940, following the enactment of the above quoted provision by The General Conference, the Oregon Annual Conference amended its Standing Rule as to the disposition of abandoned Church property to read as follows:

"30. **Abandoned Church Property.** Sec. 1. When the District Superintendent has decided to request the Annual Conference to declare a certain property abandoned, he shall first record the individual Trustees of the Annual Conference as the elected Trustees of the church property in such a way as to make them the Trustees of said property. (Par. 188, 354).

"Sec. 2. The District Superintendent's motion declaring any of the German property abandoned, shall also carry the reference of the property to the Board of Claimants' Endowment Fund of the Oregon Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund.'"

(Journal of the Oregon Annual Conference of 1940, Page 92)

This was the Standing Rule of the Oregon Annual Conference on February 22, 1951, when the Grace Methodist Church of Portland, Oregon was declared abandoned property and was also the rule in 1953 when the property was sold.

On June 14, 1951, without suspending the above quoted Standing Rule, the Oregon Annual Conference took the following action relative to the proceeds of the sale of the Grace Methodist Church of Portland:

"On motion of T. Malcolm Hammond, the Grace Methodist Church was declared abandoned, the property to be sold and the proceeds to be returned to the Portland District.'"

(Journal of the Oregon Annual Conference of 1951, Page 33)

The proceeds of such sale are still in the hands of the Conference Board of Trustees.

On June 8, 1954, the following actions were taken by and in the Oregon Annual Conference:

"At the corporate session on June 18, 1954, the following action was taken:

"On motion of Edward Terry, all previous action relative to disposition of the Funds received from the sale of the Grace Methodist Church, a former German Methodist Church, was rescinded.

"On motion of Edward Terry, the \$15,000 which remains in the fund was turned over to the Lents Church, Portland.'"

(Journal of the Oregon Annual Conference of 1954, Page 37)

The legality of the action taken at the corporate session of June 18, 1954, was called in question the next morning, June 19, 1954, and the Bishop made his ruling, which is recorded as follows:

"Legality of action. Bishop Grant ruled that action of the Conference during the corporate session rescinding all previous action in regard to the sale of the German Church properties was illegal because it did not carry a two-thirds vote, which is necessary with a motion to rescind.'"

(Journal of the Oregon Annual Conference of 1954, Page 38)

ANALYSIS

The Grace Methodist Church formerly known as the First German Church of Portland, Oregon, was one of the churches of the Pacific German Conference that came into the Oregon Annual Conference at the time the Pacific German Annual Conference was merged with the Oregon Annual Conference.

The original actions in this case took place prior to Union, The General Conference of 1928 having authorized the establishment of a Rule whereby, upon vote of a majority of all members of the Quarterly Conference, taken by the foreign language Church prior to merger,

the property of the Church being abandoned could be conveyed to the Trustees of the Annual Conference "in trust for the benefit of the Conference Claimants of such Annual Conference."

It will be noted that this authority to convey such property to the Trustees of the Annual Conference "in trust for the Conference Claimants of such Annual Conference" was predicated upon the vote of a majority of all the members of the Quarterly Conference; and that it did not give the Annual Conference the authority to so transfer the property in the absence of such a vote by the Quarterly Conference of the foreign language church being merged with another church.

Hence the 1932 rule of the Oregon Annual Conference was applicable only to such merging Foreign Language Churches whose Quarterly Conferences, prior to merger, had by a majority vote of their respective membership, authorized the same.

The Grace Methodist Church of Portland, however, did not dissolve until 1951. The rules and regulations made by General Conferences and by Annual Conferences, however, are not like the laws of the Medes and Persians. They are subject to change from time to time, the only limitations being that they do not contravene the Constitution, and cannot be made retroactive so as to impair a legal contract. Let us look, therefore, to the provisions of the law as of February 22, 1951.

In 1939, three Churches, including the Methodist Episcopal Church, were united into one Church under a new Constitution denominated the Plan of Union. Under this plan the *Discipline* by which the United Church was to be governed was to be framed by the Uniting Conference, under the following provisions of the Plan of Union:

"Article IV. The duties and powers of the Uniting Conference subject to the provisions of this Plan of Union shall be:

"1. To harmonize and combine the rules and regulations as found in the *Disciplines* of the three Churches relating to membership, Conferences, the ministry, judicial administration, and temporal economy."

"Article VII. The legislative power of the Uniting Conference shall be confined to harmonizing and combining provisions now existing in the *Disciplines* of the three Churches, one or more of these."

This was interpreted by the Uniting Conference as giving it power to form the *Discipline* of the united Church by taking anything it found in any one of the three *Disciplines* on a given subject, or combining and harmonizing provisions taken from two or all three of the *Disciplines* of the uniting Churches, and putting same into the new *Discipline*. The new *Discipline*, therefore, was to supersede the *Disciplines* of the three uniting Churches, and to be the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church.

Apparently the Uniting Conference overlooked the question of "Abandoned Church property," as it did not make any provision as to the disposition of any abandoned church property. The only provision in the 1939 *Discipline* being Sub. 11 of Par. 228 requiring the District Superintendent "to prepare and deliver to his successor an official list of all abandoned church buildings, parsonages, cemeteries and other property within the bounds of his District, etc."

The 1940 General Conference of the united Church remedied this omission by adopting the following provision:

"Par. 782. With the consent of the presiding Bishop and a majority of the District Superintendents and the District Board of Church Location and Building within whose jurisdiction the action is contemplated, the Annual Conference may declare any charge or church within its bounds discontinued or abandoned. Upon a charge or church being thus discontinued or abandoned it shall be the duty of its Board of Trustees to make such disposition of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct, and if no such lawful Trustees remain or if for any reason said Trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Annual Conference to sell or dispose of said property in accordance with the Directions of the Annual Conference."

(*Discipline of The Methodist Church of 1940, Page 240*)

This same provision was carried forward in the 1944 *Discipline* and in the 1948 *Discipline* and was, therefore, the law on the subject on February 22, 1951, when the Grace Methodist Church of Portland, Oregon, dissolved. Under this law the properties of Grace Methodist Church, upon abandonment, passed under the control of the Annual Conference.

According to the affidavit furnished setting forth procedure under which Grace Methodist Church dissolved, the Quarterly Conference of Grace Methodist Church recognized this to be the law, and directed "that such action as may be deemed necessary be taken to place the properties in the custody of the Oregon Annual Conference as of June, 1951."

Apparently the Trustees of Grace Methodist Church failed to carry out these instructions. Upon their failure to do so, then, under the law above quoted the property passed into the control of the Annual Conference, to be sold or disposed of in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference.

Furthermore, the explanation given to inquiries made during the meeting of the Quarterly Conference of Grace Methodist Church at which the Church dissolved shows that all understood that control of the properties would thereafter be in the Annual Conference, otherwise the petition to the Annual Conference to allocate the proceeds of the sale of such property "for Church Extension purposes within the Portland District" would have been without purpose and without meaning.

Therefore, it is the finding of The Judicial Council that from and after February 22, 1951, the date of the abandonment of the Grace Methodist Church, the control and disposition of the properties of Grace Methodist Church were under the direction of the Oregon Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, subject to its own rules and regulations.

In 1940, the Oregon Annual Conference set up its own Rule for the disposition of abandoned church property, It reads as follows:

"30. **Abandoned Church Property.** Sec 1. When the District Superintendent has decided to request the Annual Conference to declare a certain property abandoned, he shall first record the individual Trustees of the Annual Conference as the elected Trustees of the church property in such a way to make them the Trustees of said property. (Par. 188, 354).

"Sec. 2. The District Superintendent's motion declaring any of the German property abandoned, shall also carry the reference of the property to the Board of Claimants' Endowment Fund of the Oregon Conference Claimants' Permanent Fund."

(Journal of the Oregon Annual Conference of 1940, Page 92)

This Rule, in effect, brought forward the original understanding of 1928 to 1932, relative to the disposition of the property of former German Churches. That Conference rule was still in effect on February 22, 1951, when Grace Methodist Church dissolved. Since it is an action of the Annual Conference under an established policy, and since the Annual Conference is the final authority in the disposition of abandoned church property, it would not appear that such Standing Rule is in anywise in conflict with the law of the Church as set out in the *Discipline* of the United Church.

However, on June 14, 1951, the Oregon Annual Conference took the following actions:

"On motion of T. Malcolm Hammond, the Grace Methodist Church was declared abandoned, the property to be sold and the proceeds to be returned to the Portland District."

(Journal of the Oregon Annual Conference of 1951, Page 33)

Here are two conflicting actions by the Annual Conference, one being a Standing Rule, and the other being the adoption of two motions at variance with the Standing Rule.

The ultimate question involved in this matter is to decide which action of the Annual Conference controls—the Conference Rule relating to abandoned church properties or the specific actions of the Annual Conference with reference to the abandoned properties of Grace Methodist Church, and the proceeds of the sale thereof.

If the Conference Standing Rule is paramount, then the specific actions relating to the disposition of the abandoned church property and proceeds of the sale of the property of Grace Methodist Church are void, and the June 18, 1954 action of the Oregon Annual Conference rescinding "all previous action relative to disposition of the funds received from the sale of the Grace Methodist Church, a former German Methodist Church" was and is immaterial.

However, if the specific action of the Annual Conference allocating the proceeds of the sale of the properties of Grace Methodist Church the Church Extension purposes in the Portland District takes precedence over the Conference Standing Rule, then the question as to whether the action rescinding same is valid becomes pertinent.

In the brief submitted in favor of the Conference Standing Rule being paramount to the special actions of the Annual Conference, appears the following statement:

"At the time of the motion by T. Malcolm Hammond and the motion by Edward Terry, no motion had been made or adopted to suspend the Conference Rules."

This statement is not denied in the brief submitted in support of the special actions of the Annual Conference allocating the proceeds of this property to the Portland District. The Judicial Council assumes therefore that the Conference Rule No. 30 had not been suspended when these special actions were taken.

Under the Constitution, the Annual Conference is the "basic" body in our Church, and has the right to make its own Rules and Regulations, so long as same do not conflict with the general law of the Church.

The Judicial Council has consistently held, however, that when an Annual Conference establishes a Rule it is bound by that Rule until that Rule has been suspended or abolished or another Rule adopted to take its place.

(Decision 38 of The Judicial Council, in Re: Corporation Meetings, Central Kansas Conference. Decision 75; Re - The election of Trustees for the White Cross Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.)

It has been argued that the adoption by the Annual Conference of the special motion directing the property to the Portland District was, in effect a suspension of the Standing Rule. This is to some extent persuasive, but to approve such action in a case where the Standing Rule has been ignored, even by oversight, would in effect make the adoption of Standing Rules a practical nullity. The Annual Conference has the right to suspend or change its Standing Rules at any time it so chooses, by whatever vote it has established for its own procedure. But to maintain in its Journal year after year a Standing Rule and then ignore it by special action at variance with the Rule without suspending or changing the Rule would make the Standing Rule of no effect.

Decision of the Judicial Council

Since Par. 255 of the 1948 *Discipline* left the final disposition of abandoned church property in the hands of the Annual Conference, it is the Decision of The Judicial Council that **Neither** the Oregon Annual Conference Standing Rule No. 30, sub. 2, placing such property in the hands of the Conference Trustees, and referring the property to the Board of Claimants' Endowment Fund of the Oregon Claimants permanent fund, **Nor** the special actions of the Oregon Annual Conference referring the property and ordering the cash on hand paid to the Portland District are in conflict with said Par. 255 of the 1948 *Discipline*. Each such action is an action of the Annual Conference, the ultimate authority in the disposition of the property. The Annual Conference, by proper procedure, had the right to do either.

It is further the Decision of The Judicial Council that since said Standing Rule No. 30 of the Oregon Annual Conference was not suspended or rescinded at or before the taking of the special actions of the Oregon Annual Conference directing the reference of money and property of Grace Methodist Church to the Portland District, said Standing Rule No. 30 is paramount, and such special actions of the Oregon Annual Conference in conflict with such Standing Rule No. 30 are void.

The Judicial Council has not been advised as to whether

or not the Oregon Annual Conference has any set Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. In the absence of any specific Conference rules for Parliamentary Procedure, it is presumed that the Bishop presiding over the Annual Conference had the right to follow the Parliamentary Procedure of some recognized authority such as Roberts Rules of Order.

Under Roberts Rules of Order paragraph 67, pages 264-269, Standing Rules may be suspended, but, in the absence of the suspension of the Standing Rule no motion that conflicts therewith is in order.

It is in the light of this authority and the admitted facts in this case, that The Judicial Council holds the special acts of the Oregon Annual Conference referring the money and property of the Grace Methodist Church to the Portland District to be void.

Therefore, answering the specific question propounded by the Oregon Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision, it is the Decision of the Judicial Council that in the light of the present record of the proceedings of the Oregon Annual Conference, and the law applicable thereto, the abandoned property of Grace Methodist Church of Portland, Oregon (and the proceeds from the sale thereof), is the property of and should be turned over to the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund of the Oregon Annual Conference.

July 29, 1955.

No. 120

In Re: Validity Of The Election Of Fred B. Noble, Member Of The Judicial Council As A Delegate To The 1956 Jurisdictional Conference Of The Southeastern Jurisdiction Of The Methodist Church

DIGEST OF DECISION

Fred B. Noble being automatically retired from membership upon The Judicial Council at the 1956 General Conference, he would be in all respects eligible to serve as a Delegate to the 1956 Jurisdictional Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, which meets after the 1956 General Conference closes. The time of his election as such a Delegate is immaterial, his eligibility to serve as such Delegate at the time the Jurisdictional Conference meets being the determining factor as to the validity of his election.

Question Submitted for Declaratory Decision

July 13, 1955

"Roy H. Short
Resident Bishop

"To The Judicial Council
of The Methodist Church
M. A. Childers, President
J. Ernest Wilkins, Secretary

"Dear Brethren:

"At the recent session of the Florida Annual Conference Mr. Fred B. Noble, who is a member of The Judicial Council, received a large number of votes on the first ballot as a Delegate to The General Conference. He immediately stated to the Lay Delegates that he was a member of The Judicial Council and would not be eligible for election to The General Conference. Later, in the balloting for election of Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference, it was assumed that Mr. Noble could serve as a Delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference which will be meeting in July, 1956, at which time he will have already retired as a member of The Judicial Council.

"Mr. Noble was, therefore, elected as a Delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Branscomb was later contacted by the Secretary of the General Conference relative to Mr. Noble's eligibility to be so selected.

"In order that such eligibility may be tested, and at the request of Bishop Branscomb, the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction respectfully requests of The Judicial Council a Declaratory Decision as to whether or not, under Paragraphs 502, 524, and 902 of the *Discipline*, a Member of The Judicial Council retiring at a General Conference is eligible for election to the Jurisdictional Conference following his retirement.

"Very truly yours,

"Roy H. Short /s/

"Roy H. Short,
Secretary of the College
of Bishops of the South-
eastern Jurisdiction.

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JURISDICTION

The question submitted for Declaratory Decision being one "relating to or affecting" the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, "or the work therein," The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to hear and determine same under subdivision (3) of Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Florida Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, at its 1955 session held at Lakeland, Florida, elected Fred B. Noble (now a member of The Judicial Council) as a Delegate to the 1956 Jurisdictional Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church. The validity of such election having been questioned, the Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church certified the question to The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision, as set out in the Certificate from the Secretary of the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction (July 13, 1955). The

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will meet in July, 1956 after the 1956 General Conference, has adjourned. Fred B. Noble is now seventy (70) years of age. (July 29, 1955.)

ANALYSIS

The only Paragraph in the 1952 *Discipline* disqualifying Members of The Judicial Council for membership in a Jurisdictional Conference is Paragraph 902, which reads as follows:

"Par. 902. Members of the Council shall be ineligible for membership in The General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference or in any General or Jurisdictional Board or for administrative service in any connectional office."

Fred B. Noble, being now seventy (70) years of age, will not be a member of The Judicial Council at the time of the 1956 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Art. 1 of Par. 901 of the 1952 *Discipline* specifically provides as follows:

"Provided, however, that a member of The Council whose seventieth birthday precedes the first day of the regular session of a General Conference shall be released at the close of that General Conference from membership or responsibility in The Council regardless of the date of expiration of his term of office."

It will be noted that Par. 902, making Members of The Judicial Council ineligible for membership in the Jurisdictional Conference, does not say that a Member of The Judicial Council is ineligible for election as a member of the Jurisdictional Conference while he is still a Member of The Judicial Council. The only prohibition is that a Member of The Judicial Council cannot at the same time be a member of the Jurisdictional Conference. The term for the 1956 Jurisdictional Conference begins after the 1956 General Conference closes (Par. 14, 1952 *Discipline*), and after Fred B. Noble has been "released from membership or responsibility in The Council." Any Jurisdictional Conference held prior to the 1956 General Conference would be a called session of the 1952 Jurisdictional Conference, to membership in which Fred B. Noble has not been elected.

Since at the time of the 1956 Jurisdictional Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction meets ("within the twelve months succeeding the meeting of The General Conference" of 1956) Fred B. Noble will be eligible for membership therein, the time of his election thereto is immaterial, since such election would not be to a position to which he would be ineligible at the time of service therein.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that, since Fred N. Noble will not be a member of The Judicial Council when the 1956 session of the Jurisdictional Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church convenes, his election to membership in such Jurisdictional Conference by the 1955 session of the Florida Annual Conference of The Methodist Church is in all respects valid.

NOTE: Fred B. Noble voluntarily refrained from partici-

pating in the discussion in connection with this matter and from voting on the Decision.

July 30, 1955.

No. 121

In Re: Request Of The Northwest Philippines Annual Conference For A Declaratory Decision Concerning Its Right Or Power To Ordain A Woman As Local Deacon

DIGEST OF DECISION

Since the Philippines Central Conference has failed to take action regarding the Ordination of women, the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference has the right to Ordain a woman as a Local Deacon.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The following action was taken at the session of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference in San Jose, Neuva Ecija, Philippines, February 17-21, 1954.

"Upon motion of Melanio M. Loresco seconded by Cenon Gacutan it was approved that the Ordination of Miss Romana Amson as a Local Deacon be deferred until an opinion of The Judicial Council be received approving the same. The Secretary was then ordered to write the President, Judicial Council, for such opinion on Women's Ordination."

The Judicial Council received the following letter from the Conference Secretary:

"Sirs:

January 11, 1955

"The Northwest Philippines Annual Conference in its last session voted to defer the Ordination of a qualified Local Preacher as **Local Deacon** pending receipt of an opinion from The Judicial Council as to whether an **Annual Conference** like this Northwest Philippines Annual Conference, has the right or power to Ordain a woman as **Local Deacon** upon expressed approval of its Members. In this connection, it is hereby informed that the Philippines Central Conference to which this Annual Conference belongs, failed to provide Rules and regulations for the Ordination of a woman as per Paragraph 578 of the 1952 Methodist *Discipline*. However, Paragraph 22 of the same *Discipline* and other provisions relative to the above case were fully discussed after which this Conference approved the idea of Ordaining a woman as **Local Deacon**. Upon recommendation of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, however, action relative thereto has been held pending until an opinion from that honorable body is received.

In view of the foregoing and by authority of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference, I have the honor to request this honorable Judicial Council to please render an opinion relative to this matter of Woman Ordination and to send the same opinion at the

earliest possible time through the undersigned to this Annual Conference at the above address.

“Respectfully yours,
 “/s/ Gregorio R. Bailen
 Conference Secretary”

JURISDICTION

Under Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline* an Annual Conference has the right to request The Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision. The action of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference constitutes such a request and the matter is therefore properly before The Judicial Council.

ANALYSIS

Section VII, Article II, of the Constitution (Par. 22 of the 1952 *Discipline*) declares—“The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all Constitutional Amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to The General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the Ordination of Ministers, etc.”

Paragraph 313 of the 1952 *Discipline*, at the close of a series of Paragraphs dealing with Local Preachers, Ordained and un-Ordained, states that “Women are included in the foregoing provisions except in so far as they apply to candidates for the traveling ministry.” Certainly, then, a woman may be granted a Local Preacher’s license and, if she meets the qualifications for Ordination, may be granted Ordination as a Local Preacher by vote of the Annual Conference.

In the case of Annual Conferences outside the United States of America, however, these rights and powers may be modified by action of a Central Conference under the powers granted to it by the Constitution.

Section V, Article IV, of the Constitution (Par. 18 of the 1952 *Discipline*) states that:

“The Central Conference shall have the following powers or duties and such others as may be conferred by The General Conference . . .

(5) to make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries as the conditions in the respective areas may require, subject to the powers that have been or shall be vested in The General Conference.”

Under the authority of this section of the Constitution The General Conference has conferred many other powers and duties upon the Central Conference. Paragraph 578 states:

“A Central Conference shall have the power to make such changes and adaptations as the peculiar conditions on the fields concerned require regarding the local church, ministry, special advices, worship, and temporal economy within its territory, and shall have power to decide the official status and Ordination of women; provided that no action shall be taken which is contrary to the Constitution and the General Rules of The Methodist Church.”

Under this authority the Philippines Central Conference could

change or modify, for all the Annual Conferences within its boundaries, the provisions in the *Discipline* which give an Annual Conference the right and power to grant Ordination to a woman as a Local Preacher.

However, since, as the Secretary of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference states, the Philippines Central Conference has taken no action in this regard, it is the judgment of The Judicial Council that the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference may proceed under the provisions of the Constitution and *Discipline* of the Church which grant an Annual Conference the right and the power to Ordain a woman either as a Local Deacon or as a Local Elder providing she meets the disciplinary qualifications for such Ordination.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that unless or until the Philippines Central Conference takes some action changing or adapting the disciplinary provisions concerning the Ordination of women as Local Preachers, the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference has the right and the power to Ordain a woman as a Local Deacon.

July 30, 1955.

No. 122

In Re: The Request Of The Virginia Annual Conference For A Declaratory Decision Concerning The Required Appointment Of A Preacher On Trial In Paragraph 341 Of The 1952 *Discipline*

DIGEST OF DECISION

The phrase, "who has been appointed in the regular itinerant work on circuits or stations" in Paragraph 341 of the 1952 *Discipline* must be interpreted as applying only to pastoral appointments to Circuits or Stations.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Secretary of The Judicial Council received the following communication:

"This is to certify that the following Resolution was adopted by the Virginia Annual Conference in regular session at Norfolk, Virginia, June 14, 1955:

"The Virginia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, in annual session at Norfolk, Virginia, June 14, 1955, requests a Declaratory Decision from The Judicial Council (as defined in Paragraph 914, Section 8, of the 1952 *Discipline*) regarding Admission into Full Connection, Paragraph 341, which reads in part as follows: "A preacher On Trial who has been appointed in the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations for two successive years from the

time he was Received on Trial, and who has been elected to Deacon's Orders, etc."

"The question at issue regards the words, 'who has been appointed in the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations.' May this be construed as applying to preachers On Trial who have been appointed for two full years after their Admission to some Institutional or Connectional Work of the Conference, such as Superintendent of the Children's Home, Conference Secretary of Youth Work under the Board of Education, or Director of a Wesley Foundation, and who meeting all other qualifications for Admission Into Full Connection may be received into the Conference without actually serving in a pastoral relationship?"

(s) Paul N. Garber, President.

(s) R. M. White, Secretary

JURISDICTION

Under Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline* which grants an Annual Conference the right to request a Declaratory Decision on matters relating to Annual Conferences or the work therein, this request is properly before The Judicial Council for Decision.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 341 of the 1952 *Discipline* reads as follows:

"A preacher On Trial who has been appointed in the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations, or as instructor in one of our institutions of learning, for two successive years from the time he was received On Trial, and who has been elected to Deacon's Orders, may be admitted into Full Connection in the Annual Conference after he has given satisfactory evidence of his knowledge of the subjects covered in the first two years of the Conference Course of Study, and after the examination before the Conference prescribed in Paragraph 343 of this Chapter; *provided* that this shall not be so construed as to prevent the Admission Into Full Connection of one who, while a student in any college or theological seminary of The Methodist Church approved by the authorized standardizing agency, or other evangelical theological seminary of equal rank, has been for the proper length of time regularly serving under the appointment or supervision of a District Superintendent."

The question of the Virginia Annual Conference concerns how broad or narrow is to be the interpretation of "the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations."

It is true that the Pastoral Appointment to churches is the basic ministry of the Church. Here are the grass roots of faith and religious living. Here in the Quarterly Conference the organizational structure of The Methodist Church begins. Such Appointments have been the traditional interpretation of "the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations." The Methodist Church has discovered, however, that in order to carry on its work effectively it must broaden its conception of the itinerant ministry. The General Conference, exercising its rights under the Constitution, has been gradually broadening the appointive power of the Episcopacy in the matter of "Special Appointments." Growing areas of Inter-Church Co-operation, the need of various kinds of institutions for resident Chaplains, the development of special fields of ministry within the Church, are some of the factors that call for this broadening of appointive power.

So far, however, The General Conference has not broadened its legis-

lation regarding the Admission of Preachers On Trial Into Full Connection. Paragraph 341 of the 1952 *Discipline* has not been changed. It still provides that to be Admitted Into Full Connection a Preacher On Trial must be serving in the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations, or as an instructor in one of our institutions of learning. To interpret this provision otherwise would constitute legislation on the part of The Judicial Council.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that the phrase "regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations" in Paragraph 341 of the 1952 *Discipline* may not be interpreted to include appointment to any Institutional or Connectional Work of the Conference, but must be interpreted to apply only to Pastoral Appointments to Circuits or Stations.

April 26, 1956.

No. 123

In Re: Ruling Of Bishop Frederick B. Newell In The New York East Conference Regarding The Right Of A Board Of An Annual Conference To Present A Report Referring To Per- sons Or Organizations In A Deroga- tory Manner Without Their Having Prior Notice

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Annual Conference has the power to hear, discuss, amend, adopt or reject Reports from Conference Boards even though they contain material referring to persons or organizations in a derogatory manner without their having prior notice.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the session of the New York East Annual Conference in May, 1955, the Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations presented a Report, part of which criticized a certain public official for his activities against a certain organization and a certain officer of that organization for alleged questionable activities. A Lay Member of the Conference requested a ruling from the presiding Bishop on the question:

"May the Board of Social and Economic Relations present and have considered as a part of its regular Committee Report request for determinations or expressions approving or disapproving the character or intentions, motivations or orthodoxy of the private or professional conduct of State officials or citizens,

- (a) who are not members of the Conference, or
- (b) who have not received notice of the proposed action."

After due consideration and consultation Bishop Newell ruled as follows:

"The four referenced paragraphs of the Report of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the New York East Annual Conference are ruled to be admissible for consideration, amendment if desired and for adoption."

JURISDICTION

In accordance with Par. 909 of the 1952 *Discipline* The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in this case.

ANALYSIS

Par. 22, Article II of the Constitution reads in part as follows:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all Constitutional Amendments—and such other rights as have not been delegated to The General Conference under the Constitution with the exception that the Lay Members may not vote on matters of Ordination, character and Conference relations of Ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as The General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

This gives the Annual Conference broad powers within the provisions of the Constitution of the Church.

Paragraph 649 under Section IV of the 1952 *Discipline* entitled the "Business of the Conference" reads in part as follows:

"... After the statistical questions have been answered, let the Boards, and Committees of the Conference make their Reports for discussion and adoption. . . ."

There is no specific limitation in the *Discipline* with respect to the right of an Annual Conference to consider, amend, adopt or reject Reports submitted by its Boards or Commissions. It is the sole judge as to whether a Report submitted by one of its Boards or Committees shall be considered, amended, adopted, or rejected. It is to be noted that this is not a question of wisdom or good taste as evidenced in the content of the Report nor the effect of its adoption but rather of the right of the Conference to consider it and act upon it as it desires.

There was no evidence submitted in connection with this case that the Report presented by the Board of Social and Economic Relations violated any of the rules previously adopted by the Annual Conference respecting Reports presented to it.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that the Board of Social and Economic Relations or any other Board may present and have considered as a part of its regular Committee Report, request for determination or expressions approving or disapproving the character or intention, motivations or orthodoxy of the private or professional conduct of State officials or citizens,

(a) who are not members of the Conference, or

(b) who have not received notice of the proposed action. The ruling of Bishop Newell in this case is hereby affirmed.

April 26, 1956.

No. 124

In Re: Ruling Of Bishop Jose L. Valencia In The Session Of The Philippines Annual Conference On The Election Of Lay Delegates To The Philippines Central Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

A preacher On Trial in an Annual Conference cannot serve as Lay Delegate in a Central Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Dr. Juan Nabong came to the 1956 session of the Philippines Annual Conference as a Lay Member of the Conference from the Knox Memorial Church in Manila. On February 3, he was elected by the Lay Members of the Annual Conference as Delegate to the Philippines Central Conference. The next day, February 4, Dr. Nabong was Received On Trial in the Philippines Annual Conference. After his Admission On Trial, the question was raised as to whether Dr. Nabong could remain a Lay Delegate to the Central Conference, and the Bishop was requested to make a ruling on this question. Bishop Valencia based his ruling on the statement concerning Delegates to the Central Conference in Paragraph 562 of the 1952 *Discipline* which states that "for the first meeting their qualifications shall be the same as provided in Paragraphs 24 and 25, and the Annual Conference shall determine the manner of their choice. Thereafter, their qualifications and the manner of election shall be determined by the Central Conference itself." After quoting the above sentences, Bishop Valencia ruled that the election of Dr. Juan Nabong as Lay Delegate to the Philippines Central Conference stands until the said Central Conference shall determine his qualifications and manner of election.

JURISDICTION

The ruling of Bishop Valencia is properly before The Judicial Council under Paragraphs 43 (3) and 909 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

ANALYSIS

As stated above, Bishop Valencia based his ruling on Paragraph 562 of the 1952 *Discipline*, which he interpreted as meaning that the Central Conference had the sole authority to pass upon the qualifications and manner of electing its Members. In this connection attention is called to the fact that the Constitution in Paragraphs 23, 24 and 25 of the 1952 *Discipline* prescribes both the qualifications and manner of electing Delegates to the Central Conferences. Said Paragraph 562 of the 1952 *Discipline*, therefore, cannot be interpreted as giving to the Central Conferences the unlimited right to determine the qualifications and manner of election of its Members. Such an interpretation would be in violation of the Constitutional provisions above quoted, and would be void.

Said Paragraph 562, however, is subject to an interpretation that

is not in conflict with the Constitutional provisions above set out. Apparently that Paragraph was intended to give to the Central Conferences the right to inquire into the qualifications and manner of the election of its members to see if they meet the qualifications and were elected in the manner prescribed by the Constitution. That interpretation would not give to a Central Conference the right to seat a Delegate who did not possess the Constitutional qualifications, or was not elected in the manner prescribed by the Constitution.

The Judicial Council, in Decision No. 120, held that in determining the qualifications of a Delegate elected to a Jurisdictional Conference his qualifications as such at the time the service was to be rendered was the controlling factor. The same rule would apply to Membership in a Central Conference.

The Judicial Council assumes that Dr. Nabong intends to remain in the ministry. This assumption is based upon his request to be Admitted into the Annual Conference On Trial, and the action of the Annual Conference in Admitting him into the Annual Conference On Trial.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that a preacher On Trial in an Annual Conference cannot serve as Lay Delegate in a Central Conference. After being Admitted On Trial in the Philippines Annual Conference, Dr. Juan Nabong was no longer eligible to serve as Lay Delegate to the Philippines Central Conference. The ruling of Bishop Jose L. Valencia is therefore reversed.

April 26, 1956.

No. 125

In Re: Ruling By Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., On Paragraph 522 Of The 1952 *Discipline* Re Election Of Delegates To General And Jurisdictional Conferences

DIGEST OF DECISION

The Tennessee Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction with forty-one ministerial members is entitled to only one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference. These two are the Delegates elected to The General Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the annual session of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction held at Gallatin, Tennessee, on June 24, 1955, Bishop Clair announced that the Annual Conference would begin to vote for one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate to The General Conference. He stated that in the light of the number of Ministerial Members, the Tennessee Annual Conference is entitled to only one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate to The General Conference, and that these two persons shall also be the Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference. Reserve Delegates shall then be elected to serve as Reserves both to The General and Jurisdictional Conferences. This interpretation was challenged and Bishop Clair was asked to rule on the inter-

pretation of Paragraph 522 of the 1952 *Discipline* with reference to the election of Delegates to The General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Bishop Clair said that Paragraph 522 of the 1952 *Discipline* states that there shall be one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference for each 30 Ministerial Members of the Annual Conference, or a major fraction thereof. The Tennessee Annual Conference has 41 members. Therefore, the Tennessee Annual Conference is entitled to one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Clair then asked that The Conference proceed to elect one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate and delay further action until he could make an official ruling concerning the matter. The following item appears in the Journal of said Tennessee Annual Conference for Saturday, June 25, 1955:

"Bishop Clair stated that the Conference will proceed to vote on Reserve Delegates for, in the light of further research regarding his interpretation of Paragraph 522, his original interpretation is correct. Therefore, the two Delegates elected yesterday will serve also as Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference. The Reserves will serve for both Conferences."

JURISDICTION

From the items appearing in the official Journal of said Tennessee Annual Conference we may assume that both the request for a ruling and the ruling of Bishop Clair were submitted in writing. Paragraph 909 of the 1952 *Discipline* states:

"The Judicial Council shall . . . pass upon the Decisions of Law made by the Bishops in Annual and District Conferences upon questions submitted to them in writing, and reported in writing to the Council with a syllabus of each case and affirm, modify or reverse them."

From the above it is apparent that The Judicial Council is authorized to take jurisdiction.

ANALYSIS

Paragraph 7, Article III of the Constitution states:

"The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in The General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences from the Annual Conferences, with the total Ministerial Membership in the Annual Conference as a basis, *provided* that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate in The General Conference and also in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference."

Paragraph 23, Article III of the Constitution states:

"The Annual Conference shall elect Ministerial and Lay Delegates to The General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V at the session preceding The General Conference. The persons first elected up to the number determined by the ratio for representation in The General Conference shall be representatives in that body. Additional Delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference, who together with those first elected as above shall be Delegates in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference. The

additional Delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall in the order of their election be the Reserve Delegates to The General Conference. The Annual Conference shall also elect Reserve Ministerial and Lay Delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference as it may deem desirable."

Paragraph 501, Section I of the 1952 *Discipline* states in part:

"The General Conference shall be composed of one Ministerial Member for every seventy Ministerial Members of each Annual Conference and one additional Member for a majority fraction thereof and an equal number of lay members. . . ."

Paragraph 502, Section 4 1952 *Discipline* states:

"The General Conference recommends to the Annual Conferences that the Delegates to The General Conference be first elected on a separate ballot to be followed, after all the Delegates to The General Conference have been elected, by balloting for Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference as Reserves to The General Conference."

Paragraph 522 of the 1952 *Discipline* states:

"The Jurisdictional Conference shall be composed of one Ministerial Delegate for every thirty Ministerial Members of each Annual Conference or major fraction thereof, and an equal number of Lay Delegates; provided that no Annual Conference shall be denied the privilege of two Delegates, one Lay and one Ministerial."

We quote at length the above Paragraphs from the Constitution and General Conference legislation because they all have a bearing on a proper interpretation of said Paragraph 522 in question.

In view of the above, the following facts are perfectly apparent:

First, the said Tennessee Conference with only forty-one Ministerial Members is entitled to the minimum representation in The General Conference of one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate.

Second, these two Delegates to The General Conference automatically become Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

Third, in order to have more than two Delegates, one Lay and one Ministerial to the Jurisdictional Conference, the Tennessee Annual Conference must have at least forty-six ministerial members.

Decision

In view of the fact that said Tennessee Annual Conference has only forty-one members, it is the Decision of The Judicial Council that the ruling of Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., to the effect that the two Delegates elected to the General Conference are the only Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference should be, and is hereby affirmed.

April 26, 1956.

No. 126

In Re: Request Of The General Conference Commission On The Structure Of Methodism Overseas For A Declaratory Decision On The Question, "May A Central Conference Bishop Preside Over The General Conference?"

DIGEST OF DECISION

A Central Conference Bishop may preside over The General Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Judicial Council has received a request from the General Conference Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas for a Declaratory Decision on the question, "May a Central Conference Bishop preside over The General Conference?"

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to render such Declaratory Decision under the provisions of subsection (2) of Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

ANALYSIS

In Paragraph 8, Article IV of the Constitution outlining the powers of The General Conference, number 11 reads as follows:

"To select its Presiding Officers from the Bishops through a Committee, provided that the Bishops shall select from their own number the President of the opening session."

Paragraph 36, Article III of the Constitution states in part:

". . . There shall be a Council of Bishops composed of all of the Bishops of all of the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences. . . ."

Paragraph 555 of the 1952 *Discipline* reads in part as follows:

"A Bishop elected by a Central Conference shall have the status, rights, and duties within his territory of a Bishop elected by or functioning in a Jurisdictional Conference. . . ."

The Amendment to Paragraph 20 (2), announcement of the adoption of which was made in The General Conference session on Wednesday, April 25, 1956, gives Bishops of the Central Conferences the privileges of unlimited vote in The Council of Bishops.

Since the Constitution does not limit the Bishops who may preside over The General Conference to those elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences and since Central Conference Bishops are members of The Council of Bishops with unlimited vote in the Council and since Bishops elected by the Central Conferences have the status, rights and duties within their territory that Bishops elected by Jurisdictional Conferences have, there is no legal hindrance to a Central Conference Bishop being selected to preside over The General Conference.

Decision

It is therefore the Decision of The Judicial Council that a Central Conference Bishop may preside over The General Conference if selected in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

April 27, 1956.

No. 127

In Re: The Election Of Missionary Bishops

DIGEST OF DECISION

The General Conference has authority to authorize a Jurisdictional Conference to elect a Missionary Bishop.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under date of April 19, 1956, The General Conference Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas requested The Judicial Council to render a Declaratory Decision in answer to the following question:

"Can The General Conference authorize a Jurisdictional Conference to elect a Missionary Bishop?"

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to render such Declaratory Decision under the provisions of subsection (2) of Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

ANALYSIS

Article I, Division three, of the Constitution of The Methodist Church (Paragraph 34 of the 1952 *Discipline*), reads as follows:

"Paragraph 34, Article I. There shall be an Episcopacy of The Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges and duties as now exists in The Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

The Methodist Episcopal Church had Missionary Bishops as a part of its plan of Episcopacy. (Paragraphs 631-640 of the 1936 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church.) In fact a Missionary Bishop was authorized to be elected by the 1936 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to serve in Africa. (Page 407, Journal of the 1936 General Conference of that Church.) Reverend John M. Springer was thereupon elected and consecrated as such Missionary Bishop to Africa (pages 295 and 311, Journal of the 1936 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church). Therefore, under the Constitutional provision above quoted (Paragraph 34, 1952 *Discipline*), Missionary Bishops are a part of the Episcopal plan for The Methodist Church.

A "Missionary Bishop" was defined in the 1936 *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church as follows:

"Paragraph 631. A Missionary Bishop is a Bishop elected for a specified Foreign Mission Field, with full Episcopal powers, but with Episcopal Jurisdiction limited to the Foreign Mission Field for which he was elected."

A "Missionary Bishop" is likewise defined in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church. (Paragraph 441, 1952 *Discipline*.)

This is a recognition by The General Conference that there can be in The Methodist Church such an office as a Missionary Bishop. This recognition and assumption is supported by the Constitutional provision and statement of facts herein above set out.

The Judicial Council has heretofore held that there is no provision in the Constitution for The General Conference to elect a Missionary Bishop. (Decision No. 21.) Since there is no such specific provision, The General Conference, in the exercise of the "full legislative power over all matters connectional" given to it in Article IV of Division II of the Constitution (Paragraph 8 of the 1952 *Discipline*) has the right to authorize any Jurisdictional Conference in the Church to elect a Missionary Bishop for a specified Foreign Mission Field.

Decision

In answer to the question submitted, as set out in the Statement above, it is the Decision of The Judicial Council that The General Conference has the power to authorize a Jurisdictional Conference to elect a Missionary Bishop for a specified mission field.

April 30, 1956.

No. 128

In Re: Whether The Liberia Annual Conference May Be Made A Part Of The Central Jurisdiction

DIGEST OF DECISION

The Liberia Annual Conference cannot be a part of the Central Jurisdiction.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On April 30, 1956, the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas requested The Judicial Council to render a Declaratory Decision in answer to the following question: "May the Liberia Annual Conference have full participation in the Central Jurisdiction?"

JURISDICTION

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to render such Declaratory Decision under the provision of subsection (2) of Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

ANALYSIS

The Constitution (Paragraph 4 (2) of the 1952 *Discipline*) reads in part as follows:

"There shall be Jurisdictional Conferences for the Church in the

United States of America, with such powers, duties and privileges as are hereinafter set forth."

This clearly shows that Jurisdictional Conferences can be composed only of Conferences and Missions in the United States (including Puerto Rico, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands) and Cuba. (Section VIII, Boundaries, of the Constitution, Paragraph 26 of the 1952 Discipline.)

The limitations of Jurisdictional Conferences to the United States is implemented by the fact that in the Constitution the Central Jurisdiction is confined to Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences and Missions in the United States of America. (Paragraph 26, supra.)

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that, under the Constitution, the Liberia Annual Conference may not have full participation in the Central Jurisdiction, or, in other words, it cannot be a part of the Central Jurisdiction.

May 1, 1956.

No. 129

In Re: Whether Or Not A Minister In A Sister Church Can Be Given The Privileges Of The Floor, Including The Right To Vote, By An Annual Conference Of The Methodist Church

DIGEST OF DECISION

An Annual Conference may grant the privileges of the floor to a minister in a sister Church, but cannot grant to such minister the right to vote.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 3, 1956 The Judicial Council received the following communication from The Council of Bishops:

"May 3, 1956

The Hon. J. Ernest Wilkins, Secretary
The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Wilkins:

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church in session in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 2, 1956 voted to request a Declaratory Judgment upon the question submitted to The Judicial Council by Bishop Raymond L. Archer of the Singapore Area in his letter of May 1, 1956, as follows:

The Methodist Church in England and in Australia are interested in sending missionaries from their respective Churches to work in one of the Annual Conferences in the Southeast Asia Central Conference (i.e. The Singapore Area). In case we receive an Ordained

Minister from these sister Churches we would hope he might become a Member of one of the Annual Conferences of the Singapore Area. However, since that person will be supported by his Church in England or Australia it is his conviction that he should maintain his Membership in his home Conference.

The question is—could we accept such a missionary as an associate Member of one of our Annual Conferences and ask that Conference to grant such a person the privileges of the floor including the right to vote so long as he is under appointment to serve in that Conference?"

Very respectfully yours,
/s/ G. Bromley Oxnam

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JURISDICTION

Under Sub-section (1), Paragraph 914 of the 1952 *Discipline*, The Judicial Council has jurisdiction to render a Declaratory Decision on the question thus submitted to it by The Council of bishops.

ANALYSIS

The right to vote in an Annual Conference is inherent only in the Members of that Conference. The Constitution of The Methodist Church (Section VII, Article I, Division two of the Constitution, Paragraph 21 of the 1952 *Discipline*), reads as follows:

"The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in Full Connection with it, together with a Lay Member elected by each Pastoral Charge. The Lay Members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent Churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church."

Article II of said Section VII of the Constitution, Paragraph 22 of the 1952 *Discipline*, reads as follows:

"The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all Constitutional Amendments, on the election of Ministerial and Lay Delegates to The General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and Conference relations of its Ministerial Members, and on the Ordination of Ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to The General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the Lay Members may not vote on matters of Ordination, character, and Conference relations of Ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as The General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

Article III of said Section VII of the Constitution (Paragraph 23 of the 1952 *Discipline*), reads in part as follows:

"The Annual Conference shall elect Ministerial and Lay Delegates to The General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference. . . ."

It is hardly conceivable that an Annual Conference could grant to a non-member the right to vote on these important matters. There is no provision in the Constitution or in the law of the Church for an Associate Member of an Annual Conference.

There is nothing in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church that would prevent an Annual Conference from extending to a Minister of a sister Church the privileges of the floor, including the right to speak on matters pending before the Conference; but to allow such Minister the right to vote would be in violation of the Articles of the Constitution of The Methodist Church above set out. Only Members of the Annual Conference can vote on the matters enumerated in the Constitution. By implication, it would be unconstitutional for an Annual Conference to grant the right to vote on any matter to a person not a Member of the Annual Conference.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that an Annual Conference may grant the privileges of the floor to a minister of a sister Church but cannot grant to such minister the right to vote.

May 3, 1956.

No. 130

In Re: Request From The Council Of Bishops For A Declaratory Decision On Paragraph 160 Of The 1952 *Discipline* Relating To The Election of Trustees By The Quarterly Conference

DIGEST OF DECISION

A Quarterly Conference may adopt a policy for the election of Trustees which is subject at all times to suspension or rejection by a majority vote of the Quarterly Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Council of Bishops meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on April 28, 1956, voted to request of The Judicial Council a Declaratory Decision on a question raised in a letter from Mr. C. E. Hines of Worthington, Indiana, to Bishop Richard C. Raines relative to the interpretation of Paragraph 160 of the 1952 *Discipline*. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Secretary of The Council of Bishops, states in his letter to The Judicial Council: "... The essential question, I think, is this: since Paragraph 160 of the 1952 *Discipline* does state, 'provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Trustee to succeed himself,' does a Quarterly Conference have the power to adopt a plan whereby the term of office for a Trustee shall not exceed three years without a break of one year following the three year term before the Trustee may be elected again?"

JURISDICTION

Under Paragraph 914, Sub-section (1) of the 1952 *Discipline* the request of The Council of Bishops for a Declaratory Decision is properly before The Judicial Council.

ANALYSIS

The Constitution, in Paragraph 31 of the 1952 *Discipline* reads as follows:

"There shall be organized in each pastoral charge a Quarterly Conference composed of such persons and vested with such powers as The General Conference shall provide."

The General Conference in its legislation has declared in Paragraph 137 of the 1952 *Discipline*:

"Within the pastoral charge (Paragraph 104) the *Quarterly Conference* is the basic body of control uniting it to connectional Methodism, and through the Quarterly Conference the pastoral charge functions in its relationship thereto. The Quarterly Conference shall therefore be organized in every pastoral charge, as provided in the Constitution (Paragraphs 31-32). The membership thereof, and its authority, powers, duties, and responsibilities shall be as hereinafter set forth."

In Paragraph 138 of the 1952 *Discipline* The General Conference has set forth the membership of the Quarterly Conference and in Paragraph 157 has declared that a Quarterly Conference so constituted

"... shall be vested with power and authority as hereinafter set forth in connection with the property both real and personal of the said church, namely: . . . (4) To elect the Trustees of the local church, unless otherwise provided (Paragraph 32) in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*."

Such provisions for the election of Trustees are found in Paragraphs 159 and 160 of the 1952 *Discipline*. Paragraph 159 sets forth the number and qualifications of such Trustees and Paragraph 160, after providing that the Trustees shall be divided into three classes and setting forth the procedure for the nomination of Trustees, continues in part:

"... it shall elect, to take office at the beginning of the ensuing Conference year, to serve for a term of three years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, the required number of Trustees to succeed those of the class whose terms then expire; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Trustee to succeed himself."

The General Conference has stated that the Quarterly Conference is the basic body of control within a pastoral charge and has invested it with authority and power in the matter of the election of the Trustees of a local church within the provisions of the *Discipline*.

The special provision in Paragraph 160 protects the right of the Quarterly Conference as the electing body, making certain that no construction shall be put upon the wording of the Paragraph that would limit the right of the Quarterly Conference to elect new personnel in the classes of Trustees or to elect Trustees to succeed themselves if it so desires. The right to elect constitutes the right to make a choice. No class of Trustees elected under Paragraph 160 is guaranteed re-election or has any preference right to be re-elected. Therefore, if a majority of the Quarterly Conference should desire to elect a different group for each class of Trustees when their terms expire, they have that right; and that desire may be expressed in the minutes of a Quarterly Conference as a policy, provided such policy is subject at all times to suspension or rejection by a majority vote of the members of the Quarterly Conference present and voting at a duly authorized meeting of the Quarterly Conference.

Decision

It is the Decision of The Judicial Council that the Quarterly Conference has the power to adopt a policy whereby the term of office for a Trustee shall not exceed three years without a break of one year following the three year term before the Trustee may be elected again provided such policy is subject at all times to suspension or rejection by a majority vote of the members of the Quarterly Conference present and voting at a duly authorized meeting of the Quarterly Conference.

May 3, 1956.

DISSENTING DECISION

The undersigned very reluctantly finds it necessary to dissent from the Decision in this case. Had the Decision read that a Quarterly Conference has the right to adopt a policy of not re-electing Trustees whose three year terms have expired until one year has elapsed, as a purely advisory policy and not a binding rule, this dissent would not have been necessary. The Decision implies, however, that such a policy would be binding on a Quarterly Conference until such time as, by majority vote of the members of the Quarterly Conference present and voting at a duly authorized meeting of the Quarterly Conference, the policy is suspended or rejected. It is the clear implication that if the Quarterly Conference has adopted such a policy and if it has not voted to suspend or reject it, no Trustee whose three year term had expired would be eligible for nomination or election until one year had elapsed. Our contention is that the Quarterly Conference has no such power under the *Discipline*.

The Constitution in Paragraph 31 of the 1952 *Discipline* as quoted in the Decision invests the Quarterly Conference with such powers as The General Conference shall provide.

Paragraph 137 of the 1952 *Discipline* as quoted in the Decision authorizes the organization of the Quarterly Conference as provided in the Constitution (Paragraphs 31-32). It provides that its membership, authority, powers, duties and responsibilities shall be as thereafter set forth in the *Discipline*.

Paragraph 160 sets forth the following provisions for the election of Trustees:

"The members of the Board of Trustees shall be divided into three classes; and each class shall, as nearly as possible,

consist of an equal number of members. At the fourth or final meeting of the Quarterly Conference for the Annual Conference year, upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations (Paragraph 145 Section 1), of which the pastor shall be Chairman (or if the Committee fails to nominate, upon nomination of the pastor), or from the floor, it shall elect, to take office at the beginning of the ensuing Conference year, to serve for a term of three years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, the required number of Trustees to succeed those of the class whose terms then expire; *provided* however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Trustee to succeed himself, ..."

Nowhere in this Paragraph is there provision for the rotating of Trustees so that at least one year must elapse after the expiration of a three year term before they can be elected again. On the contrary, the definite statement is made that the plan of arranging the Trustees into three classes, each to serve for three years, shall not be construed so as to prevent the election of a Trustee to succeed himself. Neither is there in this Paragraph any limitation imposed upon the eligibility of a Trustee to be nominated and elected because of the length of time he has previously served continuously. If The General Conference had intended any such limitations, it would have provided for them.

The basic question then is this: Can the Quarterly Conference impose limitations upon the eligibility of a Trustee for nomination and election because of the length of previous continuous service, when the *Discipline* which contains the legislation of The General Conference to which the Constitution gives the power to provide for these matters contains no such limitations?

The answer is that it cannot. Therefore, a Trustee is eligible for nomination and re-election without the lapse of one year following the expiration of his three year term even though the Quarterly Conference has adopted a policy of rotation and whether or not that policy is suspended or rejected.

Because of the reasons stated above and because of the importance of the office of Trustee of a local church in which is vested the responsibility for dealing with legal matters affecting the property rights of a church, we find it necessary respectfully to dissent from the Decision in this case.

Lester A. Welliver

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1. CHAIRMEN

Chairman: A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC)

Committee of Chairmen. The Chairmen of the several Standing Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, and the Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee Reports to The Conference in such order as to expedite the business.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. (2) Page, 164, Journal. Editor)

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2. CORRELATION AND EDITORIAL REVISION

Chairman: Murray H. Leiffer (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Secretary: Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE)
James Cannon (Western North Carolina—SE)

Correlation and Editorial Revision. There shall be a Committee of three known as a Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. This Committee shall be composed of three persons, not members of The General Conference, appointed by The Council of Bishops. They shall be entitled to travel expense and *per diem* allowance, the same as the Delegates. The functions of this Committee shall be:

(a) To review all legislation enacted by The General Conference and to report promptly to the Standing Legislative Committees concerned, or to The General Conference as the situation may warrant, any and all contradictions, duplications, and inconsistencies discovered therein.

(b) To report to the Chairmen of the several Standing Legislative Committees all changes it has made in the language of the Reports adopted by The General Conference.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (3), page 164 Journal. Editor)

REPORT NO 1. CORRELATION AND EDITORIAL REVISION

M, 3; P, 3; F, 3; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 952

Two legislative recommendations request the District Superintendent or a Local Church Committee to report names and addresses of certain persons to specified Boards or other Agencies of the Church. These are Committee Reports 13 (DCA, p. 189) and Report 27 (DCA, p. 192).

Since two of these proposed actions (Reports Calendar No. 13, No. 5, Lay Activities, and Calendar No. 27, No. 3, Committee on Ministry) make the District Superintendent responsible, the Committee on Correlation proposes that the two directives become part of one inclusive statement, and that this statement be placed directly under Paragraph 362, which lists the duties of a District Superintendent, by adding a new Section 11 and renumbering all following Sections, the new Section 11 to read:

To report the names and addresses of Commission and Committee Chairmen, and Church-School Superintendents, elected by each Quarterly Conference in his District as may

be requested by any General Board or Agency supplying Report Forms therefor; and to report the names and addresses of the Church Lay Leaders to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for insertion in the Conference Journal.

MURRAY H. LEIFFER, *Chairman*
LEON T. MOORE, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. CORRELATION AND EDITORIAL REVISION

M, 3; P, 3; F, 3; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 953

Report Calendar No. 10, No. 8 Membership and Evangelism, *D.C.A.*, pp. 150-151, has been referred for correlation by action of The Conference. The major intent is to have the Chairmen of the Commissions of the Local Church to be elected by the Fourth Quarterly Conference. Previously they have been elected by the Commissions themselves.

To this end the Committee on Correlation recommends the following:

(1) In Paragraph 143 insert a new Sub-section following Section 8, to be numbered Section 9 (the present Section 9 to become Section 10) to read:

9. The Chairmen of the Commissions, as named in Paragraph 219. so that Paragraph 143 will read:

Par. 143. The Quarterly Conference shall elect annually the following Officers for the Pastoral Charge on nomination of the Committee on Nominations, or on nomination of the Pastor if there is no such Committee (Pars. 142 3, 145 1), unless otherwise provided in the *Discipline*; or it shall authorize the Annual Church Conference to elect such Officers, in which case it shall issue a call for an Annual Church Conference for that purpose (Pars. 32, 197-200); *provided* that in no case shall the privilege of making nominations from the floor be denied.

1-8 No change.

9. The Chairmen of the Commissions, as named in Paragraph 219.

10. No change.

(2) In Paragraph 221 § 2 substitute for the word *Pastor* in the first sentence "**Chairman (Par. 143 § 9)**" and delete the word "*Chairman*" in the second sentence, so that the Sub-paragraph will read:

"2. At the beginning of each Conference year the **Chairman (Paragraph 143 § 9)** shall call together the members of the Commission for organization. The Commission shall elect a Vice-chairman, Secretary, and such other Officers and Committees as may be determined."

(3) In Paragraph 224 substitute for the last sentence the following: "At the beginning of each Conference year the **Chairman (Paragraph 143 § 9)** shall call together the members of the Commission for organization. The Commission shall elect a Vice-chairman, Secretary, and such other Officers and Committees as may be determined."

(4) In Paragraph 236 substitute for the last sentence the following: "At the beginning of each Conference year the **Chairman (Paragraph 143 § 9)** shall call together the members of the Commission for organization. The Commission shall elect a Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and such other Officers and Committees as may be determined."

(5) In Paragraph 239 substitute for the last sentence the following: "At the beginning of each Conference year the **Chairman (Paragraph 143 § 9)** shall call together the members of the Commission for organization. The Commission shall elect a Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and such other Officers and Committees as may be determined."

MURRAY H. LEIFFER, *Chairman*
LEON T. MOORE, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. CORRELATION AND EDITORIAL REVISION

M, 3; P, 3; F, 3; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 953

At the afternoon session of May 4th The General Conference, after debate on the Clergy Rights for Women, amended Paragraph 313 to read as follows:

Women are included in the foregoing provisions, and may apply as candidates for the traveling ministry as provided for in Chapter III of the *Discipline* titled "Traveling Preachers," Paragraphs 321-356.

Whereas in the discussion at the time a vote was taken on the amended Report on "Clergy Rights For Women" in Calendar No. 26, No. 2 Ministry, the statement was made and confirmed that the vote was to be understood as granting Full Clergy Rights For Women; and

Whereas the amendment as recorded refers to specific portions of the *Discipline* and therefore leaves uncertain its

application to other pertinent portions not included in Paragraph 321-356;

Therefore, your Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to it on pages 193-94 of the Handbook, reports an inconsistency and asks consent of The General Conference to revise the phraseology of Paragraph 313 to read as follows:

"Women are included in all provisions of the *Discipline* referring to the ministry.

MURRAY H. LEIFFER, *Chairman*
LEON T. MOORE, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. CORRELATION AND EDITORIAL REVISION

M, 3; P, 3; F, 3; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 954

There is a fourth Report which we must make on inconsistencies between two items of adopted legislation. Since we have not been able to bring the Chairmen of the Committees together, on this matter, we report the inconsistency.

On page 112, column 1, the Co-ordinating Council recommended and the body adopted, the Rule that the number of members of Boards and Agencies should remain the same.

This morning the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation was altered. This alteration would appear to have the same total number of voting and non-voting members *officio* and *ex-officio*. However, previously the interpretation has been that non-voting *ex-official* members were not members of the Board itself. In this instance, according to Paragraph 750 of the present *Discipline*, there are on the Commission 19 voting members and an indefinite number of non-voting members. The new legislation specifies 24 voting members and 23 non-voting members.

We leave this with the Conference to resolve.

Mr. Chairman, may we thank the Chairmen of the Standing Legislative Committees for their co-operation on literally scores of items, which has saved probably hours of floor discussion.

MURRAY H. LEIFFER, *Chairman*
LEON T. MOORE, *Secretary*

3. COURTESIES AND PRIVILEGES

Chairman: Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia—NE)

Vice-Chairman: Merrill B. McFall (Indiana—NC)

Secretary: James W. Henley (Tennessee—SE)

Courtesies and Privileges. There shall be a Committee of fourteen, composed of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction and one Minister and one Layman from among the Delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To consider, as presented to it by Members of The Conference, what said Members regard as questions or matters of privilege, to decide whether they are such or not, and, if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to The Conference that they be heard.

(Note: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this Committee may be presented immediately to The Conference as provided in Rule 9, Page 175.)

- b. To prepare with due regard for brevity, and present to The Conference for its action, such complimentary Resolutions as occasion may demand.
- c. To arrange for extending courtesies of The Conference to any to whom they may be due, Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors excepted.
- d. To arrange for a Memorial Service, at some time agreeable to The Conference, for deceased Delegates-elect, for Bishops and General Officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the last preceding General Conference.
- e. To limit its Report, including the statements of the Chairman and the hearing of such persons as may be presented, to a maximum of twenty minutes in any one business session. No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the Conference.
- f. To prepare and publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate* contemporaneously with the list of the Nominees for election to The Judicial Council, biographical sketches not to exceed 100 words in length for each Nominee.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (4), page 164, Journal. Editor)

Committee Personnel

Harris, M. LaFayette (Lexington—C)

Henley, James W. (Tennessee—SE)

Johnson, Lyman S. (Central Kansas—SC)

Karlsen, Trygve (Norway—OS)

Mayfield, Robert G. (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC)

McFall, Merrill B. (Indiana—NC)

Pierce, Clifford D. (*) (Memphis—SE)

Potthoff, Harvey H. (Colorado—W)

Rawlings, Garrett D. (*) (Washington—C)
 Smith, Alexander K. (Philadelphia—NE)
 Stahmer, Albert H. (*) (Wisconsin—NC)
 Swayze, Mrs. Thomas A. (*) (Pacific Northwest—W)
 Sykes, W. Clyde (*) (Northern New York—NE)
 Wan, Lin Kay (*) (Burma—OS)

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4. CREDENTIALS

Chairman: Elmer E. Mathews (*) (New Jersey—NE)
Vice-Chairman: John V. Madison (South Dakota—NC)
Secretary: Ira B. Loud (West Texas—C)

Credentials. There shall be a Committee of seven on Credentials. To this Committee the Chairman of the respective Annual Conference Delegations shall report, on a form provided for that purpose, the names of absent Delegates and of available Reserve Delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This Committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to The Conference with recommendations as to the seating of Reserves if such are available. No Reserve Delegates shall be seated except by action of The Conference and after a Report has been made upon the case by this Committee; *provided*, that Reserve Delegates reported by the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference Delegations as substituted for absentees at the opening session shall be seated tentatively without the action of this Committee; *provided*, further, that such substitutions shall be reported to this Committee for review and report to The General Conference for its action.

All changes in the personnel of the seated Delegates of the Annual Conference Delegations shall be reported to this Committee on blanks provided by the Secretary of The Conference. *Per diem* allowances shall be paid on the basis of the Report of this Committee.

(NOTE:—Abbreviations: (M) Ministerial Delegate; (MR) Ministerial Reserve Delegate; (L) Lay Delegate; (LR) Lay Reserve Delegate. The substitutions are listed by Annual Conferences. The Number of the Report, taken with the numerical listing in each Report, (1-5) refers to the Alphabetical List of Reserve Delegates, Journal, page 143.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (5), page 165, Journal. Editor)

Committee Personnel

Clegg, W. Lemuel (North Carolina—SE)
Davis, Laurence R. (Nebraska—SC)
Loud, Ira B. (West Texas—C)
Madison, John V. (South Dakota—NC)
Mathews, Elmer E. (*) (New Jersey—NE)
Nimini, J. K. (Liberia—OS)
Somers, Howard B. (*) (Oregon—W)

REPORT NO. 1. CREDENTIALS

(MR) Ministerial Reserve; (LR) Lay Reserve

Adopted April 27, 1956. See Journal, page 883

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Your Standing Administrative Committee on Credentials approve the changes made in the seating of Delegates,

reported by the Chairman of the Annual Conference Delegations at Roll Call, on the opening day of the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church, Wednesday, April 25, 1956.

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
R. Jay Lawrence (LR) for Charles Ralph Paul.
2. DENMARK ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OS)
Ole Olesen (MR) for Georg H. Saermark.
3. ERIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Arthur B. R. Colley (MR) for Adolph P. Weaver.
4. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
DeWitt C. Dawkins (LR) for Mrs. Walter H. Beckham.
C. Roland Shannon (LR) for John F. Sproull.
5. LIBERIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OS)
Miss Susan A. Berry (LR) for Momolu Dukuly.
6. LUCKNOW ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OS)
Lemuel K. Nelson (LR) for Samuel A. Nathan.
7. MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Mrs. Nancy D. Montgomery (LR) for James H. Seabrook.
Luther L. Gobbel (LR) for Joe A. Appleby.
8. MINNESOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Edward W. Foote (MR) for Truman W. Potter
(Transferred).
9. NEWARK ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Mrs. Samuel C. Morris, Sr. (LR) for Mrs. James K. Mawha.
10. NORTH MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(SE)
Julius M. Forman (LR) for Jamie G. Houston (Deceased).
11. NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Merle T. Waggoner (LR) for Joe J. Perkins.
12. NORTHERN PHILIPPINES ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OS)
Pilar D. Galima (LR) for Epifano V. Galima.
13. NORTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(SC)
Mrs. C. C. Coffee (LR) for Paul Cates.

14. OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Harold F. Kellogg (MR) for J. Carleton Babbs
(Transferred).
Lester S. Ivins (LR) for Mrs. Conrad C. Long.
15. OREGON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)
Raymond L. Miller (LR) for Mrs. Jessie Bunch (Deceased).
16. SAINT LOUIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Jesse L. Wood (LR) for R. J. Genins.
17. SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
A. M. "Phil" Anderson (LR) for Walter A. Blasingame.
18. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)
Edward P. O'Rear (MR) for Fred B. Trotter (Deceased).
19. SWEDEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OS)
Paul Rossell (LR) for Bengt J. Melin.
20. TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Tom Reavley (LR) for Lamar Hargrove.
Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr. (LR) for John R. Peace.
21. TROY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Paul V. Hydon (MR) for S. Wilson Francis.
22. VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Charles M. Earley (LR) for Edward E. Haddock.
23. WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Jacob A. Greenlee (LR) for Chester J. Compton.
T. Sterling Evans (LR) for E. Ray Jones.
Dewey R. Helmick (LR) for Tom E. Campbell.
24. WYOMING STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)
Mrs. Clarke (Ruth) Gapen (LR) for John K. Strange.
(Signed) ELMER E. MATHEWS (*), *Chairman*
JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. CREDENTIALS

Adopted April 30, 1956. See Journal, page 309

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Your Committee approved the changes made in the seating of the following Delegates:—

1. HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Mrs. Harrell M. Russell (LR) for Carroll H. Long, night session, April 27.

Carroll H. Long (L) resumes seat next session.

William S. Steele (MR) for Earl G. Hunt, Jr., following Recess, morning session, April 27.

Earl G. Hunt, Jr. (M) resumes seat after Recess, morning session, April 27.

Cecil P. Hardin (MR) for Robert H. Duncan, following Recess, morning session, April 27.

Robert H. Duncan (MR) resumes seat next session.

2. MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

David H. McKeithen (MR) for Brunner M. Hunt, morning session, April 26.

Brunner M. Hunt (M) resumes seat next session.

John W. Moore (MR) for William B. Selah, morning session, April 26.

William B. Selah (M) resumes seat next session.

Martin L. McCormick (MR) for J. Willard Leggett, Jr., morning session, April 26.

J. Willard Leggett, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.

3. NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Denson N. Franklin (MR) for R. Laurence Dill, Jr., all sessions, April 26.

R. Laurence Dill, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.

4. ROCK RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

C. Wesley Israel (MR) for Harold A. Bosley, morning session, April 30.

Harold A. Bosley (M) resumes seat next session.

5. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Ross A. Fulton (MR) for Willis L. Perryman, evening session, April 25.

Willis L. Perryman (M) resumes seat next session.

(Signed) ELMER E. MATHEWS (*), *Chairman*
JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. CREDENTIALS

Adopted April 30, 1956. See Journal, page 356

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Edward L. Hardin (MR) for Thomas S. Harris, night session, April 25.
Thomas S. Harris (M) resumes seat next session.
2. BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Albert P. Shirkey (MR) for Philip C. Edwards, morning session, April 28.
Philip C. Edwards (M) resumes seat next session.
3. CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Jarrad Secrest (LR) for J. Doyle Stalcup, morning session, April 27.
J. Doyle Stalcup (L) resumes seat next session.
H. Brown Loyd (MR) for L. Stanley Williams, morning session, April 27.
L. Stanley Williams (M) resumes seat next session.
Hubert Johnson (LR) for Ed Curry, morning session, April 28.
Ed Curry (L) resumes seat next session.
H. Brown Loyd (MR) for Cleo C. Sessions, morning session, April 28.
Cleo C. Sessions (M) resumes seat next session.
Gaston Foote (MR) for Erwin F. Bohmfalk, morning session April 28.
Erwin F. Bohmfalk (M) resumes seat next session.
Law Sone (LR) for Morris Walker, morning session, April 27.
Morris Walker (L) resumes seat next morning.
4. CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)
Robert W. Moon (MR) for John R. Wilkins, following Recess, morning session, April 28.
John R. Wilkins (M) resumes seat next session.
5. COLORADO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)
Ben F. Lehmberg (MR) for Harvey H. Potthoff, morning session following Recess, April 27.
Harvey H. Potthoff (M) resumes seat next session.

6. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Shuler Peele (MR) for A. Dale Hagler, morning session, April 26.
A. Dale Hagler (M) resumes seat next session.
7. HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
William S. Steele (MR) for Bachman G. Hodge, morning session following Recess, April 28.
Bachman G. Hodge (M) resumes seat next session.
8. ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Mrs. G. Earl Hartenbower (LR) for Charles B. Shuman, all sessions, April 28.
Charles B. Shuman (L) resumes seat next session.
9. LEXINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)
Oliver B. Quick (MR) for Charles F. Golden, all sessions, April 28.
Charles F. Golden (M) resumes seat next session.
Damon P. Young (MR) for M. LaFayette Harris, all sessions, April 28.
M. LaFayette Harris (M) resumes seat next session.
10. LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Carl F. Lueg (MR) for Guy M. Hicks, morning and afternoon session, April 28.
Guy M. Hicks (M) resumes seat next session.
Robert C. Carter (M) resumes seat this morning session, April 28.
11. NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
C. Pardue Bunch (LR) for Frank Greathouse, morning session, April 27.
Frank Greathouse (L) resumes seat next session.
12. NORTH ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Ira A. Brumley (MR) for W. Henry Goodloe, morning session, April 27.
W. Henry Goodloe (M) resumes seat next session.
13. NORTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Mrs. N. P. Manning, Sr. (LR) for Charles R. Clegg, morning session, April 28.
Charles R. Clegg (L) resumes seat next session.
Delma L. Hagood (MR) for Dow Kirkpatrick, morning session, April 28.

Dow Kirkpatrick (M) resumes seat next session.

James W. Segars (MR) for Harvey C. Holland, Sr., morning session, April 28.

Harvey C. Holland, Sr. (M) resumes seat next session.

C. Hoke Sewell (MR) for Lester Rumble, morning session, April 28.

Lester Rumble (M) resumes seat next session.

Edmund D. Rudisill (MR) for Nat G. Long, morning session, April 28.

Nat G. Long (M) resumes seat next session.

14. NORTH MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Albert Y. Brown (MR) for H. Ellis Finger, Jr., morning session, April 20.

H. Ellis Finger, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.

15. NORTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Hubert S. Bratcher (MR) for Eugene Slater, morning session, April 28.

Eugene Slater (M) resumes seat next session.

16. OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Carl S. McFall (LR) for William Broadhurst, all sessions, April 28.

William Broadhurst (L) resumes seat next session.

Earl N. Dorff (MR) for Paul V. Galloway, morning session, April 26.

Paul V. Galloway (M) resumes seat next session.

Dorsey J. Kelly (MR) for G. Lemuel Fenn, morning session, April 27.

G. Lemuel Fenn (M) resumes seat next session.

17. OREGON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Edward Terry (MR) for Daniel D. Walker, morning session, April 28.

Daniel D. Walker (M) resumes seat next session.

18. PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Russell S. Kelly (LR) for Ralph G. Luff, all sessions, April 28.

Ralph G. Luff (L) resumes seat next session.

19. SAINT LOUIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Herman H. Luetzow (MR) for Albea Godbold, morning session, April 28.

Albea Godbold (M) resumes seat next session.

20. SOUTH DAKOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

J. Harley Thompson (MR) for Henry H. Lewis, morning session until recess, April 28.

Henry H. Lewis (M) resumes seat after morning recess, April 28.

21. SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Tom A. Whiting (MR) for Frederick Wilson, morning session, April 28.

Frederick Wilson (M) resumes seat next session.

22. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA (W)

Hubert E. Orton (LR) for George V. Steed, all sessions, April 28.

George V. Steed (L) resumes seat next session.

23. SOUTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

John Donaho (MR) for Edmund Heinsohn for morning session, April 28.

Edmund Heinsohn resumes seat next session.

24. TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr. (LR) for John R. Peace, night session, April 25.

John R. Peace (L) resumes seat next session.

Tom Reavley (LR) for Lamar Hargrove for night session, April 25.

Lamar Hargrove (L) resumes seat next session.

25. WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Jacob H. Carruthers (MR) for Ira B. Loud, night session, April 27.

Ira B. Loud (M) resumes seat next session.

26. WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

William E. Craig (MR) for Alfred E. Bennett for morning session, April 28.

Alfred E. Bennett (M) resumes seat next session.

(Signed) ELMER E. MATHEWS (*), *Chairman*
JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. CREDENTIALS

Adopted May 1, 1956. See Journal, page 356

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

R. J. Lawrence (LR) for Charles R. Paul, for entire Conference session, April 25.

2. CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

D. Frederick Wertz (MR) for Charles F. Berkheimer, morning session after recess, April 27.

Charles F. Berkheimer (M) resumes seat next session.

3. CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Gaston Foote (MR) for G. Alfred Brown, morning session following recess, April 27.

G. Alfred Brown resumes seat next session.

Law Sone (LR) for Morris Walker, morning session, April 27.

Morris Walker (L) resumes seat next session.

4. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Harry H. Waller (MR) for Edward J. Pendergrass, morning session, April 27.

Edward J. Pendergrass (M) resumes seat next session.

Joe H. Tolle (MR) for Henry W. Blackburn, morning session, April 27.

Henry W. Blackburn (M) resumes seat next session.

Shuler Peele (MR) for Robert C. Holmes, afternoon session, April 27.

Robert C. Holmes (M) resumes seat next session.

Millard C. Cleveland (MR) for Glenn C. James, morning session, April 28.

Glenn C. James (M) resumes seat next session.

5. HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

J. Neal Ensminger (LR) for Earl Blazer, following recess through night session, April 28.

Earl Blazer (L) resumes seat next session.

Mrs. Harrell M. Russell (LR) for Carroll H. Long, night session, April 27, and Saturday and Sunday session, April 28 and 29.

Carroll H. Long (L) resumes seat next session.

Mrs. William S. DeBusk (LR) for Lynn Sheeley, morning session following recess, and afternoon session, April 27.

Lynn Sheeley (L) resumes seat next session.

6. KANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Christopher A. Wisler (LR) for T. Russell Reitz, for evening session, April 29.

T. Russell Reitz (L) resumes seat next session.

7. LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

D. Mouzon Mann (MR) for E. Clifton Rule, from recess until noon, April 27.

E. Clifton Rule (M) resumes seat next session.

8. LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Carl F. Lueg (MR) for Robert C. Carter, morning session, April 27.

Robert C. Carter (M) resumes seat next session.

9. MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Martin L. McCormick (MR) for Thomas O. Prewitt, morning session, April 26.

Thomas O. Prewitt (M) resumes seat next session.

10. NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Albert S. Layton (MR) for William R. Guffick, morning session, April 27.

William R. Guffick (M) resumes seat next session.

11. NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

C. Pardue Bunch (LR) for Frank Greathouse, morning session, April 27.

Frank Greathouse (L) resumes seat next session.

12. NORTH ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Ira A. Brumley (MR) for W. Henry Goodloe, morning session, April 27.

W. Henry Goodloe (M) resumes seat next session.

13. NORTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

W. Chandler Budd (MR) for William R. Cannon, morning session, April 27.

William R. Cannon (M) resumes seat next session.

W. Rembert Sisson (MR) for Waights G. Henry, Jr., morning session, April 27.

Waights G. Henry, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.

14. NORTH MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Sam C. Stanley (LR) for Roy Black, morning session, April 28.

Roy Black (L) resumes seat next session.

Samuel E. Ashmore (MR) for George R. Williams, morning session, April 28.

George R. Williams (M) resumes seat next session.

15. NORTHERN PHILIPPINES ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OS)

Mrs. Pilar O. Gilama (LR) for Epifano C. Galima, night session, April 25.

Epifano C. Galima (L) resumes seat next session.

16. NORTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

J. Howard Crawford (MR) for Elmer D. Landreth, morning session, April 27.

Elmer D. Landreth (M) resumes seat next session.

17. OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Earl N. Dorff (MR) for Paul V. Galloway, morning session, April 27.

Paul V. Galloway (M) resumes seat next session.

Dorsey J. Kelley (MR) for G. Lemuel Fenn, morning session, April 27.

G. Lemuel Fenn (M) resumes seat next session.

Carl S. McFall (LR) for James A. Egan, morning session, April 27.

James A. Egan (L) resumes seat next session.

18. OREGON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

John W. McHale (LR) for Forrest D. Fry (LR) morning session, April 28.

Forrest D. Fry (L) resumes seat next session.

19. SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Mack Anthony (MR) for George E. Clary, Sr., morning session, April 27.

George E. Clary, Sr. (M) resumes seat next session.

Frank L. Robertson (MR) for Anthony Hearn, morning session, April 27.

Anthony Hearn (M) resumes seat next session.

Walter Harrison (LR) for A. M. "Phil" Anderson, morning session, April 27.

A. M. "Phil" Anderson (L) resumes seat next session.

20. TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

H. T. Tipps (MR) for James W. Henley, morning session, April 27.

James W. Henley (M) resumes seat next session.

21. WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

James C. Jarvis (MR) for Lacy H. Burns, morning session, April 27.

Lacy H. Burns (M) resumes seat next session.

(Signed) ELMER E. MATHEWS (*), *Chairman*
JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 5. CREDENTIALS

Adopted May 2, 1956. See Journal, page 394

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Edward L. Hardin (MR) for Thomas S. Harris, evening session, April 29.

Thomas S. Harris (M) resumes seat next session.

2. BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Albert P. Shirkey (MR) for Asbury Smith, morning session, April 30.

Asbury Smith (M) resumes seat next session.

Fred G. Holloway (MR) for Orris G. Robinson, morning session, April 20.

Orris G. Robinson (M) resumes seat next session.

Lowell S. Ensor (MR) for Howard M. Amos, morning session, April 30.

Howard M. Amos (M) resumes seat next session.

3. CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Norman L. Conard (MR) for Elliott L. Fisher, morning session, April 30.

Elliott L. Fisher (M) resumes seat next session.

4. CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

H. Brown Loyd (MR) for Wilford V. Bane, morning session, April 30.

Wilford V. Bane (M) resumes seat next session.

Hubert Johnson (LR) for Ed Curry, morning session, April 30.

Ed Curry (L) resumes seat next session.

5. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Mrs. Edwin B. White (LR) for Nathan R. Graham, morning session, April 30.

Nathan R. Graham (L) resumes seat next session.

6. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Evan M. Hurley (MR) for S. Marion Weeks, morning session, April 30.

S. Marion Weeks (M) resumes seat next session.

7. GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

C. S. Stinson (MR) for L. Scott Allen, morning session, April 30.

L. Scott Allen (M) resumes seat next session.

C. S. Stinson (MR) for Adolphus S. Dickerson, morning session following Recess April 28.

Adolphus S. Dickerson (M) resumes seat next session.

9. ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

Mrs. G. Earl Hartenbower (LR) for Charles B. Shuman, afternoon and night sessions, April 30.

Charles B. Shuman (L) resumes seat next session.

10. IOWA-DES MOINES ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

Mrs. J. Raymond Chadwick (LR) for Allen Whitfield, night session, April 29.

Allen Whitfield (L) resumes seat next session.

11. LEXINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Damon P. Young (MR) for M. LaFayette Harris, night session, April 29.

M. LaFayette Harris (M) resumes seat next session.

Oliver B. Quick (MR) for Charles F. Golden, night session, April 29.

Charles F. Golden () resumes seat next session.

12. LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

George W. Pomeroy (MR) for William E. Trice, all sessions of April 30.

William E. Trice (M) resumes seat next session.

Carl F. Lueg (MR) for Guy M. Hicks, night session, April 29.

Guy M. Hicks (M) resumes seat next session.

Carl F. Lueg (MR) for Virgil D. Morris, all sessions April 30.

Virgil D. Morris (M) resumes seat next session.

13. NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Edwin M. Parker (MR) for Raymon L. Willingham, morning session, April 30.

Raymon L. Willingham (M) resumes seat next session.

Orbin W. Turner (MR) for Joe B. Scrimshire, morning session, April 30.

Joe B. Scrimshire (M) resumes seat next session.

14. NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Denson N. Franklin (LR) for R. Laurence Dill, Jr., morning session, April 27.

R. Laurence Dill, Jr., (L) resumes seat next session.

15. NORTH ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Ira A. Brumley (MR) for W. Henry Goodloe, night session, April 27.

W. Henry Goodloe (M) resumes seat next session.

Elmer J. Holifield (MR) for Ethan W. Dodgen, morning session, April 28.

Ethan W. Dodgen (M) resumes seat next session.

Mrs. Edwin G. Kaetzell (LR) for Charles A. Stuck, morning session, April 30.

Charles A. Stuck (L) resumes seat next session.

16. NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

T. Herbert Minga (MR) for Wesley V. Hite, all sessions, April 30.

Wesley V. Hite (M) resumes seat next session.

17. OREGON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

George G. Rosebury (MR) for Carl B. Mason, morning session, April 30.

Carl B. Mason (M) resumes seat next session.

Lawrence E. Guderian (MR) for Laurence E. Nye, morning session, April 30.

Laurence E. Nye (M) resumes seat next session.

Meredith A. Groves (MR) for Daniel D. Walker, morning session, May 1.

Daniel D. Walker (M) resumes seat next session.

18. PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Owen J. Beadles (MR) for J. Henry Ernst, night session, May 1.

J. Henry Ernst (M) resumes seat next session.

19. PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Russell S. Kelley (LR) for Ralph G. Luff, morning session, April 30.

Ralph G. Luff (L) resumes seat next session.

20. PITTSBURGH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Mrs. Clyde E. Bounds (LR) for William M. Beatty, remainder of Conference, May 1.

21. SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

A. M. "Phil" Anderson (LR) for Walter A. Blasingame, April 25-29.

Walter A. Blasingame (L) resumes seat next session.

22. SOUTHWEST TEXAS (SC)

Ennis B. Hill (MR) for Kenneth W. Copeland, morning session, April 28.

Kenneth W. Copeland (M) resumes seat next session.

John Donaho (MR) for Edmund Heinsohn, morning session, April 28.

Edmund Heinsohn (M) resumes seat next session.

23. TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

H. T. Tipps (MR) for Wilford C. Westenberger, morning session, April 28.

Wilford C. Westenberger (M) resumes seat next session.

24. TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

E. C. Clabaugh, Jr., (LR) for Tom Reavley, morning session, April 29.

Tom Reavley (L) resumes seat next session.

25. TROY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Paul V. Hydon (MR) for S. Wilson Francis, night session, April 29.

S. Wilson Francis (M) resumes seat next session.

26. VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Joseph S. Johnston (MR) for Walter C. Gum, morning session, April 30.

Walter C. Gum (M) resumes seat next session.

Herbert S. Southgate (MR) for Archie E. Acey, morning session, April 30.

Archie E. Acey (M) resumes seat next session.

27. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

James W. Fowler, Jr., (MR) for Frank B. Jordan, night session, April 29.

Frank B. Jordan (M) resumes seat next session.

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IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 6. CREDENTIALS

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, page 447

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

R. Jay Lawrence (LR) for Charles R. Paul, for entire Conference, April 25.

Grover W. Ray (LR) for Lee Roy Ussery, morning session, May 1.

Lee Roy Ussery (L) resumes seat next session.

Edward L. Hardin (LR) for H. Paul Mathison, morning session, May 1.

H. Paul Mathison (M) resumes seat next session.

2. CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Norman L. Conard (MR) for Elliott L. Fisher, morning session, May 1.

Elliott L. Fisher (M) resumes seat next session.

3. CENTRAL ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Joseph E. Lowery (MR) for Charles J. Booker, morning session, May 1.

Charles J. Booker (M) resumes seat next session.

4. CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
H. Brown Loyd (MR) for Wilford V. Bane morning session, May 1.
Wilford V. Bane (M) resumes seat next session.
5. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Clare M. Cotton (MR) for Don A. Cooke, morning session, May 1.
Don A. Cooke (M) resumes seat next session.
6. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)
Evan M. Hurley (MR) for S. Marion Weeks, morning session, May 1.
S. Marion Weeks (M) resumes seat next session.
7. GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)
C. S. Stinson (MR) for L. Scott Allen, morning session, May 1.
L. Scott Allen (M) resumes seat next session.
8. ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Mrs. Earl G. Hartenbower (LR) for Charles B. Shuman, night session, May 1.
Charles B. Shuman (L) resumes seat next session.
9. LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
George W. Pomeroy (MR) for Guy M. Hicks, morning session until Recess, May 1.
Guy M. Hicks (M) resumes seat next session.
George W. Pomeroy (MR) for William E. Trice, morning session, after Recess, May 1.
William E. Trice (M) resumes seat next session.
10. NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Edwin W. Parker (MR) for Raymon L. Willingham, morning session, May 1.
Raymon L. Willingham (M) resumes seat next session.
Orbin W. Turner (MR) for Joe B. Scrimshire, morning session, May 1.
Joe B. Scrimshire (M) resumes seat next session.
O. G. Rudy (LR) for Lionel C. Cox (LR) morning session of May 1.
Lionel C. Cox (L) resumes seat next session.

11. NORTH ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Roy I. Bagley (MR) for Robert E. L. Bearden, morning session, May 1.

Robert E. L. Bearden (M) resumes seat next session.

12. NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

T. Herbert Minga (MR) for Wesley V. Hite, morning session, May 1.

Wesley V. Hite (M) resumes seat next session.

13. OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Carl S. McFall (LR) for William Broadhurst, morning session, April 30.

William Broadhurst (L) resumes seat next session.

Carl S. McFall (LR) for James A. Egan, morning session, April 28.

James A. Egan (L) resumes seat next session.

14. PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Clark J. Wood (MR) for R. Franklin Thompson, morning session, May 1.

R. Franklin Thompson (M) resumes seat next session.

15. ROCK RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

Mrs. A. O. Aldrich (LR) for Mrs. A. B. Pfeiffer, morning and afternoon sessions, May 2.

Mrs. A. B. Pfeiffer (L) resumes seat next session.

16. SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Arthur M. Taylor (LR) for Dwight F. Patterson, all sessions, May 1.

Dwight F. Patterson (L) resumes seat next session.

17. SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

A. M. "Phil" Anderson (LR) for Zach S. Henderson, morning session following Recess, May 1.

Zach S. Henderson (L) resumes seat next session.

18. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

Loran Glock (LR) for Glendon C. Hodson, night session, May 2.

Glendon C. Hodson (L) resumes seat next session.

19. SOUTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Ennis B. Hill (MR) for Kenneth W. Copeland, morning session, May 1.

Kenneth W. Copeland (M) resumes seat next session.

20. VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Herbert S. Southgate (MR) for Archie E. Acey, morning session, May 1.

Archie E. Acey (M) resumes seat next session.

Joseph S. Johnston (MR) for Walter C. Gum, morning session, May 1.

Walter C. Gum (M) resumes seat next session.

21. WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Mrs. Mary K. Martin (LR) for Thurman L. Dodson, morning session, May 1.

Thurman L. Dodson (L) resumes seat next session.

22. WEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Jacob H. Carruthers (MR) for Ira B. Loud, night session, April 30, and morning session, May 1.

Ira B. Loud (M) resumes seat next session.

(Signed) ELMER E. MATHEWS (*), *Chairman*
JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 7. CREDENTIALS

Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal, page 530

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Charles H. Hildreth (MR) for H. Paul Mathison, night session, May 3.

H. Paul Mathison (M) resumes seat next session.

Edward L. Hardin (MR) for H. Paul Mathison, morning session, May 2.

H. Paul Mathison (M) resumes seat next session.

2. CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Robert W. Moon (MR) for John R. Wilkins, afternoon session, April 28.

John R. Wilkins (M) resumes seat next session.

3. KANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Melvin Booth (MR) for Harry O. Ritter, night session, April 29.

Harry O. Ritter (M) resumes seat next session.

Christopher A. Wisler (LR) for T. Russell Reitz, night session, April 29.

T. Russell Reitz (L) resumes seat next session.

4. KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Edward L. Tullis (MR) for Homer L. Moore, morning session after Recess, May 1.

Homer L. Moore (M) resumes seat next session.

Marvin P. McClure (MR) for Russell R. Patton, morning session until Recess, May 1.

Russell R. Patton (M) resumes seat next session.

5. LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

George W. Pomeroy (MR) for Guy M. Hicks, morning session, May 2.

Guy M. Hicks (M) resumes seat next session.

6. NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

L. D. Tyson (MR) for Calvin M. Pinkard, morning session, May 2.

Calvin M. Pinkard (M) resumes seat next session.

7. NORTH ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Alfred A. Knox (MR) for W. Henry Goodloe, morning session, May 2.

W. Henry Goodloe (M) resumes seat next session.

8. NORTH INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

Edwin R. Garrison (MR) for Byron F. Stroh, night session, May 1.

Byron F. Stroh (M) resumes seat next session.

Lloyd G. Sapp (MR) for Byron F. Stroh, morning session, May 2.

Byron F. Stroh (MR) resumes seat next session.

9. NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Alfred H. Freeman (MR) for W. Harrison Baker, morning session, May 2.

W. Harrison Baker (M) resumes seat next session.

10. NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

O. G. Rudy (LR) for Lionel C. Cox, morning session, May 2.

Lionel C. Cox (L) resumes seat next session.

11. NORTH-EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Paul O. Mayer (MR) for Eugene W. Hibbard, morning session, May 2.
Eugene W. Hibbard (M) resumes seat next session.
12. ROCK RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Hughes B. Morris (MR) for R. Merrill Powers, morning session, May 2.
R. Merrill Powers (M) resumes seat next session.
13. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)
Stanley S. McKee (MR) for Everett W. Palmer, all sessions, May 1.
Everett W. Palmer (M) resumes seat next session.
Hubert E. Orton (LR) for George V. Steed, night session, April 29.
George V. Steed (L) resumes seat next session.
Hubert E. Orton (LR) for Verne Orr, Sr., all sessions, May 1.
Verne Orr, Sr., (L) resumes seat next session.
Stanley S. McKee (MR) for Everett W. Palmer, all sessions, May 2.
Everett W. Palmer (M) resumes seat next session.
14. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (SC)
Ross A. Fulton (MR) for Clinton B. Galatas, morning session, May 2.
Clinton B. Galatas (M) resumes seat next session.
15. TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Edwin M. Mathison (MR) for A. D. Lemons, morning session, May 1.
A. D. Lemons (M) resumes seat next session.
Edwin M. Mathison (MR) for Stanley Carter, morning and night sessions, May 2.
Stanley Carter (M) resumes seat next session.
16. TROY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Paul V. Hydon (MR) for S. Wilson Francis, for remainder of session, May 2.
17. WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)
Mrs. Mary K. Martin (LR) for Thurman L. Dodson, morning session, April 30.

Thurman L. Dodson (L) resumes seat next session.

18. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Carl H. King (MR) for Embree H. Blackard, night session, May 1.

Embree H. Blackard (M) resumes seat next session.

19. WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

J. Emory Temple (LR) for Ralph W. Conway, for remainder of session, beginning 12:30 P.M. May 2.

(Signed) ELMER E. MATHEWS (*), *Chairman*
JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
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REPORT NO. 8. CREDENTIALS

Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, page 643

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

William J. Hughes (MR) for Thomas S. Harris, morning session, May 3.

Thomas S. Harris (M) resumes seat next session.

Grover W. Ray (LR) for Lee Roy Ussery, morning session, May 2.

Lee Roy Ussery (L) resumes seat next session.

Charles H. Hildreth (MR) for H. Paul Mathison, morning session, May 3.

H. Paul Mathison (M) resumes seat next session.

2. CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Robert R. Croyle (MR) for F. LaMont Henninger, night session, May 3.

F. LaMont Henninger (M) resumes seat next session.

3. COLORADO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Henry L. Weiss (MR) for Ben H. Christner, morning session, May 3.

Ben H. Christner (M) resumes seat next session.

4. DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Marion O. Ballard (MR) for Leon S. Moore, afternoon session, May 3.

Leon S. Moore (M) resumes seat next session.

William L. D. Lyght (MR) for Noah W. Moore, Jr., night session, May 3.

Noah W. Moore, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.

5. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Millard C. Cleveland (MR) for Don A. Cooke, night session, May 2.

Don A. Cooke (M) resumes seat next session.

6. HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Mrs. William S. DeBusk (LR) for Lynn Sheeley, morning session after Recess, April 26.

Lynn Sheeley (L) resumes seat night session, April 26.

J. Neal Ensminger (LR) for Earl Blazer, morning session after Recess, April 26.

Earl Blazer (L) resumes seat next session, April 26.

7. HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Elton F. Jones (MR) for Mack B. Stokes, morning session after Recess, May 3.

Mack B. Stokes (M) resumes seat next session, May 3.

8. KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Marvin P. McClure (MR) for Russell R. Patton, night session, May 1.

Russell R. Patton (M) resumes seat next session.

Edward L. Tullis (MR) for Warner P. Davis, morning session until Recess, May 2.

Warner P. Davis (M) resumes seat after Recess, morning session, May 2.

Edward L. Tullis (MR) for Homer L. Moore, night session, May 2.

Homer L. Moore (M) resumes seat next session.

Marvin P. McClure (MR) for Zach T. Henderson, night session, May 2.

Zach T. Henderson (M) resumes seat next session.

9. LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

George W. Pomeroy (MR) for Robert C. Carter, night session, May 2.

Robert C. Carter (M) resumes seat next session.

10. LOUISVILLE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Edge W. Gamble (MR) for W. Leroy Baker, night session, May 3.

W. Leroy Baker (M) resumes seat next session.

11. NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
R. Grady Dawson (MR) for W. Lemuel Clegg, night session, May 3.
W. Lemuel Clegg (M) resumes seat next session.
12. NORTH INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Lloyd G. Sapp (MR) for Byron F. Stroh, night session, May 3.
Byron F. Stroh (M) resumes seat next session.
13. NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Mrs. Henry D. Ebner (LR) for Mrs. George K. Marple, night session, May 3.
Mrs. George K. Marple (L) resumes seat next session.
14. NORTH MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Sam C. Stanley (LR) for Roy Black, morning session, April 27.
Roy Black (L) resumes seat next session.
Samuel E. Ashmore (MR) for George R. Williams, morning session, April 27.
George R. Williams (M) resumes seat next session.
15. NEWARK ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Gordon E. Michalson (MR) for Harold N. Smith, morning session, May 3.
Harold N. Smith (M) resumes seat next session.
16. NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Alfred H. Freeman (MR) for W. Harrison Baker, night session, May 2.
W. Harrison Baker (M) resumes seat next session.
T. Herbert Minga (MR) for W. Harrison Baker, morning session, May 3 and remainder of Conference.
17. NORTH-EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Paul O. Mayer (MR) for Clarence H. LaRue, all sessions, May 3.
Clarence H. LaRue resumes seat next session.
18. OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Mrs. Richard H. Bauer (LR) for William Judd, May 3, remainder of Conference.

19. OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)
Jack S. Wilkes (MR) for W. McFerrin Stowe, night session, May 2.
W. McFerrin Stowe (M) resumes seat next session.
Nuell C. Crain (MR) for W. McFerrin Stowe, morning session, May 3.
W. McFerrin Stowe (M) resumes seat next session.
Carl S. McFall (LR) for B. Clyde Clark, afternoon and night sessions, May 3.
B. Clyde Clark (L) resumes seat next session.
Ira E. Williams (MR) for LeRoy Massengale, night session, May 2.
LeRoy Massengale (M) resumes seat next session.
20. PENINSULA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
J. Leas Green (MR) for Ola A. Bartley, night session, May 3.
Ola A. Bartley (M) resumes seat next session.
21. ROCK RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Mrs. T. Otto Nall (LR) for Mrs. Henry V. Loeppert, afternoon and night sessions, May 4.
Mrs. Henry V. Loppert (L) resumes seat next session.
A. C. Nesmith (MR) for Harold A. Bosley, afternoon session, May 4.
Harold A. Bosley (M) resumes seat next session.
22. SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
J. Claude Evans (MR) for R. Wright Spears, afternoon session, May 3.
R. Wright Spears (M) resumes seat next session.
23. SOUTH DAKOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Fred C. Hubbard (LR) for John Moshure, night session, May 2.
John Moshure (L) resumes seat next session.
24. SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
A. M. "Phil" Anderson (LR) for Walter A. Blasingame, night session, May 2.
Walter A. Blasingame (L) resumes seat next session.
Charles A. Jackson, Jr. (MR) for Leonard H. Cochran, afternoon session, May 3.
Leonard H. Cochran (M) resumes seat next session.

25. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE (W)

Stanley S. McKee (MR) for Everett W. Palmer,
night session, May 2.

Everett W. Palmer (M) resumes seat next session.

Hubert E. Orton (LR) for Verne Orr, Sr., night ses-
sion, May 1.

Verne Orr, Sr. (L) resumes seat next session.

26. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE
(SC)

Ross A. Fulton (MR) for Clinton B. Galatas, night
session, May 2.

Clinton B. Galatas (M) resumes seat next session.

27. TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Edwin M. Mathison (M) for Stanley Carter, morn-
ing session, May 3.

Stanley Carter (M) resumes seat next session.

28. WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Frank L. Williams (MR) for Levi B. Miller, Jr.,
morning session, May 3.

Levi B. Miller, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.

John B. A. Dyson (MR) for Kelly L. Jackson, morn-
ing session, May 3.

Kelly L. Jackson (M) resumes seat next session.

29. WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

L. E. Crowson (MR) for Leonard Riggleman, all
sessions, May 3.

Leonard Riggleman (M) resumes seat next session.

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JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO 9. CREDENTIALS

Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, page 786

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Charles H. Hildreth (MR) for Thomas S. Harris,
morning session, May 4.

Thomas S. Harris (M) resumes seat next session.

2. COLORADO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)
Henry H. Baker (MR) for Lowell B. Swan, morning session, May 4.
Lowell B. Swan (M) resumes seat next session.
3. DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)
Dennis R. Fletcher (MR) for Noah W. Moore, Jr., afternoon and night sessions, May 4.
Noah W. Moore, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.
4. ERIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)
Albert Marriott (MR) for Bruce L. Middaugh, afternoon session, May 4.
Bruce L. Middaugh (M) resumes seat next session.
5. ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)
Mrs. Earl G. Hartenbower (LR) for Charles B. Shuman, all sessions, May 4.
Charles B. Shuman (L) resumes seat next session.
6. KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Edward L. Tullis (MR) for Homer L. Moore, afternoon session, May 3.
Homer L. Moore (M) resumes seat next session.
Marvin P. McClure (MR) for Russell R. Patton, afternoon and night sessions, May 3.
Russell R. Patton (M) resumes seat next session.
Marvin P. McClure (MR) for Homer L. Moore, morning session, Recess until noon, May 3.
Homer L. Moore (M) resumes seat next session.
Edward L. Tullis (MR) for Zach T. Johnson, morning session, Recess until noon, May 3.
Zach T. Johnson (M) resumes seat next session.
Marvin P. McClure (MR) for Russell R. Patton, morning session, May 4.
Russell R. Patton (M) resumes seat next session.
7. LOUISVILLE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)
Ted Hightower (MR) for James W. Averitt, afternoon and night sessions, May 2.
Ted Hightower (MR) for James W. Averitt, morning session, May 3.
James W. Averitt (M) resumes seat next session.

8. NEBRASKA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Mrs. Wayne Harrington (LR) for Niles H. Barnard, morning session, May 4.

Niles H. Barnard (L) resumes seat next session.

Mrs. Charles W. Mead (LR) for Mrs. W. Max Gentry, morning session, May 4.

Mrs. W. Max Gentry (L) resumes seat next session.

Everett E. Jackman (MR) for Laurence R. Davis, morning session, May 4.

Laurence R. Davis (M) resumes seat next session.

Frank A. Court (MR) for Laurence R. Davis, afternoon session, May 4.

Laurence R. Davis (M) resumes seat next session.

9. NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Mrs. Henry D. Ebner (LR) for Elmer E. Mathews, afternoon session, May 4.

Elmer E. Mathews (L) resumes seat next session.

10. NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Edwin W. Parker (MR) for Raymon L. Willingham, night session, May 3.

Raymon L. Willingham (M) resumes seat next session.

11. NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Otis E. Kirby (MR) for R. Laurence Dill, Jr., night session, May 3.

R. Laurence Dill, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.

Otis E. Kirby (MR) for Lorenzo D. Tyson, morning session, May 4.

Lorenzo D. Tyson (M) resumes seat next session.

Paul S. Haley (LR) for Ben L. Ingram, night session, May 2.

Ben L. Ingram (L) resumes seat next session.

Calvin M. Pinkard (M) has left the Conference, May 3.

12. OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Carl S. McFall (LR) for William H. Wilcox, remainder of Conference, May 4.

13. PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Paul W. Poley (MR) for W. Vernon Middleton, afternoon session, May 4.

W. Vernon Middleton (M) resumes seat next session.

Leon T. Moore (MR) for Frederick E. Maser, morning session, May 5, for presentation of Report of Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, and the resulting debate.

Frederick E. Maser (M) resumes seat next session.

14. PITTSBURGH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Robert C. Howe (MR) for W. Ralph Ward, afternoon and night sessions, May 3.

W. Ralph Ward (M) resumes seat next session.

15. SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Charles A. Jackson, Jr. (MR) for Frederick Wilson, afternoon session, May 4.

Frederick Wilson (M) resumes seat next session.

A. M. "Phil" Anderson (LR) for Walter A. Blasingame, morning session, May 4.

Walter A. Blasingame (L) resumes seat next session.

16. SOUTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Alvin Harrell (L) has left seat of the Conference.

17. WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

J. Emory Temple (LR) for Ralph W. Conway, May 2, for remainder of Conference.

(Signed) ELMER E. MATHEWS (*), *Chairman*
JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 10. CREDENTIALS

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 882.

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

1. ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Edward L. Hardin (MR) for Thomas S. Harris, May 5, remainder of Conference.

Lee Roy Ussery (L), May 5, has left seat of Conference.

2. ERIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Fred E. Murdock (LR) for Mrs. J. F. Rentz, night session, May 4.

Mrs. J. F. Rentz (L) resumes seat next session.

Albert Marriott (MR) for Bruce L. Middaugh, after-session, May 4.

Bruce L. Middaugh (M) resumes seat next session.

James M. McIntosh (M) resumes seat next session.

Albert Marriott (MR) for Bruce L. Middaugh, after noon session, May 5.

Bruce L. Middaugh (M) resumes seat next session.

3. FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Joseph H. Tolle (MR) for Don A. Cooke, morning session, May 5.

Don A. Cooke (M) resumes seat next session.

4. ILLINOIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

Mrs. Earl G. Hartenbower (LR) for Charles B. Shuman, remainder of Conference, May 4.

5. MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Clyde A. Cromwell (L) May 4, left seat of Conference.

6. NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Peter J. White, Sr. (LR) for George M. Northrop, evening session, May 4.

George M. Northrop (L) resume seat next session.

Peter J. White, Sr. (LR) for Chester A. Smith, evening session, May 5.

Chester A. Smith (L) resumes seat next session.

Peter J. White, Sr. (LR) for Paul R. Russell, evening session, May 6, and Monday, May 7.

7. NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Otis E. Kirby (MR) for W. Nelson Guthrie, morning session, May 5.

W. Nelson Guthrie (M) resumes seat next session.

8. NORTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

J. Howard Crawford (MR) for Elmer D. Landreth, morning session, April 27.

Elmer D. Landreth (M) resumes seat next session.

9. OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Nuell P. Crain (MR) for Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr., May 5, remainder of Conference session.

10. PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

M. M. Finkbeiner (MR) for J. Henry Ernst, night session, May 5.

J. Henry Ernst (M) resumes seat next session.

11. PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NE)

Paul W. Poley (MR) for W. Vernon Middleton, May 7, for remainder of Conference sessions.

12. PHILIPPINES ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OS)

Amado Castro (LR) for Gerrado Samson, all sessions, May 5.

Gerrado Samson (L) resumes seat next session.

13. ROCK RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NC)

Henry V. Loeppert (LR) for George B. McKibben, May 6, for remainder of Conference sessions.

Wesley C. Israel (MR) for Ray Bond, May 7, morning session until Recess, May 7.

Ray Bond (L) resumes seat after recess.

14. SAINT LOUIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Herman H. Luetzow (MR) for Frank C. Tucker, morning and afternoon sessions, May 5.

Frank C. Tucker (M) resumes seat next session.

15. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Hubert E. Orton (LR) for Joe M. Young, night session, May 4.

Joe M. Young (M) resumes seat next session.

16. SOUTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SC)

Richard K. Heacock (MR) for Donald E. Redmond, May 5, for remainder of Conference sessions.

17. TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman (LR) for N. Craig Beasley, afternoon session, May 5.

N. Craig Beasley (L) resumes seat next session.

18. VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Mrs. Roscoe M. White (LR) for William G. Saunders, May 5, for remainder of Conference sessions.

Jesse A. Engle (MR) for Harold H. Hughes, morning session, May 5.

Harold H. Hughes (M) resumes seat next session.

19. WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE (C)

Frank L. Williams (MR) for Kelly L. Jackson, morning session, May 5.

Kelly L. Jackson (M) resumes seat next session.

Mrs. Mary K. Martin (LR) for Garrett D. Rawlings, morning session, May 5.

Garrett D. Rawlings (L) resumes seat next session.

John B. A. Dyson (MR) for Levi B. Miller, Jr., afternoon session, May 5.

Levi B. Miller, Jr. (M) resumes seat next session.

20. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SE)

Paul R. Erwin (L) has left seat of Conference, May 5.

Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (L) has left seat of Conference, May 5.

21. WYOMING STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (W)

Mrs. Ruth (Clarke) Gapen (LR) for John K. Strange, for entire Conference.

(Signed) ELMER E. MATHEWS (*), *Chairman*
JOHN V. MADISON, *Vice-Chairman*
IRA B. LOUD, *Secretary*

5. FRATERNAL DELEGATES

Chairman: Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio—NC).

Vice-Chairman: Leland Clegg (Oklahoma—SC).

Secretary: Charles F. Golden (Lexington—C).

Fraternal Delegates. There shall be a Committee of seven whose function it shall be to extend the courtesies of the Conference to the Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors and present them to The General Conference at its pleasure. The terms "Fraternal Delegates" and "Official Visitors" shall be interpreted to include only persons who have been duly elected by the Christian Communions of which they are respectively members to represent the same before The General Conference, and who present the appropriate Credentials of such elections. (The Committee on General Conference Entertainment shall arrange for the local entertainment of Fraternal Delegates.)

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (6), page 165, Journal. Editor)

Committee Personnel

Carrazana, Humberto (Cuba—SE)

Clegg, Leland (Oklahoma—SC)

Golden, Charles F. (Lexington—C)

Olson, Oscar Thomas (North-East Ohio—NC)

Orr, Verne, Sr. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Parlin, Charles C. (*) (Newark—NE)

Shungu, John Wesley (Central Congo—OS)

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6. GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM

Chairman: J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W).

Vice-Chairman: William M. Robinson (North Mississippi—SE)

Secretary: Aubrey S. Moore (Rock River—NC) (A) (Died December 12, 1955; Miss Blanche Rutledge (*) (A) (Rock River), Secretary to Dr. Moore, carried on the work of Secretary, at the request of the Commission on Entertainment.)

There shall be a Commission on Entertainment and Program of The General Conference composed of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction who shall be nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference. The Secretary of The General Conference and the Treasurer of the General Administration Fund shall also be members *ex officio*, but without vote. This Commission shall determine the place and time (within such limits as may be set up by The General Conference) of the next General Conference and shall make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith including arrangements for the publication of a Book of Quadrennial Reports of the General Boards and other General Agencies of the Church, the same to be published by The Methodist Publishing House.

The Council of Bishops shall designate one of their number to convene and organize the Commission within eighteen months following the adjournment of The General Conference. The Commission shall arrange for the local entertainment of Fraternal Delegates for the reasonable period of time required for their presentation to The General Conference.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, Journal page 163, Section V. Editor)

Committee Personnel

Northeastern Jurisdiction:—

William H. Alderson (New York East)

Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia)

Southeastern Jurisdiction:—

William L. Robinson (North Mississippi)

William N. Banks (*) (North Georgia)

Central Jurisdiction:—

Robert G. Morris (Lexington)

Mrs. Jennie M. Crump (*) (Mississippi)

North Central Jurisdiction:—

Aubrey S. Moore (Rock River) (A)

Earl Elijah (*) (North Iowa)

South Central Jurisdiction:—

Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma)

Robert B. Brooks (*) (Saint Louis)

Western Jurisdiction:—

John R. Kenney (California-Nevada)

J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona)

Ex Officio:—Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE) Secretary General Conference.

Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois—NC) Treasurer General Conference

**REPORT NO. 1. ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM
AMENDED Wednesday, April 25, 1956. See Journal
page 270.**

Adopted April 25, 1956. See Journal, page 270

M, 14; P, 12; F, 12; A, 0; N, 0

The Commission on Entertainment for The General Conference of The Methodist Church, 1956 session, presents the following Report for your consideration and action.

1. Pursuant to the authority given it by the 1952 session of The General Conference, the Commission proceeded in due time and form to select the city of Minneapolis in which the 1956 session of said Conference would be held, and through proper contracts with the Minnesota 1956 General Conference Corporation it has designated the seat of The Conference to be the Minneapolis Municipal Auditorium, and recommends that its action in this respect be approved.

2. The Commission has allocated the seats in the Municipal Auditorium by lot among the several Conferences of said Methodist Church and recommends that the seating plan as published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of this date, April 25, 1956, be approved as the official seating plan of The Conference, subject, however, to such minor changes as may be found necessary; and your Commission requests that it be authorized to make from time to time such changes and adjustments as are found necessary.

Paragraph 501, Sec. 2 of the 1952 *Discipline* provides "General or Executive Secretaries of the General Boards of the Church who are not elected members of The General Conference shall have the privilege of the floor on matters affecting the interests of their Boards, but without vote, and at the expense of their respective Boards."

While we feel this provision needs clarification and we hope it will be clarified by the 1956 session of The General

Conference, we have in accordance with our understanding of the provisions and in harmony with the record of personnel in the 1952 *Discipline*, provided seats for **each General Secretary** of the following:

Board of Missions

Division of World Missions
Division of National Missions
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Joint Section of Education and Cultivation

Board of Education

Division of Education Institutions
Division of the Local Church
Editorial Division

Board of Temperance

Board of Lay Activities

Board of Hospitals and Homes

Board of Evangelism

Board of Pensions

Illinois Corporation
Missouri Corporation

Board of Social and Economic Relations

Board of World Peace

Association of Methodist Historical Societies

It is the feeling of the Commission on Entertainment that Paragraph 501, Sec. 2 in using the words "General Boards" intended to include all of the Administrative Agencies mentioned in Part VII of the *Discipline* and we have therefore provided seats also for the Executives of the following:

Methodist Publishing House

Commission on Promotion and Cultivation

Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief

Commission on Ministerial Training

Commission on Deaconess Work

Commission on Public Information

Commission on Chaplains

Council on World Service and Finance

Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations

Radio and Film Commission

3. As required by Paragraph V of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the 1956 General Conference our Commission arranged with The Methodist Publishing House

for the publication of a Book of Quadrennial Reports of the General Boards and other General Agencies of the Church. Mr. Lovick Pierce, Publishing Agent, nominated Dr. Fred D. Stone to edit the Quadrennial Reports and the Commission readily elected him, with great appreciation for his willingness to continue this service which he has so ably discharged in the past.

4. In co-operation with the Local Committee, the Commission has suggested meeting places for the Standing Legislative Committees of The Conference in rooms located in the Municipal Auditorium and in churches near the Auditorium. The correct list of said meeting places is published in the Handbook and we recommend that the list be approved.

5. The Commission has provided offices for the General Officers of The Conference and a place of meeting for The Judicial Council in various rooms of said Municipal Auditorium, a correct list of which is published in the Handbook and we request approval of our action in this respect.

6. Your Commission recommends that the Area of the Conference be fixed to include that portion of the floor of the Municipal Auditorium which has been assigned for the seating of the Delegates to said General Conference and authorized representatives of the various Boards and Commissions of the Church, including the platforms, as shown on the printed diagram of said floor as it appears in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of Wednesday, April 25, 1956.

7. We have provided press tables in front of the platform and we recommend that the representatives of the press as designated from time to time by this Commission be given seats at these tables.

8. Your Commission recommends that the members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church be seated upon the platform during all business sessions of the Conference.

9. Your Commission recommends that public offerings be taken at each of the evening programs and that all offerings except the following shall go toward the expenses of The Conference. The exceptions and the purpose for which they are to be taken are recommended as follows:

1. Communion service offering to go to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.
2. Offering on April 28 to be taken for the expenses of the Minneapolis Committee.

3. Offering on May 6 to be made available as an honorarium for the ushers and pages.

10. Your Commission recommends that none of the evening Addresses, other than The Episcopal address, shall be printed in The General Conference Journal.

11. Arrangements have been worked out through the Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church to have a tape recording made of all Conference and evening sessions, and it is recommended that the Commission on Entertainment be authorized to designate a Subcommittee which shall be empowered to determine what portions of said recordings shall be released and under what conditions. It is further recommended that no tape recordings other than the above be permitted.

12. Your Commission recommends that Fraternal Delegates and distinguished guests be seated on the platform from time to time as occasion requires.

13. In order to provide for the convenience of certain persons who will not be present during the entire session of The General Conference but who have been invited to be present as a matter of privilege for The Conference, certain special Orders of the Day have been arranged by the Sub-Committee on Program and are recommended by your Commission as follows:

Presentation of Fraternal Delegates—April 27th, 10:45 a.m.

Presentation of the Chaplains—April 26th, 10:45 a.m.

India Centennial Presentation—May 1st, 10:45 a.m.

14. Your Commission recommends that The General Conference vote a per diem of \$11.00 to each Delegate for the days he, or she, is in attendance upon the sessions of The General Conference. We further recommend that The General Conference approve the allowance of expenses of each authorized Fraternal Delegate for a period not to exceed three days.

15. We recommend that when The Council of Bishops makes its nominations of members to serve on the Commission on Entertainment for The General Conference of 1960, they appoint one of the Bishops to convene the Commission for organization within eighteen months.

16. We recommend that the date and place of the 1960 General Conference be fixed by the Commission on Entertainment in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

17. Two valuable members of our Commission were taken

by death during the quadrennium. Mr. Howard Selby, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Program for the 1952 General Conference died August 30, 1953. Dr. Aubrey Moore, Secretary of all the Commissions since Unification died December 12, 1955. We request The General Conference through its Secretary to advise the widows of these two honored members of our love and affection.

18. The General Conference will have an opportunity during its session in Minneapolis to have presented to it certain persons to whom it is deeply indebted for the arrangements which have been made for its comfort and enjoyment. We as a Commission wish to record in this Report our gratitude for the tireless efforts on the part of the Minnesota General Conference Corporation and all of its committees to the end that the 1956 session of The General Conference shall be a significant one in the life and history of our Church.

COMMISSION ON ENTERTAINMENT
J. WESLEY HOLE,* *Chairman*

REPORT NO. 2. ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM

Adopted Saturday, May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 787

M, 14; P, 12; F, 12; A, 0; N, 0

The following matters have been brought to the attention of the Commission on Entertainment and Program. These proposals have been reviewed and are recommended to The Conference for adoption:

I. Organization of Boards, Etc.

"In order to facilitate the organization of new Boards and Agencies after the sessions of the Jurisdictional Conferences, and in order to make the legal status of their new membership clear;

"Therefore Be It Resolved, First: That the Secretary of The General Conference is hereby directed to secure from the Secretaries of the various Jurisdictional Conferences certified lists of the names and addresses of those whom the Jurisdictional Conferences have elected to the various General Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church, and to send these lists to the Bishops designated as Convenors; and

"Second: That the Bishops named as Convenors are hereby authorized to issue the official call to these persons for the purpose of organizing the various Boards and Agencies. In this organization meeting, the Certified Lists from the Secretary of The General Conference will be regarded as

the Credentials of those whom the various Jurisdictional Conferences have elected."

II. Authority for Council of Bishops

"The Council of Bishops is hereby authorized to make any and all Appointments and Nominations committed to them, which have not previously been made during this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, as soon as possible after the final adjournment of this General Conference.

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in case of any oversight in which The Council of Bishops is to nominate and The General Conference elect, the nomination of The Council of Bishops shall be regarded as the equivalent of election by The General Conference."

III. Editing and Publication General Conference Journal

"Be It Resolved, That the Secretary of The General Conference be authorized to edit the Journal of The General Conference for publication; that he be authorized to make such verbal changes in the phraseology of the Journal as may be necessary to correctness and uniformity, but not so as to change the meaning of any action of The General Conference; and the published copy, properly certified by him be the Official Journal of this General Conference.

"Be It Further Resolved, That The Publisher of The Methodist Church be authorized to publish the Journal of The General Conference, and to send a copy to each Delegate of The General Conference, to each Bishop, to each member of The Judicial Council, and to each approved College, Seminary, and Theological School of The Methodist Church; the expense for publication and distribution to be charged to The General Conference Expense Fund."

IV. Publication Decisions of Judicial Council

The Secretary of The General Conference is directed to include in the Appendix of the Journal of the 1956 General Conference the complete text of all Decisions of The Judicial Council rendered during the period from the adjournment of the 1952 General Conference to the adjournment of the 1956 General Conference, and a Cumulative Index to all Decisions rendered since Unification.

The General Conference of 1956 recommends to its successor General Conferences that they continue the quadrennial publication of The Judicial Council Decisions in each succeeding General Conference Journal.

Bring Paragraph 918 of the 1952 *Discipline*, The Methodist Church up to date by substituting for the second Paragraph the following:

"The Decisions of the Judicial Council rendered during each year shall be published in the General Minutes of The Methodist Church."

V. Editing and Publishing the *Discipline*

The Book Editor, the Secretary of The General Conference, and the Executive Officer of The Methodist Publishing House are charged with editing the *Discipline*. The Editors in the exercise of their judgment shall have authority to make such changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance.

They are requested to call attention by footnotes throughout the *Discipline* to those Paragraphs affected by Decisions of The Judicial Council, and to include in the Appendix of the *Discipline* the Digests of all Decisions rendered up to the adjournment of The General Conference. They are directed to prepare the *Discipline* for publication as soon as possible after adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conferences, and to include therein a Directory so far as information is available at the time of going to press. This Directory shall include the Bishops and the Membership of the Boards and Agencies listed in the Directory of the 1952 *Discipline*, plus any new Agencies established by The General Conference.

VI. Secretary's Budget

We recommend that the Secretary of The General Conference be requested to submit annually to the Council on World Service and Finance a proposed Budget of the expenses of his office and that the control of said Budget be delegated to the Council on World Service and Finance.

VII. Honorarium for Secretary

We recommend that The Conference authorize the payment of an honorarium in the amount of \$1,000 to Lud Estes, Secretary, and that after Jan. 2, 1957 an additional honorarium of \$200 be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WESLEY HOLE,* *Chairman*
Commission on Entertainment
and Program.

7. JOURNAL

Chairman: George B. Ahn (*) (Central New York—NE)
 Secretary: R. Merrill Powers (Rock River—NC)

Journal. There shall be a Committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary, comparing it with the stenographic record, and report its findings to The Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to The Conference for corrections.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (7), Journal page 166
 Editor)

Committee Personnel

Ahn, George B. (*) (Central New York—NE)
 Carter, George W., Jr. (Louisiana—C)
 Dodgen, Ethan W. (North Arkansas—SC)
 Graham, Nathan R. (*) (Florida—C)
 Paul, Edwin R. (Madhya Pradesh—OS)
 Peterson, Ernest W. (*) (Oregon—W)
 Powers, R. Merrill (Rock River)

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8. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Chairman: A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana—NC)

Vice-Chairman: Harold S. Swales (Central New York—NE)

Secretary: John W. Curry (South Carolina—C)

Rules. There shall be a Committee of seven on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The Secretary of The Conference shall be an *ex-officio* member and one of the seven. To this Committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. To it may be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of The General Conference.

The Committee shall study the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and, after making such modifications and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to The General Conference for its consideration and final action, the same to be published in the Journal of The General Conference.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of The General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as published in the Journal of the preceding General Conference until they have been altered or modified by the action of The General Conference. (For this particular paragraph 3 of No. 10, Rules, see Par. 505, 1952 Discipline, of The Methodist Church.)

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, Journal page 167, (10) Editor)

Committee Personnel

Curry, John W. (South Carolina—C)

Haddock, Edward E. (*) (Virginia—SE)

Odell, Donald A. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Pugh, A. Wesley (North Indiana—NC)

Swales, Harold S. (Central New York—NE)

Tate, Willis M. (*) (North Texas—SC)

Ex Officio:—Estes, Lud H. (Memphis—SE, Secretary General Conference)

REPORT NO. 1. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Statement of A. Wesley Pugh, Chairman, Friday morning, April 27, 1956, Journal, page 308.

REPORT NO. 2. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

Adopted April 28, 1956. See Journal, page 356.

M. 7; P. 6; F. 6; A. 0; N. 0

Amend the Rules of Order, Page 197 of Handbook "Legislative Committees."

Insert in line 5 following the end of sentence:

"Provided however, Reports and proposals from the regular Councils and special Commissions of The General Conference may be made directly to The Conference."

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*
JOHN W. CURRY, *Secretary*

REPORT NO 3. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

AMENDED: See Journal, pages 978, 981, 991, 992

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 978-992

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

Your Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order following the Order of The General Conference presents for the consideration of The General Conference the following:

A. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

I. Opening Session and Organization

The General Conference shall assemble at 10 A.M., on the day fixed and at the place determined upon in accordance with the action taken by the preceding General Conference. The Holy Communion shall be celebrated by The Conference, The Council of Bishops being in charge; after which The Conference shall be called to order by the Bishop designated, as provided in Paragraph 8, Item 11, of the 1952 *Discipline*.

The following order of business shall be observed.

A. *Roll Call*. The Roll shall be called by the Secretary of the preceding General Conference in the following manner:

1. There shall be called the names of the Bishops who have died since the adjournment of the preceding General Conference, and likewise the names of Delegates-elect who have died.

2. The record of attendance shall be made in writing to the Secretary of The General Conference by

- a. The Secretary of The Council of Bishops for the Bishops, and

- b. The Chairman of each Delegation for its membership. The Chairman shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members, noting absentees and substitutions, which Reports shall be tabulated by the Secretary and published in *The Daily Advocate*. Any Reserve seated in the place of a Regular Delegate shall have

been duly elected as a Reserve Delegate by his Annual Conference, and shall meet the requirements set forth in the *Discipline*, Paragraphs 21-25. Delegates, including Reserves, when the latter are substituted for a Delegate or Delegates, shall be seated in the order of their election, except when a Reserve is seated temporarily, in which case he shall occupy the seat of the Delegate for whom he is substituted. All Delegates arriving after the opening Roll Call shall be reported by the Chairman of the Delegation to the Committee on Credentials, in order to be properly enrolled.

3. A majority of the whole number of Delegates to The General Conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (Paragraph 503, 1952 *Discipline*.)

B. *Election of Secretary.* If a quorum be present, the Conference shall elect from the Ministry or Lay Membership of The Methodist Church, on nomination from the floor, a Secretary, which election shall be by ballot if there be two or more nominees. (See Section IV.)

Should the Secretary not be a Delegate, he shall have the privilege of the floor, but without vote.

C. *Committee Nominations and Elections.* The Council of Bishops shall present nominations for the Standing Administrative Committees, and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to it, for election by The General Conference.

D. *Miscellaneous Business.*

E. *Adjournment.*

II. Episcopal Address

There shall be a session of The General Conference held at 8:00 P.M., on the opening day, for the purpose of hearing the Quadrennial Address of The Council of Bishops.

III. Presiding Officers

The Presiding Officers for the several sessions of The Conference, the opening session excepted (See Sec. I), shall be chosen from among the effective Bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by The Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction, and one Minister and one Layman from among the Delegates representing the Annual Conference outside the United States. The Committee thus constituted shall select the Presiding Officer for each session of The Conference, notifying the Bishop of his selection at least

24 hours in advance, and in each instance report its selection to The Conference prior to adjournment of the session immediately preceding.

IV. Secretarial Staff

1. The Secretary of The General Conference elected as hereinbefore provided shall serve until the next General Conference is organized and a successor elected.

2. The Conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the Secretary, such Assistant Secretaries from the Ministry or Lay Membership of The Methodist Church, as it may deem wise.

3. If in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of The General Conference the office of Secretary shall for any reason be vacated, The Council of Bishops shall elect a successor to serve until the next session.

V. Entertainment and Program

There shall be a Commission on Entertainment and Program of The General Conference composed of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction who shall be nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference. The Secretary of The General Conference and the Treasurer of the General Administration Fund shall also be members *ex officio*, but without vote. This Commission shall determine the place and time (within such limits as may be set up by The General Conference) of the next General Conference and shall make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith including arrangements for the publication of a Book of Quadrennial Reports of the General Boards and other General Agencies of the Church, the same to be published by The Methodist Publishing House.

The Council of Bishops shall designate one of their number to convene and organize the Commission within eighteen months following the adjournment of The General Conference. The Commission shall arrange for the local entertainment of Fraternal Delegates for the reasonable period of time required for their presentation to The General Conference.

VI. Committees

The General Conference shall have the Standing Committees hereinafter indicated with such functions, responsibilities, and limitations respectively as are hereinafter prescribed, and such Special Committees as it may order.

1. *Standing Administrative Committees*

(1) *Committee of Chairmen.* The Chairmen of the several Standing Legislative Committees, the Chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, and the Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program shall be constituted a Committee whose function it shall be to arrange for the presentation of Committee Reports to The Conference in such order as to expedite the business. **To this Committee shall be referred all requests for special Orders of the Day except those requested in the Report of the Commission on Entertainment and Program of The General Conference on the first day of The Conference Session.**

(2) *Correlation and Editorial Revision.* There shall be a Committee of three known as the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. This Committee shall be composed of three persons not members of The General Conference, appointed by The Council of Bishops. They shall be entitled to travel expense and *per diem* allowance, the same as the Delegates. The functions of this Committee shall be:

(a) To review all legislation enacted by The General Conference and to report promptly to the Standing Legislative Committees concerned, or to The General Conference as the situation may warrant, any and all contradictions, duplications and inconsistencies discovered therein.

(b) To report to the Chairmen of the several Standing Legislative Committees all changes it has made in the language of the Reports adopted by The General Conference.

(3) *Courtesies and Privileges.* There shall be a Committee of fourteen, composed of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction and one Minister and one Layman from among the Delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

a. To consider, as presented to it by members of The Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege, to decide whether they are such or not, and if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the Conference that they be heard.

(NOTE: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this Committee may be presented immediately to The Conference as provided in Rule 9.)

b. To prepare with due regard for brevity, and present to The Conference for its action, such complimentary Resolutions as occasion may demand.

c. To arrange for extending courtesies of The Conference to any to whom they may be due, Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors excepted.

d. To arrange for a Memorial Service, at some time agreeable to The Conference, for deceased Delegates-elect, for Bishops and General Officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the last preceding General Conference.

e. To limit its Report, including the statement of the Chairman and the hearing of such persons as may be presented, to a maximum of twenty minutes in any one business session. No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a two-thirds vote of The Conference.

f. To prepare and publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate* contemporaneously with the list of the nominees for election to The Judicial Council, biographical sketches not to exceed 100 words in length for each nominee.

(4) *Credentials*. There shall be a Committee of seven on Credentials. To this Committee the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference Delegations shall report, on a form provided for that purpose, the names of absent Delegates and of available Reserve Delegates to be substituted for said absentees. This Committee shall in turn report all such cases of absence to The Conference with recommendations as to the seating of Reserves if such are available. No Reserve Delegates shall be seated except by action of The Conference and after a Report has been made upon the case by this Committee, *provided*, the Reserve Delegates reported by the Chairmen of the respective Annual Conference Delegations as substituted for absentees at the opening session shall be seated tentatively without the action of this Committee; *provided*, further, that such substitutions shall be reported to this Committee for review and report to The General Conference for its action.

All changes in the personnel of the seated Delegates of the Annual Conference Delegations shall be reported to this Committee on blanks provided by the Secretary of The Conference. *Per diem* allowances shall be paid on the basis of the Report of this Committee.

(5) *Fraternal Delegates*. There shall be a Committee of seven on Fraternal Delegates to be appointed by The Council of Bishops from the regularly elected Delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of The Council of Bishops immediately preceding The General Conference. The Council of Bishops shall designate a temporary Chair-

man of the Committee who shall call the Committee to meet at the seat of The General Conference at least one full day prior to the opening of The Conference. To this Committee shall be referred all communications, Credentials, and information in the hands of the Secretary or The Council of Bishops relating to Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors.

The function of the Committee shall be to extend the courtesies of The Conference to the Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors and present them to The General Conference. The terms "Fraternal Delegates" and "Official Visitors" shall be interpreted to include only persons who have been duly elected by the Christian Communions of which they are respectively members, to represent the same before The General Conference and who present the appropriate Credentials of such elections.

Insofar as possible the Committee shall plan the presentation of such Fraternal Delegates and Official Visitors during the first two days of The General Conference.

(6) *Journal*. There shall be a Committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary comparing it with the stenographic record and report its findings to The Conference, recommending appropriate action. Any error subsequently discovered in a section of the Journal which has been approved shall be reported to The Conference for correction.

(7) *Presiding Officer*. See Section III.

(8) *Reference*. There shall be a Committee of Reference composed of one Ministerial and one Lay representative from each Jurisdiction, at least two of whom shall be lawyers and one Minister and one Layman from Conferences outside the United States, to be appointed by The Council of Bishops from the regularly elected Delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops, preceding the session of The General Conference. Said Committee shall meet with the Secretary of the previous General Conference at the seat of The Conference on the Monday preceding the opening of said Conference. This Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of The General Conference. After ascertaining that the Memorials, Resolutions and similar communications dealing with the regular business of The Conference meet the requirements herein specified, this Committee shall refer the same to the appropriate Standing Administrative or Legislative Committees. This Committee shall be responsible for such assignment of all Memorials, which may be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening session including the

Episcopal Address, the Book of Printed Quadrennial Reports, and all other communications which shall come into his hands after the convening of The General Conference. The third day of The Conference shall be fixed as the deadline for the introduction of Memorials and Petitions.

The Committee of Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a Committee, either upon a request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author, or authors, thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to The Conference if desired. The Committee shall publish as promptly as possible, in *The Daily Advocate*, lists of the communications it has referred to the several Standing Committees, identifying each by number, title, origin, and destination. No Memorial or Petition shall be assigned by the Committee of Reference to any General Conference Committee unless it comes from some Organization, Minister, or Member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

All Memorials should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject, **AND, SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, ONLY ONE CHAPTER IN THE DISCIPLINE.** Not more than one Memorial should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

(9) *Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.* There shall be a Committee of seven on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. The Secretary of The Conference shall be an *ex-officio* member and one of the seven. To this Committee shall be referred any proposed Amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. (See Rule 40.) To it may be referred any other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of The General Conference.

This Committee shall restudy the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and, after making such needed changes and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to The General Conference for consideration and final action, same to be published in the Journal of The General Conference.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of The General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as published in the Journal of the preceding General Conference, until they have been altered or modified by the action of The General Conference. (See Par. 505, 1952 *Discipline*, The Methodist Church.)

(10) *Sifting Committee.* There shall be a Committee of seven to whom shall be referred, without motion or debate, all questions, proposals, Resolutions, communications, or other matters not included in the regular business of The General Conference, as set forth in this Plan of Organization. This Committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by The Conference. If matters of the nature above described shall be introduced in open Conference without having been approved by this Committee, the Presiding Officer shall, as soon as he shall have discovered the character of the same, refer all such matters to this Committee without reading, and the same shall not be publicized in *The Daily Advocate* unless and until they have been approved and presented to The Conference by the Sifting Committee; *provided*, however, that should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before The Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by twenty, or more, members of The Conference shall be presented to The Conference requesting consideration, unless a two-thirds vote of the members of The Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration, the matter shall be referred by the Sifting Committee to a Standing Committee of its choice.

(11) *Tellers.* There shall be a Committee of sixty, to act as Tellers for the purpose of reporting on count votes and ballots ordered by The General Conference. The Tellers shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have Reserve Tellers in such number as The Council of Bishops may deem proper.

2. Standing Legislative Committees

The General Conference shall have the following Standing Legislative Committees which shall consider all proposals looking toward new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the Church and report recommendations relating thereto to The Conference, *provided, however, Reports and proposals from the regular Councils and Special Commissions of The General Conference may be made directly to The Conference.* The term "legislative," however, as descriptive of the functions of those Committees, is not to be interpreted with absolute strictness, inasmuch as they may consider matters calculated to eventuate in the form of Advices, Resolutions, Appeals, etc., as well as in legislation.

(1) *Conferences.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to The General, Jurisdictional, Annual, Provisional Annual, District,

Quarterly, and Church Conferences and Missions; Official Boards and the Organization of the Local Church.

(2) *Education.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

(3) *Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating distinctly to Lay Activities and the Board of Lay Activities. To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Trustees, properties, church finance (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Committee.

(4) *Membership and Evangelism.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Church Membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to Evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

(5) *Ministry.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

(6) *Missions.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and Church Extension and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(7) *Pensions.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the support of Retired and Supernumerary Ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased Ministers, not including Bishops, and all matters relating to pensions of Lay Employees of Church Organizations, Board, Agencies or institutions.

(8) *Publishing Interests.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(9) *State of the Church.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to social service, labor relations, Sabbath observance, di-

voice, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other Committee. •

(10) *Temperance.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to temperance and prohibition of the liquor traffic and all matters relating to the Board of Temperance and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(11) *Hospitals and Homes.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board, and to all the eleemosynary work and responsibility of the Church not comprehended in the responsibility of any other Legislative Committee.

(12) *Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Inter-Denominational activities, relations, interest, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church, including the American Bible Society, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and the World Council of Churches.

(13) *Judicial Administration.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of Members and Ministers of The Methodist Church and relating to The Judicial Council and the Judicial procedure within the Church.

(14) *Ritual and Orders of Worship.* To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Ritual and Orders of Worship.

(15) *Enabling Acts and Legal Forms.* There shall be a Committee of seven charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting for adoption by The Conference such Enabling Acts and Legal Forms as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the Church.

3. Membership of Committees

(1) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan of Organization, or ordered by The General Conference, the membership of all Committees shall be constituted by election of the Conference, on nomination of The Council of Bishops. In making nominations The Council of Bishops shall main-

tain as nearly as practicable and advisable an equal ratio of representation between Ministerial and Lay Delegates on all Committees.

(2) Standing Legislative Committees numbered 10 to 14, inclusive (Temperance, Hospitals and Homes, Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities, Judicial Administration, and Ritual and Orders of Worship), shall each consist of two Ministers and two Laymen from each Jurisdiction, and one Minister and one Layman from the Delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States.

(3) Each Delegate shall serve as a member of one of the Legislative Committees numbered 1 to 9. Within the Delegation each member shall choose from the Legislative Committees 1 to 9 the Committee on which he shall serve, the choice being made in order of election. (See footnote*)

The Layman first elected shall be entitled to the first choice, the Minister first elected to the second choice, and thus the right of choice shall continue to alternate between Lay and Ministerial Delegates in the order of their election; *provided*, that two Members of a Delegation may not serve on any one of the above designated Standing Legislative Committees 1 to 9, unless the said Delegation is represented on each of them. All Delegations composed of ten or more Members shall assign all Members in excess of nine according to this same principle of distribution. (For example, a Conference with sixteen Delegates shall have two Members on each of any seven of these nine Committees, and one on each of the remaining two. Each Delegate may in the order of his turn to choose, select any one of these nine Committees, provided that the foregoing division of Delegates among the Committees is maintained.)

If a matter is under consideration in any Standing Legislative Committee which in the judgment of any Annual Conference Delegation vitally affects the interests of its constituency, and if the said Annual Conference is not represented in the Membership of said Committee, then the said Delegation may choose one of its number to represent its Annual Conference in the Committee when the matter judged to be vital to the interests of this constituency is under consideration. Such a person shall be entitled to sit with the Committee while this particular matter is being considered. He shall be entitled to the floor, subject to such limitations as are imposed on the regular Members of said Committee, but he shall not be entitled to vote.

(*) FOOTNOTE: The following action was taken by the 1940 General Conference: (See page 698, Journal 1940 General Conference.)

"Your Committee recommends that the first choice on Committees

should alternate from quadrennium to quadrennium between the Ministerial and Lay Delegates." In 1960 the Layman first elected will have first choice of the Standing Legislative Committees.

4. Meetings of Committees

(1) *For Organization.* The Standing Legislative Committees shall meet for organization on the afternoon of the first day of The General Conference sessions. Those numbered 10 to 15, inclusive, at 2:30 o'clock and those numbered 1 to 9, inclusive, at 3:30. A Bishop appointed by The Council of Bishops and an Assistant Secretary appointed by the Secretary of The General Conference shall serve, respectively, as Chairman and Secretary to effect an organization in each of the several Standing Committees.

- a. The first named on each of the other Committees shall act as Convenor, calling a meeting for organization at the earliest practicable date. The Secretary of The General Conference shall convene the Committee of Chairmen.
- b. The election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of each Standing Committee, both Administrative and Legislative shall be by ballot.
- c. The Assistant Secretary appointed for the organization of each Standing Legislative Committee shall report in writing to the Secretary of The Conference at the earliest possible date the Officers elected. In the case of all other Committees the Secretary elected shall make such report immediately to the Secretary of The Conference.

(2) *Regular Meetings.* The Standing Legislative Committees 1 to 9, inclusive, shall meet each week-day at 2:30 P.M., unless otherwise ordered by The Conference, until their work is completed, and at such other times as the Committees may themselves determine.

Standing Legislative Committees 10 to 15, inclusive, shall meet each week-day at 7:30 P.M., or such other times as they may themselves respectively determine until their work is completed.

(3) *Quorum for Committee Meetings.* A majority of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in all Committees.

5. Function and Authority of Committees

(1) The Standing Administrative Committees, without specific instruction or direction from The Conference, shall assume responsibility for considering and reporting to The

Conference upon all matters which would logically fall within their respective purviews, if it seems wise to do so, as these are indicated hereinbefore.

(2) The Standing Legislative Committees may not originate business, but shall consider and report only upon that which is referred to them directly by The Conference or through the Committee of Reference, the Sifting Committee, or the Committee of Chairmen. (See Rule 31.)

VII. Proposal Involving Expenditure of Unbudgeted Funds

When any proposal is submitted to The General Conference to establish an interim or continuing Board, Commission, or Committee, before final action is taken by The General Conference establishing such Board, Commission or Committee, said proposal shall be referred to the Council on World Service and Finance, or its Executive Committee, with the request that it bring to The General Conference an estimated Budget of the expense of operation of the proposed Board, Commission or Committee for the next quadrennium and a statement of how the adoption of such proposal will effect the Budget or Budgets for the existing Boards, Commissions or Committees as already presented by the Council on World Service and Finance.

When any proposal is submitted to The General Conference which involves the expenditure of funds not included in an established Budget, such proposal shall be referred for advice and recommendation to the Council on World Service and Finance before final action is taken by The General Conference.

VIII. Delegates' Expense Account

1. The Report of the Committee on Credentials shall be the basis for settlement with Principal and Reserve Delegates for their *per diem* allowance.

2. The total traveling expense shall be payable to the Principal Delegate if he be present and seated. If during the session of The Conference a Reserve Delegate is seated in his place, he shall adjust the travel expense with such Reserve on the basis of the time served by each.

3. Travel expense for Delegates to The Conference shall be on the basis of railroad fare by the most direct route (clergy fare for Ministers) lower berth or roomette (Pullman) and meals en route OR BY AIR COACH. OVERSEAS DELEGATES SHALL BE ALLOWED THE ROUND TRIP TOURIST FARE BY AIR OR EQUIVALENT ROUND TRIP CABIN-CLASS SHIP FARE. ADDITIONAL EX-

PENSE MAY BE ALLOWED SUCH DELEGATES FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE DAYS IN EITHER CASE. When two or more Delegates come in one automobile the owner shall be allowed 7 cents per mile for his car plus the cost of room and meals en route. Guest passengers who are members of The General Conference shall submit only the cost of room and meals en route. In all cases Delegates shall report only the actual cost of travel.

B. RULES OF ORDER

I. Daily Schedule

Rule 1. The following shall be the daily order for The General Conference, Sundays excepted:

- (1) 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.—Devotional Service under the direction of The Council of Bishops.
- (2) 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Conference business with recess for ten minutes at 10:30.
- (3) 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Committee Meetings.
- (4) 7:30 p.m.—**EVENING PROGRAMS OR** Committee Meetings.

Rule 2. After Devotional Service the daily sessions of The Conference shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) Report of Committee on Journal of the previous meeting or meetings.
- (2) Report of Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.
- (3) Reports of other Standing Administrative and Special Committees.
- (4) Calendar.
- (5) Miscellaneous business.

II. Presiding Officers

Rule 3. The Bishop presiding shall be the legal Chairman of The General Conference. He shall decide Points of Order raised by the members, and shall rule on Points of Order not raised by the members, as he deems necessary to conform to these Rules of Order; subject, in both cases, to an appeal to the Conference by any Member without debate; except that the Chairman and the Appellant, in the order here named, shall each have five minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A ties vote in the case of Appeal shall sustain the Chair. When any Member raises a Point of Order he shall cite, by number, the Rule he adjudges to have been violated.

Rule 4. When the Chairman stands in his place and calls The Conference to order, no member shall speak, address the Chair, or stand, while the Chairman stands.

III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 5. Attendance and Seating Reserves.

No Member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall absent himself from the sessions of The Conference without permission of The Conference, and all absentees shall be reported by the Chairman of the several Annual Conference Delegations to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose. No Reserve Delegate shall have the privilege of membership until the substitution has been approved by The Conference, except at the first session of The Conference, as provided in the Plan of Organization, Division I, Section A, Subsection 2b.

Rule 6. Directions for Securing the Floor.

When a Delegate desires to speak to The Conference, he shall arise at his designated seat, respectfully address the Presiding Officer, using the term, "Mr. Chairman," and after recognition, proceed to the speaker's platform, where, before speaking, he shall give the Chairman, in writing, his name and that of the Annual Conference which he represents; which, in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to The Conference.

If by reason of the intended brevity of his remarks he speaks from one of the microphones in the aisles of the assembly hall, he shall first announce his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents, which in turn, the Chairman shall then announce to The Conference.

Rule 7. Interrupting the Speaker.

No Member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or a misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of The Conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a Special Order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

Rule 8. Speaking More Than Once; Length of Speech.

No Member shall speak a second time on the same question if any Member who has not spoken desires the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than ten minutes unless his time shall be extended by The Conference, except as provided in Rule 37.

This ten-minute limit may be reduced by a majority vote of The Conference at any time, and for any period of duration.

Rule 9. Question of High Privilege.

A Member claiming the floor at any time for what he believes is a very urgent question of high privilege, shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, and if it be adjudged by the Chair to be such, he may proceed at his pleasure or until the Chairman judges that he has exhausted his privilege. (See Plan of Organization, Division VI, Section 1, Subsection 3a.)

Rule 10. Voting Area of Conference.

Only Delegates within the Area of The Conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All Delegates within the Area at the time a question is put, shall vote, except such as shall have been excused for special reasons by The Conference.

Rule 11. Voting Procedure.

Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by The Conference. An "aye" and "no" vote if taken, shall be by signed ballot. A Count Vote may be ordered on call of any Member supported by one-third of the Members present and voting, in which case the Delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted.

No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the Previous Question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the Report of the Secretaries on a count Vote, or an "aye" or "no" vote. The count shall be made by Members seated next to the aisles, who shall be designated by the Secretary of The General Conference, and whose names shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate*.

Rule 12. Division of Question.

Before a vote is taken any Delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as he indicates. If no Delegate objects, the division shall be made, but if there is objection the Chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

Rule 13. Vote by Orders.

The Ministerial and Lay Delegates shall deliberate as one

body; but upon a call, by motion of any Delegate, seconded by another Delegate of the same Order and supported by one-third of the members of that Order voting, the Ministerial and Lay Delegates shall vote separately. But when The Conference votes by Orders no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of Delegates. In cases of such a vote the Order calling for it shall vote first; *provided*, however, that The Conference may not vote by Orders on a proposed Amendment to the Constitution. (*Discipline*, Paragraph 10, Item 2.)

IV. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Rule 14. Motion for Adoption of Reports and Resolutions Unnecessary.

Whenever a Report of a Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof, or a Resolution signed by two or more Members of The Conference, shall be presented to The Conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by The Conference without the formality of a motion to adopt, and a second thereto.

Rule 15. Required Forms for Reports, Resolutions, Motions, Amendments.

All Resolutions and Committee Reports shall be presented in triplicate; and, when requested by the Secretary, motions, including amendments shall be presented in writing.

Rule 16. Reading of Reports and Resolutions.

All Resolutions, Committee Reports, and Communications to the Conference shall be read by the Secretary except as otherwise provided in Rule 34.

Rule 17. Alterations of Motions, Etc.

When a motion is made and seconded or a Resolution is introduced and seconded, or a Committee Report is read, or is published in *The Daily Advocate*, it shall be deemed to be in possession of The Conference, and may not be altered except by action of The Conference. (See Rule 33.)

Rule 18. Undebatable Motions.

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

- (1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn The Conference finally.
- (2) To suspend the rules.
- (3) To lay on the table, except as provided in Rule 37.

- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To call for the Previous Question.
- (6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- (7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (8) To call for the Orders of the Day.

Rule 19. Rights of "The Main Question."

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: to adopt, to commit, or refer, to substitute, to postpone, and to reconsider. No new motion, Resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of except as provided in Rule 11. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 20. Precedence of Secondary Motions.

If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below:

- (1) To fix the time to which The Conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take recess.
- (4) To order the Previous Question.
- (5) To lay on the table.
- (6) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
- (7) To postpone to a given time.
- (8) To commit or refer.
- (9) To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment).
- (10) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 21. Tabling Related Motions.

No motion which adheres to another motion, or has another motion adhering to it, can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere, or which adhere to them.

Rule 22. Referring Reports, Etc.

It shall be in order for The Conference to refer to a Committee a section or part of a Report or Resolution which is before The Conference for consideration, or any amendment offered thereto.

Rule 23. Procedure for Consideration of Substitutes.

When a Resolution or Committee Report is properly before The Conference for consideration and action even if amendments thereto are pending, a substitute therefore may be offered by any Member moving that the same be substituted for the Report or Resolution under consideration. The Conference shall then proceed first to perfect the original Report or Resolution including consideration and action upon any amendments which may be offered to it. The same perfecting process shall then be followed with respect to the substitute.

The question shall then be put first on the motion to substitute followed by motion to adopt the Report or Resolution, *provided*, however, that the motion for the Previous Question shall not be in order on the adoption of the Report or Recommendation or on making the proposed substitution until opportunity has been given for at least two Members to have spoken on each side of the question of substitution or adoption.

Rule 24. Previous Question (See Rules 18-5, 23, 25, 37).

When any member moves the Previous Question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending) he shall indicate to what he intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending. If he does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate, and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption, and if adopted the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate except as provided in Rule 37.

Rule 25. Unlawful Motion After Speech.

It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 26. Exceptions to Majority Vote.

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

- (1) One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a Count Vote in case the decision of the Chair is doubted. See Rule 11. A tie vote sustains the Chair, Rule 3.

- (2) A call for a Vote by Orders shall prevail if sustained by one-third of the members of the Order from which the call came, present and voting. (See Rule 13.)
- (3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (See Rule 39) or amend (See Rule 40) the Rules; to sustain a motion for the Previous Question (See Rule 24); to set aside a Special Order; to consider a Special Order before the time set therefor, or any motion whose adoption would limit debate; to sustain the request of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges for the presentation of any person after the sixth day of The General Conference; to sustain a petition against a Ruling of the Sifting Committee.
- (4) A two-thirds vote shall be required to approve a proposal for a Constitutional amendment. (See Paragraph 10, *Discipline*.)

Rule 27. Reconsideration.

A motion to reconsider an action of The Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a Member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

Rule. 28. Calendar Regular: Non-Concurrence.

The Secretary shall keep a chronological record of Orders of the Day and of Reports of Committees (See Rule 32) and this record shall be called the Calendar, and the matters of business placed on it shall be considered in order, unless by a two-thirds vote of The Conference an item is taken up out of its order.

Standing Legislative Committee Reports recommending Non-Concurrence shall be kept upon a separate Calendar to be taken up when the regular Calendar is exhausted, or at the pleasure of The Conference, except when a Minority presents a Report recommending concurrence, in which case both shall be included in the regular Calendar.

Rule 29. Motion to Adjourn in Order Except—

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except

- (1) When a Delegate has the floor.
- (2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.
- (3) When the Previous Question has been ordered and action thereunder is pending.

- (4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.
- (5) When the motion to fix the time to which The Conference shall adjourn is pending.

The foregoing does not apply to a motion to final adjournment of The Conference.

V. COMMITTEES

Rule 30. Rules of Order of Legislative Committee.

The Rules of Order of The General Conference shall be observed in meetings of Standing Legislative Committees insofar as they apply.

Rule 31. Duties and Prerogatives of Committees.

When a Memorial or Resolution or any similar item is referred to one of the several Standing Legislative Committees, it shall be understood that the whole question with which the paper has to do is referred to that Committee for such action as it may deem wise. Committees shall report to The Conference upon all matters referred to them by The Conference directly or through the Committee of Reference. Committee Reports on Resolutions, Memorials, Petitions, etc., shall cite the same, identifying them by numbers they bear respectively, in the published Reports of the Committee of Reference, or in some other suitable manner.

When a Committee ascertains that another Committee is or should, in its judgment, be considering a subject which the former is considering, it shall report the matter to the Committee of **Reference** for such adjustments as the situation may require.

Rule 32. Legislative Committees Report to Secretary.

At the close of each day's meeting the Chairmen and Secretaries of the several Standing Legislative Committees shall provide the Secretary of The Conference with copies in triplicate of all Reports adopted by their respective Committees for presentation to The Conference. The Secretary shall enter said Reports on the Calendar in the order in which they reach him, and shall furnish the Editor of *The Daily Advocate* with one copy of each of the said Reports for publication in the next day's issue. Reports from Committees (and Minority Reports) recommending proposed changes in the *Discipline* shall give Chapter Section, and Paragraph to be affected.

They shall quote the language of the part it is proposed to change, *underscoring it*, and then state the language as it will appear if adopted, with the new part only in CAPITALS, *The Daily Advocate* shall follow the same rule in printing such Reports substituting *italics* for Underscoring and Heavy Black-faced Type for CAPITALS.

Rule 33. Published Reports in Possession of Conference.

A Report of any Committee signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof and printed in *The Daily Advocate* shall be regarded as in the possession of The Conference, and on the day following its first appearance in *The Daily Advocate*, or any time thereafter, in order for its consideration at the pleasure of The Conference. The same rule shall apply to a Report of a Minority of any Committee signed by one-tenth of the Members of the Committee or by ten Members thereof. (See Rule 17.)

Rule 34. Preparation and Printing of Reports.

All Committee Reports shall be presented to the Secretary of The Conference in triplicate on paper provided therefor and bearing at the top the name of the Committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the Report was adopted, the number voting for and the number voting against the Report respectively, and the number not voting. Reports of the Standing Legislative Committees shall be printed in *The Daily Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by The Conference and they shall not be read unless by its order.

Reports of Minorities of Committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for Committee reports shall likewise conform to this Rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what Committee the respective Minorities belong and for what Reports by Serial Numbers, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

Rule 35. Committee Chairman Not in Harmony with Report.

When the Chairman of a Committee is not in harmony with a Report adopted by the Committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the Committee, which shall elect one of its Members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the Report in The Conference; but if, in such a case, the Committee shall fail to select a representative, the Chairman shall designate a Member to represent the Committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the Chairman in relation to such Report.

Rule 36. Presentation of Report of Minority.

A Member selected by the signers of a Report of a Minority of a Committee to present the same, shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the Chairman in the presentation of the regular (Majority) Report of the Committee, except that he may not present said Minority Report until the Majority Report has been presented, and shall then offer it as a substitute therefor, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the question of making the substitution the Member presenting the Minority Report shall speak first and the Chairman last. (See Rule 23.)

Rule 37. Speakers For and Against.

When the Report of a Committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to ascertain, when he recognizes a Member of The Conference, on which side he proposes to speak, and he shall not assign the floor to any Member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any Member desires to speak on the other side thereof.

Except for undebatable motions, no Report shall be adopted or question relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least one speech for and one against the said proposal; *provided* that right is claimed before the Chairman or duly authorized member representing the Committee's Report or the Minority Report if there be such, is presented to close the debate.

When all have spoken who desire to do so or when (and after) the Previous Question has been ordered, the Chairman or/and duly authorized Member or Members presenting the Committee's Report (and the Minority Report if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken.

This right of the Chairman and/or other Member or Members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner to a limit of five minutes when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, or to lay on the table or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the Report under consideration; *provided* that this five-minute limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a Minority Report for a Regular (Majority) Report of a Committee.

Rule 38. Legal Enactment.

All actions of The General Conference of The Methodist Church shall become effective upon the final adjournment

of the session of The General Conference at which they are enacted, unless otherwise specified, **except as provided in Paragraph 591 of the *Discipline*.**

VI. SUSPENDING, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING

Rule 39. Suspension of Rules.

The operation of any of the provisions of this Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of The Conference. Rule 26 (3).

Rule 40. Amending Rules.

This Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of The Conference; provided the proposed change or amendment **HAS ORIGINATED IN THE COMMITTEE ON RULES** OR has been presented to The Conference in writing and referred to the Committee on Rules, which Committee shall report thereon not later than the following day. Rule 26 (3).

Rule 41. Robert's Rules of Order, Supplemental Authority.

In any parliamentary situation not clearly covered by this Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, The General Conference shall be governed in its action by **the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.**

A. WESLEY PUGH, *Chairman*;
JOHN W. CURRY, *Secretary*

9. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Chairman:—H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE)

Vice-Chairman:—Charles V. Adams (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE).

Secretary:—William R. Cannon (North Georgia—SE).

Assistant Secretary:—Robert E. Hunt (Upper Mississippi—C).

Presiding Officers. The Presiding Officers for the several sessions of The Conference, the opening session excepted (See Sec. 1), shall be chosen from among the effective Bishops in the following manner: The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by The Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction, and one Minister and one Layman from among the Delegates representing the Annual Conferences outside the United States. The Committee thus constituted shall select the Presiding Officer for each session of The Conference, notifying the Bishop of his selection at least 24 hours in advance, and in each instance report its selection to The Conference prior to adjournment of the session immediately preceding.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, III Presiding Officers, Journal, page 162. Editor)

Committee Personnel

Adams, Charles V. (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE)

Booker, Charles J. (Central Alabama—C)

Bruns, Johannes (*) (Northwest Germany—OS)

Burns, Robert E. (*) (California-Nevada—W)

Cannon, William R. (North Georgia—SE)

Hunt, Robert E. (*) (Upper Mississippi—C)

Jackson, Olin D. (Minnesota—NC)

Mobley, Marion R. (*) (South Carolina—SE)

Nichols, Ray H. (*) (Northwest Texas—SC)

Ragsdale, Ray W. (Southern California-Arizona—W)

Sundaram, Gabriel (Hyderabad—OS)

Swisher, Dwight A. (*) (Ohio—NC)

Walton, Aubrey G. (Little Rock—SC)

Wagner, H. Hughes (New England—NE)

For Presiding Officers for the morning and evening sessions of Wednesday, April 25, 1956 see Journal, pages 236 and 276.

REPORT NO. 1. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted April 25, 1956, See Journal, Page 278.

The Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston-San

Antonio Area, South Central Jurisdiction will preside at the session of Thursday morning, April 27, 1956.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted April 26, 1956. See Journal, Page 302.

The Committee on Presiding Officers is happy to announce that the Presiding Officer for Friday morning, April 27, 1956 will be Bishop John W. E. Bowen of the Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted April 27, 1956. See Journal, Page 327.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for Saturday morning, April 28, 1956 will be Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Boston Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted April 28, 1956. See Journal, Page 348.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Sunday night, April 29, 1956, will be Bishop W. Angie Smith, of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, South Central Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 5. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted April 28, 1956. See Journal, Page 348.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the morning session of Monday, April 30, 1956, will be Bishop Roy H. Short, of the Nashville Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 6. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted April 30, 1956. See Journal, Page 386.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to an-

nounce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Monday night, April 30, 1956, will be Bishop D. Stanley Coors, of the Minnesota Area, North Central Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 7. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted April 30, 1956. See Journal, Page 386.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Tuesday morning, May 1, 1956, will be Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, of the Wisconsin Area, North Central Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 8. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted April 30, 1956. See Journal, Page 386.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Tuesday night, May 1, 1956, will be Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of the Atlanta Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 9. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 1, 1956. See Journal, Page 435.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Wednesday morning, May 2, 1956, will be Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 10. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 1, 1956. See Journal, Page 435.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Wednesday night, May 2, 1956, will be Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, of the Pittsburgh Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 11. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 2, 1956. See Journal, Page 492.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Thursday morning, May 3, 1956, will be Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, of the Jackson Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 12. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 2, 1956. See Journal, Page 492.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Thursday afternoon, May 3, 1956, will be Bishop Hazen G. Werner, of the Ohio Area, North Central Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 13. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 2, 1956. See Journal, Page 492.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the Presiding Officer for the session of Thursday night, May 3, 1956, will be Bishop Newell S. Booth, of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference and of the Elisabethville Area, Africa Central Conference.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 14. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 571.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to make the announcements of the Presiding Officers, for the following sessions:—

For Friday morning, May 4, 1956, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of the Charlotte Area, Southeastern Jurisdiction.

For Friday afternoon, May 4, 1956, Bishop Willis J. King, of the New Orleans Area, Central Jurisdiction, and of the Monrovia Area, Liberia, Africa.

For Friday night, May 4, 1956, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, of the Los Angeles Area, Western Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 15. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 691.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce the Presiding Officers for the following sessions:—

For Saturday morning, May 5, 1956, until Recess, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of the Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

For Saturday afternoon, May 5, 1956, after Recess, Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of the Delhi Area, Southern Asia Central Conference.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 16. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 858.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce the Presiding Officers for the following sessions:—

For Saturday night, May 5, 1956, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

For Sunday night, May 6, 1956, Bishop Paul E. Martin, of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, South Central Jurisdiction.

For Monday morning, May 7, 1956, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of the Saint Louis Area, South Central Jurisdiction.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 17. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 955.

Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that in case he is needed to assist Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, complete the session of Monday morning and afternoon, May 7, 1956, Bishop William C. Martin, of the Dallas-Forth Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction will preside.

(Signed) H. HUGHES WAGNER, *Chairman*;
WILLIAM R. CANNON, *Secretary*

10. REFERENCE

Chairman: Stewart Clendenin (Texas—SC).

Vice-Chairman: Lester L. Roush (Ohio).

Secretary: Brunner M. Hunt (Mississippi—SE).

Reference. There shall be a Committee of Reference composed of one Ministerial and one Lay representative from each Jurisdiction, at least two of whom shall be lawyers and one Minister and one Layman from Conferences outside the United States, to be appointed by The Council of Bishops from the regularly elected Delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops, preceding the session of The General Conference. Said Committee shall meet with the Secretary of the previous General Conference at the seat of The Conference on the Monday preceding the opening of said Conference. This Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of The General Conference. After ascertaining that the Memorials, Resolutions and similar communications dealing with the regular business of The Conference meet the requirements herein specified, this Committee shall refer the same to the appropriate Standing Administrative or Legislative Committees. This Committee shall be responsible for such assignment of all Memorials, which may be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening session, including the Episcopal Address, the Book of Printed Quadrennial Reports, and all other communications which shall come into his hands after the convening of The General Conference. The third day of The Conference shall be fixed as the deadline for the introduction of Memorials and Petitions.

The Committee of Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a Committee, either upon a request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author, or authors, thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to The Conference if desired. The Committee shall publish as promptly as possible, in the *Daily Advocate*, lists of the communications it has referred to the several Standing Committees, identifying each by number, title, origin and destination. No Memorial or Petition shall be assigned by the Committee of Reference to any General Conference Committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

All Memorials should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject, and, so far as possible, only one chapter in the *Discipline*. Not more than one Memorial should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, (9) Journal, page 166.
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Committee Personnel

Beatty, W. Carroll (*) (Baltimore—NE)

Burns, Lacy M. (West Virginia—NE)

Clendenin, Stewart (Texas—SC)

Davis, C. Anderson (East Tennessee—C)
 Galima, Epifanio C. (*) (Northern Philippines—OS)
 Garrison, Claude (Ohio—NC)
 Henderson, Zach (*) (South Georgia—SE)
 Hunt, Brunner M. (Mississippi—SE)
 Reitz, T. Russell (*) (Kansas—SC)
 Smith, Edward A. (*) (Detroit—NC)
 Sosa, Adam F. (Argentina—OS)
 Spencer, Robert B. (*) (Colorado—W)
 Wilkins, John R. (California-Nevada—W)
 Wyatt, Bige (*) (Central West—C)

(Signed) STEWART CLENDENIN, *Chairman*;
 BRUNNER HUNT, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 1 REFERENCE

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee April 25, 1956

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 994.

Your Committee of Reference assigns the various Sections of the Episcopal Address to the following Committees:

Memorial No. 3345 Page 26 "Education" Committee on Education

Memorial No. 3346 Page 30 "The Ministry" Committee on the Ministry

Memorial No. 3347 Page 35 "Giving" Committee on Temporal Economy

Memorial No. 3348 Page 37 "Christian Co-operation" Committee on Inter-Denominational Relations

Memorial No. 3349 Page 43 "Christian Brotherhood" State of the Church

Memorial No. 3350 Page 47 "World Peace" Committee on the State of the Church

Memorial No. 3351 Page 50 "Christian Economy" Committee on the State of the Church

Memorial No. 3352 Page 52 "Human Welfare" Committee on the State of the Church

Memorial No. 3353 Page 54 "Moral Reform" Committee on Temperance and Prohibition

Stewart Clendenin, *Chairman*
 Brunner M. Hunt, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 2 REFERENCE

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee April 25, 1956

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 994.

Your Committee of Reference assigns the various Sections of the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of Board and Commissions to the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- 2978. Report of the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, Pages 703 and 704
- 2979. Report of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, Pages 217-222
- 2980. Report of the General Board of Education, Pages 223 through 384
- 2981. Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education, Pages 385 through 409

COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES

- 2982. Report of the General Board of Lay Activities, Pages 439 through 455

COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS AND HOMES

- 2983. Report of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes, Pages 410 through 438

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

- 2984. Report of the General Board of Temperance, Pages 494 through 506

COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

- 2985. Report of the Commission on Chaplains, Pages 670 through 673

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

- 2986. Report of the General Board of Evangelism, Pages 43 through 65
- 2987. Report of the Committee on Materials for Training in Church Membership, Page 635

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

- 2988. Report of the General Board of Missions, Pages 66 through 216
- 2989. Report of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, Pages 217 through 222
- 2990. Report of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Pages 605 through 613

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

- 2991. Report of the General Board of Pensions, Illinois and Missouri Corporation Merger of Offices, Pages 456 through 473 and Pages 476 through 493

COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 2992. Report of the Council of Secretaries, Pages 41 and 42
- 2993. Joint Report on Reserve Funding of the Pensions of Bishops, Pages 474 and 475
- 2994. Report of the Council on World Service and Finance, Pages 519 through 604
- 2995. Report of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist

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Information, Pages 614 through 628

- 2996. Report of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and the Advance Committee, Pages 629 through 634
- 2997. Report of the Radio and Film Commission, Pages 648 through 660
- 2998. Report of the Board of Trustees, Pages 674 through 676
- 2999. Report of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, Pages 677 and 678
- 3000. Report of the Trustees of John Street Church, New York City, Pages 697 and 698

COMMITTEE ON INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

- 3001. Report of the Commission on Church Union, Pages 636 through 647
- 3002. Report of the American Bible Society, Pages 679 through 685
- 3003. Report of the National Council of Churches, Pages 686 through 692
- 3004. Report of the World Methodist Council, Pages 693 through 695
- 3005. Report of the World Federation of Methodist Women, Page 696
- 3006. Report from the World Council of Churches, Pages 699 through 702

STATE OF THE CHURCH

- 3007. Report of the General Board of World Peace, Pages 507 through 518
- 3008. Report of the General Board of Social and Economic Relations, Pages 661 through 667

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

- 3009. Report of Board of Publication, Pages 9-40

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

- 3139. Report of the Commission on Worship and Fine Arts, Pages 668 and 669

Stewart Clendenin, *Chairman*
Brunner M. Hunt, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 3. REFERENCE

Adopted by the Committee April 23, 1956—May 5, 1956

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 994.

M, 14; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

The following Memorials have been received by the Committee of Reference of The General Conference and referred to the proper General Conference Standing Legislative Committees.

Except where there are a number of Memorials dealing with the same subject the number is recorded first, the Subject is recorded next, and the author or the source is listed last.

**MEMORIALS 1 TO 2210, INCLUSIVE DEAL WITH
"FULL CLERGY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN" AND HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

1. Mr. and Mrs. Orin J. Farrell; First Methodist Church; Schenectady, New York
2. Mrs. Hazel E. Ingalls; The Methodist Church; Chesterfield, Hampshire
3. Mary S. Clough; The Methodist Church; Lisbon, New Hampshire

From Schultz Memorial Church; Cranberry, New Jersey

4. Dorothy E. Dougherty
5. Myrtle E. Ervin
6. Gertrude H. Danser
7. Roberta Kozinski
8. Victor Kozinski
9. Robert L. Flommer
10. Evelyn D. Flammer
11. Mrs. Wm. Schanck
12. Lillian C. Christiansen
13. Mrs. William Ziegler, Jr.
14. Mrs. M. Lasche
15. Constantine V. Pankevich, Jr.
16. Irene M. Pankevich

From The Methodist Church; Milford, New Hampshire

17. Elsie Ethridge
18. Mrs. Betty Ann Porter
19. Janet Craig
20. Priscilla Jowdren
21. Christine M. White
22. Theodora Piper
23. Mrs. Paul R. Northrop
24. Mrs. David Dean, Jr.

From First Methodist Church; Ashtabula, Ohio

25. Mrs. C. Easton
26. Mrs. Harold Peters
27. Mrs. J. Wilbur Thomas
28. Mrs. Hubert E. Burkhardt
29. Mrs. Russell Bogart
30. Mrs. Oliver J. Kittinger
31. Mrs. Merlin Mead
32. Hallie G. Wilton
33. Mrs. William Jackson
34. Mrs. R. L. Waess
35. Chas. W. Stoneburner
36. Mrs. Elizabeth F. Baldwin
37. Mrs. H. H. Boyce
38. Mabelle B. Crombie

From Brown Memorial Methodist Church; Youngstown, Ohio

39. Mrs. J. Backer
40. Martha Tod
41. Mrs. C. M. Gander
42. Mrs. W. H. Harrison
43. Mrs. O. C. Welker

44. Mrs. John Black
45. Mrs. T. C. Flint
46. Mrs. George B. Beerback
47. Mrs. A. W. Pickins
48. Mrs. J. R. Bell
49. Mrs. Thomas Harris
50. Mrs. O. P. Ellis, et al

From Grace Methodist Church; Youngstown, Ohio

51. Mrs. L. J. Wagner
52. Florence Nahm
53. Mrs. J. A. Wood
54. Agnes L. Beckett
55. Mrs. Bessie Burns
56. Josephine R. Harper
57. Mrs. Margaret Hawkins
58. Evelyn Black
59. Edith J. Young
60. Vernus Watkins
61. Mrs. David Jones

From First Methodist Church; Methuen, Massachusetts

62. Mrs. Dorothy Bennett
63. Virginia R. Lumb
64. Mrs. Eugenie Edwards
65. Evelyn D. Seed
66. Mrs. Florence W. Snow
67. Mrs. Isabel M. Hill
68. Mrs. Walter Peate
69. Hazel Connal
70. Mildred Duncan

From The Methodist Church; Marlow, New Hampshire

71. Hazel Henderson
72. Myrtie L. Smith
73. Mrs. Lillian Winham
74. Lillian M. Andrews
75. Christian Larson
76. Irene Larson

From The First Methodist Church; North Bloomfield, Ohio

77. Mrs. Elmer Johnson, et al
78. Miss Patricia Johnson, et al
79. Miss Donna Johnson
80. Mrs. Adeline M. Griffin
81. Judy Johnson
82. Mrs. H. V. Pebbles
83. Floy Wisman
84. Mrs. R. H. O'Neal
85. Harold P. Wisman
86. Elsie Fandrich
87. Dorothy Peterson
88. Estella M. Cox
89. Theda E. Blackshire
90. Jessie D. Schmidt
91. Mrs. Emma Pebbles
92. Mrs. Kilgore
93. Clara M. Moore

94. William Beckman
95. Mary M. Pettit
96. Harold V. Peebles
97. Mrs. Emma Paden
98. L. A. Kilgore
99. Luther S. Davis
100. J. B. Iden
101. Elizabeth Irwin
102. Letha Reed
103. Blanche Cook
104. Mrs. Marion Elk
105. Blida Smith
106. Beulah Smith
107. Dorothy J. Hadley
108. Mrs. Clyde Higley
109. Mrs. Rhoda Wildman
110. Mrs. Hazel M. Iden
111. Josephine B. Davis
112. Kathy Mae Griffin
113. Harold V. Griffin

From The Methodist Church; Lowellville, Ohio

114. Mrs. Roy H. Mays
115. Mrs. Henry Traveline, et al
116. Mrs. John L. French, et al
117. Mrs. Fannie M. Elder

From Trinity Methodist Church; Youngstown, Ohio

118. Mrs. J. L. Bughley
119. Mrs. Darla Johnston

From Calvary Methodist Church; Hinsdale, New Hampshire

120. Mrs. Maud Sargeant
121. Mrs. Edith M. Feather
122. Emily M. Van Dreden; Sunaper Community Church; Sunaper, New Hampshire
123. Mrs. R. K. Taylor; Holloway Methodist Church; Cambridge District, North-East Ohio Annual Conference
124. Mrs. W. P. Leslie; The Methodist Church; Eastland, Texas

From The Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio

125. Olive Martin
126. Mrs. C. E. Danforth
127. Martha S. Hurst
128. Mrs. Edward F. Spiegel, et al
129. Helen W. Brenton, et al
130. Helen Manner
131. Ruth Moulton
132. Mrs. R. G. West, et al
133. Mabel E. Ackerman
134. Mrs. Charles Keely
135. Mrs. Chyle Hammond, et al; Lebanon Methodist Church; Lebanon, Ohio
136. Gladys E. Paul; Arlington Street Methodist Church; Nashua, New Hampshire
137. Laura E. Torosian; Ayers Village Methodist Church; R.D. 2, Haverhill, Massachusetts

138. Mrs. Pearl Mentzer; The Methodist Church; Lowellville, Ohio
139. Edward V. Dunham; Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire
140. Barbara Dunham; Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire
141. Mrs. Allan Patchett; et al. The Methodist Church; Oswego, Oregon
142. Mrs. Emily Tarrabee; Somerton, Ohio Methodist Church; R. R. 1, Jerusalem, Ohio
143. Mrs. Robert D. Alluisi; The Methodist Church; Peterborough, New Hampshire
144. Mary A. Dunham; Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire
145. P. Elmer Dunham; Grace Church; Keene, New Hampshire

From The Methodist Church (Now Federated): Winchester, New Hampshire

146. Miss Helen Drugg
147. Florence S. Kellom
148. Mrs. W. B. Drugg
149. Mrs. Henry Wheeler
150. Mrs. Charlotte Dustan
151. Effie Tuell

From Memorial Methodist Church: Poland, Ohio

152. Mrs. J. K. Tobey
153. Mrs. H. LeRou Toulmin
154. Mrs. H. L. Jones
155. Grace M. Kerns
156. Shirley Ferris
157. Mrs. Victor J. Woodworth, Jr.
158. Mrs. Chester M. Pardee
159. Peggy Miller
160. Mable Miller
161. Lois Barton
162. Mrs. G. N. Smith
163. Louise Heath
164. Mrs. Henry Pearce
165. Mrs. Frank Prater
166. Ethel M. Nichols
167. Arlene Dammann
168. Margaret Manos
169. Ann Hesch
170. Donna M. Lancy
171. Mrs. E. H. Duncan
172. Ray Heatherington
173. Donna Reedy
174. Kathryn Beggs
175. Mrs. Martin Logan
176. Mrs. H. Donald Fisher
177. Mrs. Helen I. Chambers
178. Mrs. Esther Laughlin
179. Mrs. Ellen Friend
180. Mrs. P. L. Boyer
181. Mrs. Russell Blake
182. Mrs. James T. Stellard
183. Mary Withers
184. Mrs. C. M. Conklin
185. Mrs. Ruth E. Steen

- 186. Mrs. Wm. Nord
- 187. Cecile Robbins
- 188. Elsie Kridler
- 189. Helen Paulin
- 190. Marjorie Sanford
- 191. Mrs. Pearl Wilson
- 192. Mrs. Wayne Mershimer
- 193. Mrs. Robert Milligan
- 194. Mrs. Mary Good
- 195. Mrs. Karl Price
- 196. Florence Dickerson

From St. John's Methodist Church; Dover, New Hampshire

- 197. Nancy J. Bauaia
- 198. Hazel D. Wynot
- 199. Mrs. Harry Bresette

From First Methodist Church; Portsmouth, New Hampshire

- 200. Mrs. Marion L. Kay
- 201. Mrs. B. E. Davidson
- 202. Mildred E. Annis
- 203. Theresa Hennessey
- 204. Mrs. Paul Stauffer
- 205. Mrs. Irene E. Ford
- 206. Mrs. Winifred Dame
- 207. Mrs. Waldron Shapleigh
- 208. Louise Cutchett
- 209. Mrs. Dorothy E. Hopley
- 210. Mrs. Dorothy McKinney
- 211. Madeline Sylvester
- 212. Frances M. Latourelle
- 213. Mrs. Emma Batten
- 214. Inez G. Nadean
- 215. Helen Daley

From First Methodist Church; Hubbard, Ohio

- 216. A. H. Rice
- 217. C. E. Hedges
- 218. Robert E. Hogg
- 219. James Lee
- 220. Howard L. Channing

From The Methodist Church; Mogadore, Ohio

- 221. Marion O. Russell
- 222. Elsie McClelland
- 223. Genevive Hale
- 224. Mrs. James B. Smith
- 225. Mrs. H. M. Keistee
- 226. Mrs. Robert C. Patrick
- 227. Mrs. W. F. Frieden
- 228. Ethel M. Perry
- 229. Mrs. Betty Mathew
- 230. Mrs. Ansel J. Ryan
- 231. Mrs. Jeanine Hardman
- 232. Patricia Seeley Kalkofen
- 233. Juanita Mantz
- 234. Ruth B. Martin
- 235. Mrs. Gordon Ernst

- 236. Mrs. O. H. Somers
- 237. Mrs. Grace West
- 238. Ruth R. Arnold
- 239. Mrs. Howard L. Brindel
- 240. Mrs. William D. Watkins
- 241. Mrs. T. W. Fairhurst
- 242. Thelma Freesh
- 243. Mrs. Marie Ripp
- 244. Mrs. Louise Garner
- 245. Mrs. Marie Johnson
- 246. Mrs. Elta Byrd
- 247. Oretha Strait

From St. Mark's Methodist Church; Lawrence, Massachusetts

- 248. Janet Richards
- 249. Norman L. Heald
- 250. Mrs. Emily J. Heald
- 251. Bernice L. Bennett
- 252. Dorothy C. Johnstone
- 253. Mrs. Fred Higinbotham
- 254. Herbert Ashworth
- 255. Evelyn P. Hutchings
- 256. Cora E. Craven
- 257. Mrs. D. R. Moore
- 258. Mrs. Emily J. Heald; (for the W.S.C.S.)
- 259. Jacob T. Kennedy
- 260. Mrs. Thomas R. Palmer
- 261. Ruth Hurley
- 262. Mrs. Ethel Burnham
- 263. Mrs. Irene Keough
- 264. Ada Ashworth
- 265. Mrs. John Cunliffe
- 266. Mrs. Amy Found
- 267. Mrs. Irene Kern
- 268. Betty Hutchings
- 269. Mrs. Beatrice Crouch
- 270. Bernice M. Beals
- 271. Mrs. Marion Lambert
- 272. Jetta R. Searle
- 273. Florence Bourgeois
- 274. Mrs. Edyth Judge
- 275. Ernest B. Smith
- 276. Mrs. Sam Garfi
- 277. Alla C. Collins
- 278. Richard E. Page
- 279. Elmer Robinson
- 280. Mrs. L. Holdsworth
- 281. Iona Gebo
- 282. Thomas R. Palmer

- 283. Mrs. T. A. Grisson; Woodland Methodist Church; Akron, Ohio

From First Methodist Church; Manchester, New Hampshire

- 284. Mrs. Amy Catlow
- 285. Mrs. Helen Fitzpatrick
- 286. William Fitzpatrick
- 287. Mrs. Edith B. Irving
- 288. Mrs. Lester C. Horton
- 289. Mrs. Hessa Zlotek

- 290. Mrs. Mary B. White
- 291. Mrs. Estella Beryll
- 292. Mildred Y. Downie
- 293. Lucy F. Young
- 294. Mrs. Florence Sanborne
- 295. Mrs. Ablie Rice
- 296. Mrs. Helen Laraba
- 297. Dorothy W. Gilmore
- 298. Millicent S. Morse
- 299. Mrs. Esther H. Moore
- 300. Ella C. Williams
- 301. Mrs. John Puchacz
- 302. Mrs. Mary Puchacz
- 303. Grace H. Bommer
- 304. Mrs. Elizabeth Puchacz
- 305. Mrs. Grace E. Norris
- 306. Mrs. Maude L. Bennett
- 307. Marion Scamman
- 308. Bernice B. Pellinz

From Grace Methodist Church; Haverhill, Massachusetts

- 309. Mrs. Leon S. Prescott
- 310. Mrs. Earle W. Murray
- 311. Mrs. John Rogers
- 312. Mrs. Lucille B. Huff; Main Street Methodist Church; Nashua, New Hampshire
- 313. Mildred A. Knight; Arlington Street Methodist Church; Nashua, New Hampshire
- 314. Miss Rachel E. Holt; Dummer Methodist Church; Milan, New Hampshire
- 315. Mrs. Bruce E. Berry; Dummer Methodist Church; Milan, New Hampshire

From The Methodist Church; Woodville, New Hampshire

- 316. Ina Mann
- 317. Mrs. G. H. McGaw
- 318. Mrs. Harry Colby
- 319. Helen H. Gammell
- 320. Bertha Norris
- 321. Lois R. Darby
- 322. Mrs. O. M. Wease

From Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire

- 323. Elizabeth Dussault
- 324. Josephine Hildreth
- 325. Elmer S. Hildreth
- 326. Isabell C. Streeter

From The Methodist Church; Milford, New Hampshire

- 327. Edward Sangster
- 328. Cora E. Conti
- 329. Mrs. Jeanne Crooker
- 330. Alice Burgess
- 331. Louise A. Narloff

From First Methodist Church; Portsmouth, New Hampshire

- 332. John R. Parkhurst

333. Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll
334. Edna A. Dearborn
335. Mrs. Harriet Van Brocklin
336. Mrs. A. E. Barron
337. Libbie A. Brewster
338. Grace F. Twombly
339. Mrs. Marion H. Parkhurst
340. Mrs. Wendell A. Clough
341. Mrs. Irving M. Flanders
342. Mrs. Bliss Marriner
343. Ethel E. Riley
344. Mrs. Cyril Fletcher
345. Mrs. J. T. Davis
346. Mrs. Cleveland J. Austin
347. Elizabeth F. Day
348. Mrs. William G. Corbin
349. Mrs. George A. Seely
350. Rev. Edward H. Brewster (Retired)
351. Maude F. Sanborn
352. Mrs. Bertha E. Grant
353. Mrs. Hattie M. Chrisenton
354. Mrs. Romona McNabb
355. Mrs. Marguerite Jenness
356. Beatrice Haskin
357. Mrs. Marguerite Smith
358. Mrs. Harry Sawyer
359. Mrs. Charles Warden
360. Mrs. Mildred Bushey
361. Winifred G. Hoskin
362. Eleanor L. Sandeford
363. Miriam Schurman
364. Annie F. Penny
365. Barbara W. Millar
366. Mrs. A. L. Twombly
367. Hildred C. Bauer
368. Mrs. Daniel P. McIntire
369. Goldie M. Downing
370. Mrs. J. Alvin Johnson
371. Mrs. John L. Phelps
372. Whelimina Glass
373. Mrs. Jennie E. Sparrow
374. Mavis E. Sproule
375. Gertrude L. Marshall
376. Jessie L. Potts
377. Mrs. Marion G. Flynn
378. Janette E. S. Marshall
379. Mrs. John Anderson
380. Isabell Wellde
381. Elizabeth Ward
382. Mrs. Harry L. Knowlton, Jr.
383. Mrs. Rolfe Banister

From Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire

384. Alice M. Buck
385. Mr. J. I. Streeter
386. Mrs. Roger H. Blood
387. Mrs. Charles Kirk
388. Virginia P. Lower
389. Mrs. Almes W. Lower
390. Winifred N. Babcock

- 391. Mrs. Harry L. Ballon
- 392. Louise T. Blaisdell
- 393. Bernard A. Streeter, Jr.
- 394. Nettie D. Aldrich
- 395. Mrs. Johnson Armitstead
- 396. Mrs. M. L. Britton
- 397. Mrs. Elton Britton
- 398. Mrs. Frederick A. Dean
- 399. Mrs. Frances A. Fiske
- 400. Mrs. William Flanagan
- 401. Bernard A. Streeter
- 402. Mrs. R. I. Davis
- 403. Mrs. Grace B. Little
- 404. Mrs. C. E. Fadisch
- 405. Mrs. Calvin Jones
- 406. Mrs. Charles A. Collidge
- 407. Mrs. Guy S. Miner
- 408. Mrs. Forrest Johnston
- 409. Mrs. Cora Rousseau
- 410. Mrs. Jeane M. Caron
- 411. Mrs. Edward C. Gardner
- 412. Mrs. Dorothy Glazier
- 413. Mrs. Gladys Hodgkins
- 414. Mrs. Z. E. LeBoeuf
- 415. Mrs. Clesson Moore
- 416. Mrs. T. M. Pendexter
- 417. Hildur C. Peterson
- 418. Florence K. Taft
- 419. Isabella C. Streeter

- 420. Miss Christina B. Locke; First Methodist Church; Amesbury, Massachusetts
- 421. Mrs. James Singleton; The Methodist Church; Amesbury, Massachusetts
- 422. Alice F. Gates; The Methodist Church; Carlisle, Pennsylvania
- 423. Mrs. Orrin G. Copp; Church Hill Methodist Church; Norwell, Massachusetts
- 424. Verna E. Kononen; First Methodist Church; Lebanon, New Hampshire
- 425. Mrs. R. E. Harrington; First Methodist Church; Lincoln, Nebraska
- 426. Mrs. Lester R. McKnight; The Methodist Church; Brock, Nebraska
- 427. Douglas L. Corsen; Salisbury Parish Methodist Church; Salisbury, Massachusetts
- 428. Dema M. Chayer; First Methodist Church, Amesbury, Massachusetts
- 429. Mrs. Gladys M. Dickens; First Methodist Church; Amesbury, Massachusetts
- 430. Clesson H. Moore; Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire

From The Methodist Church; Moultonville, New Hampshire

- 431. Clifford Brownell
- 432. Marion Brownell
- 433. Florence E. Hurn
- 434. Owen C. Copp
- 435. A/1c Edwin P. Brownell, USAF
- 436. Mrs. Gladys Copp
- 437. Mildred Wasson

- 438. Mrs. Nellie P. Merron
- 439. Hilda M. Williams
- 440. Grover C. Loud

From Tuftonboro Methodist Church; Ossipee, New Hampshire

- 441. Mrs. Theodore Blanchard
- 442. Blanche E. Welch
- 443. Clarence A. Doten
- 444. Mrs. Albert E. Davis
- 445. Letitia E. Doten
- 446. Sadie F. Thompson
- 447. Mildred E. Bisbee
- 448. Louise McDuffee
- 449. Bessie P. Dow
- 450. Beatrice H. West
- 451. Abbie L. Smith

From The Methodist Church; Petersborough, New Hampshire

- 452. Mrs. Ray L. West
- 453. Mrs. Karl B. Musser
- 454. Ruth F. Cunningham
- 455. Mrs. Irma Rogers
- 456. Mrs. E. Foye Brown
- 457. Jessie N. Bryer
- 458. Mrs. Ernest C. Burbank
- 459. Nellie N. Eastman
- 460. Myrtle A. Foote
- 461. Mrs. Richard Van Dyne
- 462. Mrs. Arthur H. Parker
- 463. Cora B. Nichols
- 464. Helen Wyman
- 465. Susan M. Elliott
- 466. Rachel De Ring
- 467. Marguerite R. Jackson
- 468. Hilda M. Nesbitt
- 469. Ellen P. Sullivan
- 470. Mrs. Robert C. Sneed
- 471. James R. Lawn
- 472. Louise Lawn
- 473. Mrs. M. R. Stuhlsatz
- 474. Arthur H. Parker
- 475. Mrs. Violet Holden
- 476. Mrs. Earl C. Bagley
- 477. John H. Holdin
- 478. Arlene G. Trufant
- 479. Clara A. Spratt
- 480. Veronica McQuillan

From The Methodist Church; Rock Creek, Ohio

- 481. Mrs. Mae Hall
- 482. Mrs. Winifred Mead
- 483. Mrs. Lora Browning
- 484. Mrs. Fred Bailey
- 485. Lorean Knopp
- 486. Mrs. David Arner
- 487. Miss Jessie W. Fenton
- 488. Miss Zelma Brockway
- 489. Mrs. Kathleen (Mrs. O. L.) Ashburn
- 490. Mrs. Mary Pierson

- 491. James C. Crislip
- 492. Miss Lorraine Ackerman
- 493. Mrs. Charleen Bretell
- 494. Mrs. Wilma (Cliff) Cone
- 495. Mrs. Dorothy (W. L.) Arner
- 496. Mrs. Carrie M. Ackermann
- 497. Mrs. Kenneth A. White
- 498. C. K. Dandeberry
- 499. Mrs. Helen Brininger
- 500. Mrs. Helen Schlecht
- 501. Mrs. LaVona St. John
- 502. Mrs. Norman Rhode Cook
- 503. Mrs. Gertrude Joyce
- 504. Mrs. B. H. Gladding
- 505. Mrs. C. J. Rice

From The Methodist Church; East Conneaut, Ohio

- 506. Mrs. Leon Fails
 - 507. Mrs. Glenn Loomis
 - 508. Mrs. Steve Mascik
 - 509. Mrs. Hugh Hubbard
510. Rev. Arthur R. Kirk; North-East Ohio Annual Conference

From Tod Avenue Methodist Church; Warren, Ohio

- 511. Mrs. Beatrice Knowlton
- 512. Mrs. Bruce Smith
- 513. Mrs. Louise C. Longman
- 514. Mrs. Dorothy Kirling
- 515. Mrs. Earl S. Moore
- 516. Mrs. Dallas B. Fowler
- 517. Mrs. Lloyd Hawkins
- 518. Mrs. Charles Speedy
- 519. Mrs. Elmer E. Myers
- 520. Mrs. Walter E. Double
- 521. Mrs. Warren Smith
- 522. Alice M. Taft
- 523. Mrs. A. W. Friedly
- 524. Mrs. C. A. Miller
- 525. Mrs. Tata Hart
- 526. Mrs. Kenneth Storry
- 527. Mrs. Howard Hogan
- 528. Mrs. Everett Hollis
- 529. Mrs. Bernard Ancell
- 530. Bess Harrison
- 531. Mrs. Sidney B. Williams
- 532. Mrs. Bernice Oatley
- 533. Mrs. W. B. Lathouse
- 534. Lucille E. Nelson
- 535. Miss Clara McMillin
- 536. Mrs. Bertha McMillan
- 537. Mrs. Howard M. Johnson
- 538. Christine M. F. Aaron
- 539. Catherine L. Moore
- 540. Mrs. Emil M. Storry
- 541. Mrs. Ward F. Leiby
- 542. Mrs. Charles T. Hawkins

From South Arlington Methodist Church; Akron, Ohio

- 543. Virgil E. Stine
- 544. Mrs. Virgil E. Stine
- 545. Mrs. John Dixon
- 546. Estelle M. Long
- 547. Mrs. Frank Jessie
- 548. Mrs. Anna Milhoon
- 549. Mary Wright
- 550. Mrs. A. L. Bales
- 551. Amelia Glaze
- 552. Larry Z. Kish
- 553. Mrs. Norman Siegfried
- 554. Mrs. W. D. Braden
- 555. Mrs. Georgia Averill
- 556. Mrs. C. A. Lunn

From Trinity Methodist Church; Youngstown, Ohio

- 557. Italia E. Hill
- 558. Mrs. J. J. Owen
- 559. Mrs. Fred C. Beede
- 560. Mrs. Guy R. Coddling
- 561. Mrs. Ward W. Weaver
- 562. Mrs. E. J. Tucker
- 563. Beatrice R. Heeter
- 564. Annabel Lee Ralston
- 565. Martha Heninger
- 566. Mrs. C. C. Hall
- 567. Ruth T. Wilcox
- 568. Mrs. Jas. A. Henderson
- 569. Mrs. G. S. Melvin
- 570. Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmore
- 571. Mrs. R. S. Fisher
- 572. Mrs. Russell H. Hackett
- 573. Mrs. Claud Johnson
- 574. Vido R. Nevison
- 575. Grace Justice
- 576. Mrs. Thos. Richardson
- 577. Jeannatte Heckert
- 578. Mrs. G. F. Burr
- 579. Sue McVean
- 580. Ada D. Nelson
- 581. Miss Amy Bresett
- 582. Mrs. Geo. M. Wilcox
- 583. Gertrude Schafer
- 584. Mrs. C. W. Stillson
- 585. Marion Kennedy
- 586. Mrs. J. E. Arthur
- 587. Elizabeth B. Hall
- 588. Mrs. O. G. Hixenbaugh
- 589. Mrs. Chas. Hummel
- 590. Mrs. Fred J. Kaiser
- 591. Mrs. Leon Beazhly
- 592. Mrs. M. H. Watkins
- 593. Mrs. O. K. Jagger
- 594. Jennie S. Pierson
- 595. Mary Thompson Williamson
- 596. Caroline Strandmeister
- 597. Mrs. Wm. H. Mallorie
- 598. Grace M. Edenfield

- 599. Pearl M. Thomas
- 600. Elizabeth Staaf
- 601. Mrs. C. E. Haywood
- 602. Mrs. C. G. Long
- 603. Mrs. H. L. Beers
- 604. Mrs. Pearl Jupp

From First Methodist Church; Akron, Ohio

- 605. Mrs. Ralph W. Husted
- 606. Mrs. E. C. Auten
- 607. Mrs. E. Stutsman
- 608. Mrs. B. C. Mickley
- 609. Mrs. R. I. Sutton
- 610. Mrs. Herbert G. Wilson
- 611. Mrs. Chester A. McCall
- 612. Mrs. M. S. Harvey
- 613. Mrs. E. W. North
- 614. Mrs. Homer E. Enlow
- 615. Mrs. R. E. Dunlap
- 616. Mrs. Blanche C. Pontius
- 617. Mrs. Dale Plueddemann
- 618. Mrs. P. E. Schultz
- 619. Mrs. Henry Bollinger
- 620. Mrs. A. W. Mooney
- 621. Grace S. Dice
- 622. Mrs. Arthur Plueddemann
- 623. Mrs. P. R. Powers
- 624. Mary Petry
- 625. Ruth Christian
- 626. Mrs. Otis Maxwell
- 627. Mrs. W. E. Scott
- 628. Mrs. Earl F. Miller
- 629. Mrs. Charles M. Lee
- 630. Mrs. Harold H. Koch
- 631. Mrs. Royal A. Hallady

- 632. Hazel J. Black; Trinity Methodist Church; Youngstown, Ohio

From First Methodist Church; Akron, Ohio

- 633. Mrs. Alyce Howard
- 634. Mrs. M. R. Morse

- 635. Rev. M. S. Harvey; North-East Ohio Conference

From First Methodist Church; Akron, Ohio

- 636. Martha E. Stott
- 637. Mrs. Wm. M. Pruitt
- 638. Mrs. James Shreffler
- 639. Mrs. C. C. Cochran
- 640. Mrs. Charles Rhoads
- 641. Mrs. Will L. Baker
- 642. Mrs. A. Romaine Raasch
- 643. Louise W. Lauer (Mrs. M. P.)
- 644. Mrs. Maude Harpster
- 645. Mrs. S. E. Goodwin
- 646. Gladys M. Boyce
- 647. Clara Barker
- 648. Mrs. P. B. Schaffner
- 649. Mrs. Thomas H. Vance

- 650. Mrs. W. M. Mitchell
- 651. Mrs. W. W. Smith
- 652. Mrs. C. D. Riggle
- 653. Maude E. Kolb
- 654. Mrs. Robert G. Sparks
- 655. Mrs. G. C. Vandersall
- 656. Mrs. Carlos S. Davis
- 657. Mrs. A. D. Pfaff
- 658. Mrs. H. M. Jellison
- 659. Mrs. L. J. Swanson
- 660. Mrs. J. A. Daugherty
- 661. Mrs. L. H. Osman
- 662. Mrs. Don E. Howe
- 663. Mrs. J. L. Vosburgh
- 664. Mrs. Earl Lynn
- 665. Ethyle M. Blythe
- 666. Lillian Ervin
- 667. Mrs. Dave McIntosh

From The Methodist Church: Andover, Ohio

- 668. Mrs. Esther Payne
- 669. Mrs. Mildred Britton
- 670. W. A. Smith
- 671. Mrs. W. M. Poore
- 672. Rosalyn Sparling
- 673. Clairene Fuller
- 674. Mrs. Russell J. Goodhart

From Arlington Street Methodist Church: Nashua, New Hampshire

- 675. Mrs. Louis Michaud
- 676. Theodora P. French

From North-East Ohio Annual Conference

- 677. Rev. A. W. Almgren, et al
- 678. Rev. Charles A. Tulger, et al
- 679. Rev. John E. Longworth, et al
- 680. Rev. Thurman F. Alexander
- 681. Rev. Loren R. Kuhn, et al

- 682. Rev. Harold A. Clark; Minnesota Annual Conference

From New Hampshire Annual Conference

- 683. Rev. Paul A. Stauffer
- 684. Rev. Douglas R. Moore
- 685. James G. Johnstone, Local Preacher

- 686. Rev. Russell J. Goodhart; North-East Ohio Annual Conference

From Ohio Annual Conference

- 687. WSCS; Brown's Chapel
- 688. WSCS; Hopewell Church
- 689. WSCS; Hanover Church
- 690. WSCS; Ironton-Segdwick Church
- 691. WSCS; Broadway Church; Toledo
- 692. WSCS; Asbury Church
- 693. WSCS; First Church; Columbus
- 694. WSCS; Sugar Grove Church; Good Hope Charge
- 695. WSCS; Maynard Ave. Church; Columbus

- 696. WSCS; Linden Heights Church; Columbus
- 697. WSCS; Lewis Center Church; Columbus
- 698. WSG; North Church; Columbus
- 699. WSCS; First Church; Newark
- 700. WSCS; Riverside Church; Columbus
- 701. WSCS; Bradford Church
- 702. WSCS; St. Paul's Church; Dayton
- 703. WSCS; Centerville Church
- 704. WSCS; Gibsonburg Church
- 705. WSCS; Trinity Church; Chillicothe
- 706. WSCS; Marysville, Ohio
- 707. WSCS; Neal Avenue Church; Newark
- 708. WSCS; Athens Church; Chillicothe
- 709. WSCS; Lucasville Church
- 710. WSCS; Gift Street Church
- 711. WSCS; Trinity Church; Columbus
- 712. WSCS; First Church; Circleville
- 713. WSCS; Hedges Chapel; Chillicothe
- 714. WSCS; Albany Church
- 715. WSCS; Baltimore Church
- 716. WSCS; Christ Church; Dayton
- 717. WSCS; Morgan Memorial Church; Columbus
- 718. WSCS; East Shore Church; Euclid
- 719. WSCS; William Street Church; Delaware
- 720. WSCS; Memorial Church; West Carrollton
- 721. WSCS; Middleton Church
- 722. WSCS; Bentonville Church
- 723. WSCS; Clark Street Church; Toledo
- 724. WSCS; West Jefferson Church
- 725. WSCS; Lightsville Church
- 726. WSCS; No Church Given
- 727. WSCS; Waynesville Church
- 728. WSCS; Brandt Church
- 729. WSCS; Riverdale Church; Dayton
- 730. WSCS; Wesley Church; Toledo
- 731. WSCS; New Boston Church; Portsmouth
- 732. WSCS; West Milton Church
- 733. WSCS; Walnut Grove Church; St. Mary's
- 734. WSCS; Parkway Church; Columbus
- 735. WSCS; Berlin Center Church
- 736. WSCS; Asbury Chapel; Cadiz
- 737. WSCS; Miamisburg Church
- 738. WSCS; Lincoln Avenue Church; Pleasantville
- 739. WSCS; New Marshfield Church
- 740. WSCS; Grand Rapids Church
- 741. WSCS; Monroe Street Church; Toledo
- 742. WSCS; Salem Church; Cincinnati
- 743. WSCS; Fostoria Church
- 744. WSCS; Temple Church
- 745. WSCS; Rehoboth Church
- 746. WSCS; Middleton Church (Duplicate?)
- 747. WSCS; Jackson Church
- 748. WSCS; Amsden Church
- 749. WSCS; Hamilton Church
- 750. WSCS; Walnut Street Church; Chillicothe
- 751. WSCS; New Holland Church
- 752. WSCS; Trinity Church; Marietta
- 753. WSCS; Epworth Church; Toledo
- 754. WSCS; Glendale Church
- 755. WSCS; New Paris Church

- 756. WSCS: New Athens Church
- 757. WSCS: Richland Church
- 758. WSCS: Ashville Church
- 759. WSCS: Euclid Church; Toledo
- 760. WSCS: Central Church; Toledo
- 761. WSCS: Hamilton Church (Duplicate No. 749?)
- 762. WSCS: McComb Church
- 763. WSCS: Trinity Church; Manchester
- 764. WSCS: Wellston Church
- 765. WSCS: Painterville Church
- 766. WSCS: Hansberger Memorial Church; Columbus
- 767. WSCS: Lindenwald Church; Hamilton
- 768. WSCS: St. Paul's Church; Toledo
- 769. WSCS: Trilby Church; Toledo
- 770. WSCS: Benton Ridge Church
- 771. WSCS: Unio-New Marshfield Charge
- 772. WSCS: University Church; Columbus
- 773. WSCS: Maple Grove Church; Columbus
- 774. WSCS: Sylvania Church
- 775. WSCS: Sciotoville Church
- 776. WSCS: North Broadway Church; Columbus
- 777. WSCS: Third Avenue Church; Columbus
- 778. WSCS: Arcanum Church
- 779. WSCS: Rossford Community Church
- 780. WSCS: Medway Church
- 781. WSCS: Sidney Church
- 782. WSCS: Perrysburg Church
- 783. WSCS: Alexandria Church
- 784. WSCS: Bethel Church; Troy
- 785. WSCS: Whitehouse Church
- 786. WSCS: Jamestown Church
- 787. WSCS: Amlin Church
- 788. WSCS: Eastview Church; Columbus
- 789. WSCS: Summitt Station Church
- 790. WSCS: Grace Church; Zanesville
- 791. WSCS: Bethel Church; Friendship
- 792. WSCS: Auburn Avenue Church; Cincinnati
- 793. WSCS: Morrow Church
- 794. WSCS: Portsmouth Franklin Church
- 795. WSCS: Torch Church; Coolville Charge
- 796. WSCS: Pleasant Ridge Church
- 797. WSCS: Liberty Church
- 798. WSCS: Lebanon Church
- 799. WSCS: West Park Church; Columbus
- 800. WSCS: St. Mark's Church; Lima
- 801. WSCS: Bexley Church
- 802. WSCS: Wharton Church
- 803. WSCS: King Avenue Church; Columbus
- 804. WSCS: Amesville Church
- 805. WSCS: Murray City Church

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- 806. New London Church
- 807. WSCS: Manning Church
- 808. WSCS: Trinity Church; Montrose
- 809. WSCS: Santa Fe Church
- 810. WSCS: Crawfordsville Church
- 811. WSCS: Morning Sun Church
- 812. WSCS: Clara Chapel
- 813. WSCS: Cumberland Church

- 814. WSCS; Nichols Church
- 815. WSCS; Epworth Church; Des Moines
- 816. WSCS; First Church; Boone
- 817. WSG; Monroe Church
- 818. WSCS; Pleasantville Church
- 819. WSCS; Brighton Church
- 820. WSCS; Chariton Church
- 821. WSCS; Star Church; Coon Rapids
- 822. WSCS; Libertyville Church
- 823. WSG; First Church; Indianola
- 824. WSG; Chariton Church (Duplicate No. 820)
- 825. WSCS; Hebron Church; Orient
- 826. WSCS; First Church; Des Moines
- 827. WSCS; Braddyville Church
- 828. WSCS; First Church; Jefferson
- 829. WSCS; Carlisle Church
- 830. WSCS; Truro Church
- 831. WSCS; Wiota Church
- 832. WSCS; Villisca Church
- 833. WSCS; Embury Church; Donnellson
- 834. WSCS; Trinity Church; Riverside
- 835. WSCS; Lewis Church
- 836. WSCS; Letts Church
- 837. WSCS; First Church; Burlington
- 838. WSCS; Earlham Church
- 839. WSCS; Dedham Church
- 840. WSCS; Emerson Church
- 841. WSCS; Center Chapel Rural Church
- 842. WSCS; Union Park Church; Des Moines
- 843. WSCS; Menlo Church
- 844. WSCS; Orient Church
- 845. WSCS; Gray Church
- 846. WSCS; Manning Church
- 847. WSCS; Lanesboro Church
- 848. WSCS; Afton Church
- 849. WSCS; Broadway Church; Council Bluffs
- 850. WSCS; Grace Church; Tiffin
- 851. WSCS; Corydon Church
- 852. WSCS; Blockton Church
- 853. WSCS; First Church; Knoxville
- 854. WSCS; Grace Church; Burlington
- 855. WSCS; Macksburg Church
- 856. WSCS; Melrose Church; Rt. 1, Keokuk
- 857. WSCS; Van Meter Church
- 858. WSCS; Oakville Church
- 859. WSCS; Nodaway Church
- 860. WSCS; Corning Church
- 861. WSCS; Webster Church; Winterset
- 862. WSCS; Paton Church
- 863. WSCS; Penn Avenue Church; Greenfield
- 864. WSCS; Norwich Church; Shenandoah
- 865. WSCS; Mt. Zion Church; Libertyville Charge
- 866. WSCS; Casey Church
- 867. WSCS; Greenfield Church
- 868. WSCS; Highland Church; Fontanella
- 869. WSCS; Mineral Ridge Church; Boone
- 870. WSCS; Monroe Church
- 871. WSCS; Woodward Church
- 872. WSCS; Bedford Church
- 873. WSCS; First Church; Madrid

- 874. WSCS; Clarinda Church
- 875. WSCS; Otis Chapel Church
- 876. WSCS; Slater Church
- 877. WSCS; Maple Grove Church
- 878. WSCS; Blanchard Church
- 879. WSCS; Dallas Center Church
- 880. WSCS; Glidden Church
- 881. WSCS; Island Church; Muscatine
- 882. WSCS; Colo Church
- 883. WSG; New London Church
- 884. WSCS; First Church; Coon Rapids
- 885. WSCS; Dodge Center Church
- 886. WSCS; Penn Center Church; Dexter
- 887. WSCS; Mount Etna Church
- 888. WSCS; Red Oak Church
- 889. WSCS; Columbus Junction Church
- 890. WSCS; First Church; Muscatine
- 891. WSCS; Dunlap Church
- 892. WSCS; Kellogg Church
- 893. WSCS; Mt. Union Church
- 894. WSCS; Shelby Church
- 895. WSCS; Anita Church
- 896. WSCS; Clio Church
- 897. WSCS; Bethel Church; Adair
- 898. WSCS; New Boston Church; Burlington District
- 899. WSCS; Dow City Church
- 900. WSCS; Danville Church
- 901. WSCS; Immanuel Church
- 902. WSCS; Wesley Chapel; Mt. Pleasant Circuit
- 903. WSCS; Prairie Gem Church
- 904. WSCS; Minburn Church
- 905. WSCS; Bagley Church
- 906. WSCS; Cooper Church
- 907. WSCS; Garden Grove Church
- 908. WSCS; Dexter Church
- 909. WSCS; Grove Center Church; Greenfield
- 910. WSCS; Rippey Church
- 911. WSCS; Pleasant Hill Church; Rippey
- 912. WSCS; Asbury Church; Des Moines
- 913. WSCS; Carl Church; Corning
- 914. WSCS; Pilot Mound Church
- 915. WSCS; Booneville Church
- 916. WSCS; Simpson Church
- 917. WSCS; First Church; Harlan
- 918. WSCS; Collegiate Church; Ames
- 919. WSCS; Decatur Church
- 920. WSCS; First Church; Grand Junction
- 921. WSCS; Newton Church
- 922. WSCS; Grant Church
- 923. WSCS; Waukee Church
- 924. WSCS; Northboro Church
- 925. WSCS; Mount Ayr Church
- 926. WSCS; Gravity Church
- 927. WSCS; Bowman Chapel
- 928. WSCS; Oakland Church
- 929. WSCS; First Church; Atlantic
- 930. Special Study Group, WSCS; First Church; Atlantic
- 931. WSCS; Grace Church; Des Moines
- 932. WSCS; Bayard Church
- 933. WSCS; Elliott Church

- 934. WSCS; Carroll Church
- 935. WSCS; Logan Church
- 936. WSCS; Musserville Church; Muscatine
- 937. WSCS; West Star Church

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- 938. WSCS; Farmersburg Church
- 939. WSCS; Boston Church
- 940. WSCS; Fairland Church
- 941. WSCS; Wesley Chapel; Spencer
- 942. WSCS; Asbury Church; Columbus
- 943. WSCS; Greensburg Church
- 944. WSCS; Owensville Church
- 945. WSCS; Pleasant Ridge Church
- 946. WSCS; Cory Church
- 947. WSCS; Nashville Church
- 948. WSCS; First Church; Seymour
- 949. WSCS; Elizabethtown Church
- 950. WSCS; Geneva Church; Flat Rock
- 951. WSCS; Center Point Church
- 952. WSCS; Lyons Church
- 953. WSCS; Central Church; Evansville
- 954. WSCS; Everton Church
- 955. WSCS; Ebenezer Church
- 956. WSCS; Needham Church
- 957. WSCS; Letta Church; Greensburg
- 958. WSCS; Pisgah Church
- 959. WSCS; Sullivan Church
- 960. WSCS; Trinity Church; Evansville
- 961. WSCS; Hamlin Church
- 962. WSCS; Allen Chapel
- 963. WSCS; Osgood Church
- 964. WSCS; Fort Branch Church
- 965. WSCS; Milton Church
- 966. WSCS; Center Chapel
- 967. WSCS; Maysville Church
- 968. WSCS; Winslow Church
- 969. WSCS; Hat Rock Church
- 970. WSCS; First Church; Bloomington
- 971. WSCS; St. Paul's Church; Poseyville
- 972. WSCS; Solsberry Church
- 973. WSCS; Wrights Corner; Aurora
- 974. WSCS; Quakertown Church
- 975. WSCS; St. Paul, Independent Church
- 976. WSCS; Lawrenceburg Church
- 977. WSCS; First Church; Cannelton
- 978. WSCS; First Church; Tell City
- 979. WSCS; Arlington Church
- 980. WSCS; Ebenezer Church; Columbus District
- 981. WSCS; Putnamville Church
- 982. WSCS; Banta Church
- 983. WSCS; Walnut Grove Church
- 984. WSCS; Crothersville Church
- 985. WSCS; Erie Church
- 986. WSCS; Wesley Chapel; Bloomington District
- 987. WSCS; First Church; Evansville
- 988. WSCS; Francisco Church
- 989. WSCS; Odon Church
- 990. WSCS; Carlisle Church
- 991. WSCS; Mitchell Church

- 992. WSCS; Jasonville Church
- 993. WSCS; Moores Hill Church
- 994. WSCS; Pleasant Hill Church; St. Paul
- 995. WSCS; Dugger Church
- 996. WSCS; McCutchanville Church
- 997. WSCS; Blue Grass Church
- 998. WSCS; Monrovia Church
- 999. WSCS; Brookville Church
- 1000. WSCS; Grand Avenue Church; Connersville
- 1001. WSCS; Sugarland Church; Washington Circuit
- 1002. WSCS; Trinity Church; Evansville
- 1003. WSCS; Dillsboro Church
- 1004. WSCS; Adams Church
- 1005. WSCS; Cross Plains Church
- 1006. WSCS; Holland Church
- 1007. WSCS; Ireland Church
- 1008. WSCS; Epworth Church; Evansville
- 1009. WSCS; Pleasant Hill Church; Vincennes District
- 1010. WSCS; North Madison Church
- 1011. WSCS; Reel's Chapel; Monroe City Charge
- 1012. WSCS; Youngstown Church
- 1013. WSCS; Simpson Church; Evansville
- 1014. WSCS; Prairie Creek Church
- 1015. WSCS; East Church; Columbus
- 1016. WSCS; West Street Church; Shelbyville
- 1017. WSCS; Mt. Olive Church; Martinsville
- 1018. WSCS; Calvary Church; Mooresville
- 1019. WSCS; Switz City Church
- 1020. WSCS; Clifford Church
- 1021. WSCS; Old North Church; Evansville
- 1022. WSCS; Grace Church; Bedford
- 1023. WSCS; Aurora Church
- 1024. WSCS; Ashboro Church
- 1025. WSCS; Deputy Church
- 1026. WSCS; Kent Church
- 1027. WSCS; Chandler Church
- 1028. WSCS; Cloverdale Church
- 1029. WSCS; Patricksburg Church
- 1030. WSCS; Trinity Church; Rockport
- 1031. WSCS; Salem Church; Evansville
- 1032. WSCS; Mt. Lebanon Church
- 1033. WSCS; Oolitic Church
- 1034. WSCS; Vine Street Church; Shelbyville
- 1035. WSCS; Hatfield Church
- 1036. WSCS; Cross Roads Church; Bloomington
- 1037. WSCS; Decker Church
- 1038. WSCS; Hymera Bethel Church
- 1039. WSCS; First Church; Martinsville
- 1040. WSCS; First Church; Vincennes
- 1041. WSCS; Trinity Church; Shelbyville
- 1042. WSCS; Glenwood Church; Connersville
- 1043. WSCS; Brandywine Church
- 1044. WSCS; Bright Church
- 1045. WSCS; Freelandville Church
- 1046. WSCS; First Church; Mt. Vernon
- 1047. WSCS; Centenary Church; Waverly Charge
- 1048. WSCS; Caborn Church
- 1049. WSCS; Forsythe Church
- 1050. WSCS; Logan Church
- 1051. WSCS; Epsom Church

- 1052. WSCS; Cynthiana Church
- 1053. WSCS; Bethel Church
- 1054. WSCS; Brooklyn Church
- 1055. WSCS; Huntingburg Church
- 1056. WSCS; Springville Church
- 1057. WSCS; Bicknell Church
- 1058. WSCS; Bloomfield Church
- 1059. WSCS; Tyson Methodist Temple; Versailles
- 1060. WSCS; Gosport Church
- 1061. WSCS; First Church; Bedford
- 1062. WSCS; Spurgeon Church
- 1063. Same as 1062.
- 1064. WSCS; Waverly Church
- 1065. WSCS; Fletcher Church; Carthage
- 1066. WSCS; Laurel Church
- 1067. WSCS; Bono Church; Mitchell
- 1068. WSCS; Harrodsburg Church
- 1069. WSCS; Farmers Chapel
- 1070. WSCS; Hartsville Church
- 1071. WSCS; Lynnville Church
- 1072. WSCS; Nobles Chapel
- 1073. WSCS; Old Union Church
- 1074. WSCS; Patch Chapel; Bowling Green Charge
- 1075. WSCS; First Church; Washington
- 1076. WSCS; Boonville Church

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- 1077. WSCS; First Church; Marine City
- 1078. WSCS; Walled Lake Church
- 1079. WSCS; Zion or Jeddo Church
- 1080. WSCS; Port Hope Church
- 1081. WSCS; Taylor Church; Detroit
- 1082. WSCS; Trinity Church; Allen Park
- 1083. WSCS; Westlawn Church; Detroit
- 1084. WSCS; Central Church; Detroit
- 1085. WSCS; Livonia Church
- 1086. WSCS; Clarenceville Church
- 1087. WSCS; Huron Street Church; Flint
- 1088. WSCS; Washington Avenue Church, Port Huron
- 1089. WSCS; Oakland Park Church; Flint
- 1090. WSCS; Munising Church
- 1091. WSCS; Trinity Church; Alognac
- 1092. WSCS; First Church; Harbor Beach
- 1093. WSCS; Zion Church; Peck Charge
- 1094. WSCS; East Grand Boulevard Church; Flint
- 1095. WSCS; Webberville Church
- 1096. WSCS; Central Church; Pontiac
- 1097. WSCS; North Street Church
- 1098. WSCS; Thoburn Church; Detroit
- 1099. WSCS; Monroe Street Church; Lapeer
- 1100. WSCS; First Church; Mt. Clemmens
- 1101. WSCS; Sandusky Church
- 1102. WSCS; Bethany Church; Detroit
- 1103. WSCS; Croswell Church
- 1104. WSCS; Oxford Church
- 1105. WSCS; Applegate Church
- 1106. WSCS; Port Huron Church
- 1107. WSCS; Oak Park Church; Flint
- 1108. WSCS; Capac Church
- 1109. WSCS; Burton Church; Owosso Court

- 1110. WSCS; Asbury Church; Flint
- 1111. WSCS; Gratiot Park Church; Port Huron
- 1112. WSCS; Aldersgate Church; Detroit
- 1113. WSCS; Grand Blanch Church
- 1114. WSCS; Memorial Church; Gladstone
- 1115. WSCS; West Goodland Church; Imlay
- 1116. WSCS; Deford Church
- 1117. WSCS; First Church; Owasso
- 1118. WSCS; Faith Church; Oak Park
- 1119. WSCS; Fenton Church
- 1120. WSCS; Central Church; Flint
- 1121. WSCS; Holmes Memorial Church; Detroit
- 1122. WSCS; Carsonville Church
- 1123. WSCS; Mt. Tabor Church

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- 1124. WSCS; Berea Church
- 1125. WSCS; West Union Church

- 1126. WSCS; Oxford Church; Port Huron District; Detroit Annual Conference.

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- 1127. WSCS; Smithfield Church
- 1128. WSCS; Grace Church; Cohocton
- 1129. WSCS; Fulton Church
- 1130. WSCS; First Church; Bucyrus
- 1131. WSCS; Epworth Church; Youngstown
- 1132. WSCS; Mt. Vernon Church
- 1133. WSCS; Leonardsburg Church
- 1134. WSCS; Dexter City Church
- 1135. WSCS; Bellville Church
- 1136. WSCS; Rayland Church
- 1137. WSCS; Ridgewood Church
- 1138. WSCS; Williamsfield Church
- 1139. WSCS; Nelson Church; Garrettsville
- 1140. WSCS; Garfield Heights Church
- 1141. WSCS; Madison Chapel; North Madison
- 1142. WSCS; Salem Church; Hendrysburg Charge
- 1043. WSCS; Plainfield Church
- 1144. WSCS; Asbury Church; Delaware
- 1145. WSCS; South Amherst Church
- 1146. WSCS; Main Street Church; West Lafayette
- 1147. WSCS; Crestline Church
- 1148. WSCS; Amherst Church
- 1149. WSCS; Denmark Church
- 1150. WSCS; Brimfield Church
- 1151. WSCS; Esther Circle; Kenmore Church; Akron
- 1152. WSCS; First Church; Salem
- 1153. WSCS; Brecksville Church
- 1154. WSCS; Lemert Church
- 1155. WSCS; Thompson Church
- 1156. WSCS; Wilson Chapel; Mansfield District
- 1157. WSCS; Harmony Church
- 1158. WSCS; Walworth Church; Cleveland
- 1159. WSCS; Indianola Church; Youngstown
- 1160. WSCS; Central Church; Mansfield
- 1161. WSCS; Duplicate of No. 1133
- 1162. WSCS; Damascus Church

- 1163. WSCS; Randolph Church
- 1164. WSCS; Hubbard Church
- 1165. WSCS; Tyndall Church
- 1166. WSCS; Asbury Church; East Sparta
- 1167. WSCS; West Union Church
- 1168. WSCS; East Glenville Church; East Cleveland
- 1169. WSCS; Nevada Church; Mansfield District
- 1170. WSCS; Fredericktown Circuit
- 1171. WSCS; Lore City Church
- 1172. WSCS; South Arlington Church; Akron
- 1173. WSCS; Mingo Junction; Steubenville District
- 1174. WSCS; Jewett Church
- 1175. WSCS; Tallmadge Church
- 1176. WSCS; Norwich Church; Cambridge District
- 1177. WSCS; Union Church; Warsaw
- 1178. WSCS; Lisbon Church
- 1179. Pioneer Circle; WSCS; Lakemore Church; Akron
- 1180. WSCS; Sebring Church
- 1181. WSCS; Willoughby Church
- 1182. WSCS; Bowerston Church
- 1183. WSCS; Keene Church
- 1184. WSCS; Rootstown Church
- 1185. WSCS; First Church; Middlefield
- 1186. WSCS; Mt. Carmel Church; Cambridge District
- 1187. WSCS; Peninsula Church
- 1188. WSCS; First Church; Cleveland
- 1189. WSCS; Ashley Church
- 1190. WSCS; Delason Church; Youngstown
- 1191. WSCS; First Church; Mansfield
- 1192. WSCS; Macedonia Church
- 1193. Circle 4, WSCS; Perry Church
- 1194. WSCS; Perry Church
- 1195. WSCS; East Fairfield Church
- 1196. WSCS; Grace Church; Cuyahoga Falls
- 1197. WSCS; Woodsfield Church
- 1198. WSCS; Christ Church; Akron
- 1199. WSCS; Boyce Church; East Liverpool
- 1200. WSCS; Lakemore Church
- 1201. WSCS; First Church; Warren
- 1202. WSCS; Butler Church
- 1203. WSCS; Woodland Church; Akron
- 1204. WSCS; Irondale Church
- 1205. WSCS; Fifth Street Church; Steubenville
- 1206. Duplicate of No. 1192
- 1207. WSCS; Perrysville Church
- 1208. WSCS; Harmony Church; Mingo Junction
- 1209. WSCS; Pavonia Church
- 1210. WSCS; Smyrna Church; Freeport Charge
- 1211. WSCS; Green Valley Church
- 1212. WSCS; Canal Lewisville Church
- 1213. Duplicate of No. 1197
- 1214. WSCS; Newport Church; Cambridge District
- 1215. WSCS; Strongsville Church
- 1216. WSCS; Cardington Church
- 1217. Duplicate of No. 1124
- 1218. WSCS; Polk Church
- 1219. WSCS; Howard Church
- 1220. WSCS; Main Street Church; Akron
- 1221. WSCS; Caldwell Church
- 1222. WSCS; First Church; Cardington

- 1223. WSCS; Union Church; Upper Sandusky
- 1224. WSCS; Garrettsville Church
- 1225. WSCS; First Church; Massillon
- 1226. WSCS; Loudonville Church
- 1227. WSCS; Nevada Church
- 1228. WSCS; Jeromesville Church
- 1229. WSCS; Grace Church; Akron
- 1230. WSCS; Lakeside Church
- 1231. WSCS; Bridgeport Church
- 1232. WSCS; Boundry Church
- 1233. WSCS; Homer Church
- 1234. WSCS; Brokensword Church
- 1235. WSCS; Christ Church; Cleveland
- 1236. WSCS; First Church; Barnesville
- 1237. WSCS; Calvary Church; Coshocton
- 1238. WSCS; Ashland Church
- 1239. WSCS; Ontario Church; Crestline
- 1240. WSCS; Macksburg Church
- 1241. WSCS; Clarington Church
- 1242. WSCS; Mt. Pleasant Church
- 1243. WSCS; Jacobsburg Church
- 1244. Circle No. 3, WSCS; Perry Church
- 1245. WSCS; Charlestown Church
- 1246. Circle No. 1, WSCS; Perry Church
- 1247. WSCS; Mt. Gilead Church
- 1248. WSCS; Nankin Federated Church
- 1249. WSCS; Windermere Church; Cleveland
- 1250. WSCS; East Shore Church; Euclid
- 1251. WSCS; Ninth Street Church; Cambridge
- 1252. WSCS; Calvary Church; Stubenville
- 1253. WSCS; Pleasant Hill Church; Carrollton
- 1254. WSCS; Kenmore Church; Akron
- 1255. WSCS; Cuyahoga Falls Church
- 1256. WSCS; Church of the Saviour; Cleveland Heights
- 1257. WSCS; New Washington Church
- 1258. Duplicate of No. 1228
- 1259. WSCS; South Euclid Church; Cleveland
- 1260. WSCS; Summerfield Church
- 1261. WSCS; Hazewell Church
- 1262. WSCS; Bristol Church
- 1263. WSCS; Cherry Valley Church; Dorset Charge
- 1264. WSCS; Grace Church; Uhrichville
- 1265. WSCS; First Church; Bellaire
- 1266. WSCS; Fredericktown Church
- 1267. Executive Committee WSCS; First Church; Akron
- 1268. WSCS; Girard Church
- 1269. WSCS; Fulton Church; Marengo
- 1270. WSCS; Epworth Church; Bucyrus
- 1271. WSCS; Richmond Church
- 1272. WSCS; Bethlehem Church; Byesville Charge
- 1273. WSCS; Brimfield Church; Kent
- 1274. WSCS; Lakewood Church; Cleveland
- 1275. WSCS; Adena Church
- 1276. WSCS; Buffalo Church
- 1277. WSCS; Franklin Church
- 1278. WSCS; New Concord Church
- 1279. WSCS; West Bellaire Church
- 1280. WSCS; Market Street Church; Galion
- 1281. WSCS; Thoburn Church
- 1282. WSCS; Richmond Church

- 1283. WSCS; North Arlington Church; Akron
- 1284. WSCS; Steam Comers Church
- 1285. WSCS; First Church; Cambridge
- 1286. WSCS; Marengo Church
- 1287. WSCS; Trinity Church; Byesville
- 1288. Duplicate of No. 1220.
- 1289. Duplicate of No. 1135.
- 1290. WSCS; Bedford Church
- 1291. WSCS; Willson Church; Cleveland
- 1292. WSCS; Kirkpatrick Church
- 1293. WSCS; Hayesville Church
- 1294. WSCS; Liberty Chapel
- 1295. Duplicate of No. 1163
- 1296. WSCS; Bethel Church; Cardington
- 1297. WSCS; Barberton Church
- 1298. WSCS; Shaffer Memorial Church; Cleveland
- 1299. WSCS; Oehlhoff Church; Cleveland
- 1300. WSCS; Shalersville Church
- 1301. WSCS; Utica Church
- 1302. WSCS; Community Church; Maple Heights
- 1303. Duplicate of No. 1272
- 1304. WSCS; Mt. Olivett; Fairview Charge
- 1305. WSCS; First Church; Barnesville
- 1306. WSCS; Martin's Ferry Church
- 1307. Duplicate of No. 1305
- 1308. WSCS; Dillonvale Church
- 1309. WSCS; Galion Church
- 1310. WSCS; Otsego Church
- 1311. WSCS; Mantua Church
- 1312. WSCS; Gambier Church
- 1313. WSCS; Mentor Church
- 1314. WSCS; East Springfield Church
- 1315. WSCS; Gay Street Church; Mt. Vernon
- 1316. WSCS; Centerburg Church
- 1317. WSCS; Fresno Church
- 1318. Duplicate of No. 1297
- 1319. Circle 2; Perry Church

- 1320. WSCS; St. Stephen's Church; Oakland; California-Nevada
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- 1321. WSCS; Johnson Church
- 1322. WSCS; Tod Avenue Church; Warren
- 1323. WSCS; Geneva Church
- 1324. WSCS; Richfield Church Federated
- 1325. WSCS; Hendrysburg Church
- 1326. WSCS; Magnolia Church; Cuyahoga Falls
- 1327. WSCS; Amity Church
- 1328. WSCS; Goodyear Heights Church; Akron
- 1329. WSCS; East Rochester Church

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- 1330. WSCS; Trevoise Church
- 1331. Windsor Street Church; Reading
- 1332. WSCS; Girard Avenue Church; Philadelphia
- 1333. WSCS; First Church; Germantown
- 1334. WSCS; Erie Avenue Church; Philadelphia
- 1335. WSCS; Blakeslee Church

- 1336. New Hope Church
- 1337. WSCS; Mt. Carmel Church; Philadelphia
- 1338. WSCS; Bickley Memorial Church; Philadelphia
- 1339. WSCS; Bristol Church
- 1340. WSCS; Holmesburg Church; Philadelphia
- 1341. WSCS; Memorial Church of the Holy Cross; Reading
- 1342. WSCS; Lansford Church
- 1343. WSCS; Simpson Memorial Church; Philadelphia
- 1344. WSCS; Wesley Church; Bethlehem
- 1345. WSCS; Glenside Church
- 1346. WSCS; Cheltenham Church
- 1347. WSCS; Trinity Church
- 1348. WSCS; Tabernacle Memorial Church; Philadelphia
- 1349. WSCS; Stroudsburg Church
- 1350. Morrisville Church
- 1351. WSCS; Logan Church; Philadelphia
- 1352. WSCS; Jarrettown Church
- 1353. WSCS; Searles Memorial Church; Pottstown

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- 1354. WSCS; Trinity Church; Primghar
- 1355. WSCS; Luverne Church
- 1356. WSCS; Alonga District
- 1357. WSCS; Swaledale Church
- 1358. WSCS; Fenton Church
- 1359. WSCS; Livermore Church
- 1360. WSCS; Glen Lake Church
- 1361. WSCS; Algona Church
- 1362. WSCS; Burt Church
- 1363. WSCS; First Church; Garner
- 1364. WSCS; Crystal Lake Church
- 1365. WSCS; Laurens Church
- 1366. WSCS; Titonka Church
- 1367. WSCS; Hardy Church
- 1368. WSCS; Swea City Church
- 1369. WSCS; Emmetsburg Church
- 1370. WSCS; First Church; Ruthven
- 1371. WSCS; Ware Church
- 1372. WSCS; Dolliver Church
- 1373. WSCS; Ledyard Church
- 1374. WSCS; Alexander Church
- 1375. WSCS; Good Hope Church
- 1376. WSCS; Mallard Church
- 1377. WSCS; Renwick Church
- 1378. WSCS; Thompson Church
- 1379. WSCS; Huntington Church
- 1380. WSCS; Latimer Church
- 1381. WSCS; Buffalo Center Church
- 1382. WSCS; Armstrong Church
- 1383. WSCS; Klemme Church
- 1384. WSCS; Goldfield Church
- 1385. Whittenae Church
- 1386. Corwith Church
- 1387. WSCS; Liberty Church
- 1388. WSCS; Woden Church
- 1389. WSCS; Graettinger Church
- 1390. WSCS; Le Mars Church
- 1391. WSCS; Central Church; Charles City
- 1392. WSCS; Harris Church
- 1393. WSCS; Hartley Church

- 1394. WSCS; Marathon Church
- 1395. WSCS; Rultand Church
- 1396. WSCS; Rinard Church
- 1397. WSCS; Pocahontas Church
- 1398. WSCS; First Church; Fort Dodge
- 1399. WSCS; Fostoria Church
- 1400. WSCS; Superior Church
- 1401. WSCS; Baker Rural Church
- 1402. WSCS; Tipton Church
- 1403. WSCS; First Church; Storm Lake
- 1404. WSCS; Grace Church; Paullina
- 1405. WSCS; Fredericksburg Church; Waterloo
- 1406. WSCS; Linden Church
- 1407. WSCS; Grace Church; Waterloo
- 1408. WSCS; Terril Church
- 1409. WSCS; Alta Church
- 1410. WSCS; Royal Church
- 1411. WSCS; Everly Church
- 1412. WSCS; First Church; Cedar Falls
- 1413. WSCS; Spirit Lake Church
- 1414. WSCS; Sioux City Church
- 1415. WSCS; Moville Church
- 1416. WSCS; Correctionville Church
- 1417. WSCS; St. Paul's Church; Cherokee
- 1418. WSCS; Archer Church
- 1419. WSCS; Truesdale Church
- 1420. WSCS; Rock Rapids Church
- 1421. WSCS; Primghar Church
- 1422. WSCS; Duncombe Church
- 1423. WSCS; Rolfe Church
- 1424. WSCS; First Church; Sac City
- 1425. WSCS; Humboldt Church
- 1426. WSCS; Harcourt Church
- 1427. WSCS; Nemaha Church
- 1428. Pomeroy Church
- 1429. WSCS; Epworth Church; Fort Dodge
- 1430. WSCS; Lake Park Church
- 1431. WSCS; Ellis Church; Fort Dodge
- 1432. WSCS; Excelsior Church
- 1433. WSCS; Radcliff Church
- 1434. WSCS; Popejoy Church
- 1435. WSCS; Grace Church; Manson
- 1436. WSCS; Rembrandt Church
- 1437. WSCS; Dickens Church
- 1438. WSCS; Sioux Rapids Church
- 1439. WSCS; Aurelia Church
- 1440. WSCS; Lester Church
- 1441. WSCS; Kingsley Church
- 1442. WSCS; Charter Oak Church
- 1443. WSCS; Mapleton Church
- 1444. WSCS; Washta Church
- 1445. WSCS; Grace Church; Sioux City
- 1446. WSCS; Galoa Church
- 1447. WSCS; Salix Church
- 1448. WSCS; Oto Church
- 1449. WSCS; Grace Church; Spencer
- 1450. WSCS; Whitfield Church; Sioux City
- 1451. WSCS; Sutherland Church
- 1452. WSCS; Clarence Church
- 1453. Duplicate of No. 1402

- 1454. WSCS; Mechanicsville Church
- 1455. WSCS; Viola Church
- 1456. WSCS; First Church; Iowa City
- 1457. WSCS; Iron Hills Church
- 1458. WSCS; Elwood Church
- 1459. WSCS; Morley Church
- 1460. WSCS; First Church; Clinton
- 1461. WSCS; First Church; West Branch
- 1462. WSCS; Bertram Church
- 1463. WSCS; Springdale Church
- 1464. WSCS; Onawa Church
- 1465. WSCS; Merrill Church
- 1466. WSCS; Galva Church
- 1467. WSCS; Sioux City Church
- 1468. WSCS; Leeds Church
- 1469. WSCS; Hawarden Church
- 1470. WSCS; Hormick Church
- 1471. WSCS; Hinton Church
- 1472. WSCS; Sergeant Bluff Church
- 1473. WSCS; Castana Church
- 1474. WSCS; Deliot Church
- 1475. WSCS; Quimby Church
- 1476. WSCS; Odebolt Church
- 1477. WSCS; Anthon Church
- 1478. WSCS; Danbury Church
- 1479. WSCS; First Church; Le Mars
- 1480. WSCS; Cuxhing Church
- 1481. Duplicate of No. 1416
- 1482. WSCS; Bethel Church; Inwood
- 1483. WSCS; Montgomery Church
- 1484. WSCS; Grace Church; Marcus
- 1485. WSCS; St. Andrews Church
- 1486. WSCS; Ocheyedon Church
- 1487. WSCS; Moneta Church
- 1488. WSCS; Sheldon Church
- 1489. WSCS; Delhi Church
- 1490. WSCS; Decorah Church
- 1491. WSCS; First Church; Cresco
- 1492. WSCS; Colesburg Immanuel Church
- 1493. WSCS; Burr Oak Church
- 1494. WSCS; Buck Creek Church; Hopkinton
- 1495. WSCS; Bonair Church
- 1496. WSCS; Arlington Church
- 1497. Dubuque District WSCS
- 1498. WSCS; Giard Church; McGregor
- 1499. WSCS; St. John's Church; Dorchester
- 1500. WSCS; Clermont Church
- 1501. WSCS; Aurora Church
- 1502. WSCS; Alpha Church
- 1503. WSCS; Farley Community Church
- 1504. WSCS; Fairbank Church
- 1505. Epworth Church
- 1506. WSCS; East Dubuque Church
- 1507. WSCS; Earlville Church
- 1508. WSCS; McGregor Church
- 1509. Manchester Church
- 1510. WSCS; Masonville Church
- 1511. WSCS; Grace Church; Lamont
- 1512. WSCS; First Church; Independence
- 1513. WSCS; Trinity Church; Hazelton

- 1514. WSCS; Hawkeye Church
- 1515. WSCS; Guttenberg
- 1516. WSCS; First Church; Fayette
- 1517. WSCS; Greeley Church
- 1518. WSCS; Winthrop Church
- 1519. WSCS; Volga Church
- 1520. WSCS; First Church; Strawberry Point
- 1521. WSCS; Rowley Church
- 1522. WSCS; Ridgeway Church
- 1523. WSCS; Reed's Chapel; Dubuque
- 1524. WSCS; Oneida Church
- 1525. WSCS; Oelwein Church
- 1526. WSCS; Monona Church

From Genesee Annual Conference

- 1527. WSCS; First Church; North Tonawanda
- 1528. WSCS; Alcott Church
- 1529. WSCS; Pekin Church; Sanborn
- 1530. WSCS; Porter Center Church; Ransomville
- 1531. WSCS; Quaker Road Church; Gasport
- 1532. WSCS; Royalton Church; Middleport
- 1533. WSCS; Sanborn Church
- 1534. WSCS; First Church; Niagara Falls
- 1535. WSCS; Marilla Church
- 1536. WSCS; Emmanuel Church; Lockport
- 1537. WSCS; Lackawanna Roland Church; Lackawanna
- 1538. WSCS; Holland Church
- 1539. WSCS; Hamburg Church
- 1540. WSCS; First Church; Gowanda
- 1541. WSCS; North Ridge Church; Lockport
- 1542. WSCS; Warrens Corners Church; Lockport
- 1543. WSCS; Somerset Union Church; Barker
- 1544. WSCS; North Delaware Church; Buffalo
- 1545. WSCS; Lovejoy Church; Buffalo
- 1546. WSCS; Lincoln Memorial Church; Buffalo
- 1547. WSCS; Kensington Church; Buffalo
- 1548. WSCS; Humboldt Parkway Church; Buffalo
- 1549. WSCS; First Church; Buffalo
- 1550. WSCS; Asbury Delaware Church; Buffalo
- 1551. WSCS; First Church; Lancaster
- 1552. WSCS; Exley Church; Wilson
- 1553. WSCS; St. Paul's Church; Niagara Falls
- 1554. WSCS; St. James Church; Niagara Falls
- 1555. WSCS; 99th Street Church; Niagara Falls
- 1556. WSCS; Seneca Church; Buffalo
- 1557. WSCS; Ripley Memorial Church; Buffalo
- 1558. WSCS; Richmond Avenue Church; Buffalo
- 1559. WSCS; Plymouth Chapel; Buffalo
- 1560. WSCS; South Park Church; Buffalo
- 1561. WSCS; Christ Church; Snyder
- 1562. WSCS; Colden Church
- 1563. WSCS; Collins Center Church
- 1564. WSCS; Dickersonville Church; Ransomville
- 1565. WSCS; Eden Church
- 1566. WSCS; Elma Church
- 1567. WSCS; Wesley Church; Rochester
- 1568. WSCS; Honeoye Falls Church
- 1569. WSCS; Monroe Avenue Church; Rochester
- 1570. WSCS; Holley Church
- 1571. WSCS; Clarendon Church

- 1572. WSCS; First Church; North Chili
- 1573. WSCS; Presho Church; Tindley
- 1574. WSCS; East Bloomfield Church
- 1575. WSCS; Johnsonburg Church
- 1576. WSCS; Phillips Creek Church; Scio
- 1577. WSCS; First Church; Eldred
- 1578. WSCS; Park Church; Condersport
- 1579. WSCS; East Wilson Church; Newfane
- 1580. WSCS; First Church; Olean
- 1581. WSCS; Parkside Church; East Rochester
- 1582. WSCS; Fairport Church
- 1583. WSCS; Trinity Church; Rochester
- 1584. WSCS; Hamlin Church
- 1585. WSCS; First Church; Attica
- 1586. WSCS; First Church; Albion
- 1587. WSCS; Emmanuel Church; Rochester
- 1588. WSCS; Macedon Center Church
- 1589. WSCS; Bergen Church
- 1590. WSCS; Avon Church
- 1591. WSCS; Indian Falls Church
- 1592. WSCS; Walworth Church
- 1593. WSCS; Spencer-Ripley Church; Rochester
- 1594. WSCS; Duke Center Church
- 1595. WSCS; Gainesville Church
- 1596. WSCS; First Church; Bradford
- 1597. WSCS; Delevan Church
- 1598. WSCS; Asbury Church; Bradford
- 1599. WSCS; Sardinia Church
- 1600. WSCS; Arcade Church
- 1601. WSCS; Derrick City Church
- 1602. WSCS; Riverside Church; Roulette
- 1603. WSCS; Fillmore Church
- 1604. WSCS; Allegany Church
- 1605. WSCS; Wyoming Church
- 1606. WSCS; Trinity Church; Olean
- 1607. WSCS; Hume Church
- 1608. WSCS; Crosby Church
- 1609. WSCS; Limestone Church
- 1610. WSCS; Partville Church
- 1611. WSCS; Seneca Church; Rochester
- 1612. WSCS; St. Andrews Church; Weston's Mills
- 1613. WSCS; Smethport Church
- 1614. WSCS; Warsaw Church
- 1615. WSCS; Machias Church
- 1616. WSCS; Salamanca Church
- 1617. WSCS; Cuba Church
- 1618. WSCS; Covington Church
- 1619. WSCS; Centerville Church
- 1620. WSCS; Stony Fort Church; Wellsboro
- 1621. WSCS; Knoxville Church
- 1622. WSCS; Troupsburg Church
- 1623. WSCS; Woodhull Church
- 1624. WSCS; Almond Church
- 1625. WSCS; First Church; Canisteo
- 1626. WSCS; Westfield Church
- 1627. WSCS; Tioga Church
- 1628. WSCS; Wallace Church
- 1629. WSCS; Prattsburg Church
- 1630. WSCS; North Cohocton Church
- 1631. WSCS; Naples Church

- 1632. WSCS; Cohocton Church
- 1633. WSCS; Cowanesque Church
- 1634. WSCS; Niles Valley Church; Middlebury
- 1635. WSCS; Andover Church
- 1636. WSCS; Belfast Church
- 1637. WSCS; First Church; Bolivar
- 1638. WSCS; Rushford Church
- 1639. WSCS; Friendship Church
- 1640. WSCS; Coolidge Hollow Church; Wellsboro
- 1641. WSCS; Laurenceville Church
- 1642. WSCS; Wheeler Church
- 1643. WSCS; North Fork Church; Westfield
- 1644. WSCS; Cooper Plains Church
- 1645. WSCS; Sparta Church; Dunsville
- 1646. WSCS; First Church; Painted Post
- 1647. WSCS; Arkport Church
- 1648. WSCS; Centenary Church; Bath
- 1649. WSCS; Alden Church
- 1650. WSCS; Kenmore Church
- 1651. WSCS; Ontario Church; Buffalo
- 1652. WSCS; Avoca Church
- 1653. WSCS; Mount Morris Church
- 1654. WSCS; South Danville Church; Arkport
- 1655. WSCS; South Conistee Church
- 1656. WSCS; Round Top Church; Wellsboro
- 1657. WSCS; Canaseraga Church; Genesee
- 1658. WSCS; Stafford Church
- 1659. WSCS; Hilton Church
- 1660. WSCS; First Church; Medina
- 1661. WSCS; Darien Church
- 1662. WSCS; Penfield Church
- 1663. WSCS; Cornhill Church; Rochester
- 1664. WSCS; First Church; Batavia
- 1665. WSCS; Greece Church; Rochester
- 1666. WSCS; Waterport Church
- 1667. WSCS; Garland Church; Brockport
- 1668. WSCS; Adams Basin Church
- 1669. WSCS; Alabama Church
- 1670. WSCS; Elmgrove Community Church; Rochester
- 1671. WSCS; County Line Church; Lyndonville
- 1672. WSCS; First Church; Victor
- 1673. WSCS; Millerville Church
- 1674. WSCS; Hemlock Church
- 1675. WSCS; Lyndonville Church
- 1676. WSCS; Webster Church
- 1677. WSCS; Grace Church; Rochester
- 1678. WSCS; Newfane Church
- 1679. WSCS; Nunda Church
- 1680. WSCS; Greenwood Church
- 1681. WSCS; Nelson Church
- 1682. WSCS; Canton Church; Corning
- 1683. WSCS; West Barre Church

From Oregon Annual Conference

- 1684. WSCS; McMinville Church
- 1685. WSCS; Oakridge Church
- 1686. WSCS; Klamath Falls Church
- 1687. WSCS; Siletz Church
- 1688. WSCS; Lebanon Church
- 1689. WSCS; Newman Church

- 1690. WSCS; Forest Grove Church
- 1691. WSCS; Albany Church
- 1692. WSCS; Yamhill Church
- 1693. WSCS; McCabe Church; McMinnville
- 1694. WSCS; First Church; Astoria
- 1695. WSCS; First Church; Roseburg
- 1696. WSCS; Oswego Church
- 1697. WSCS; Tillamook Church
- 1698. WSCS; First Church; Newberg
- 1699. WSCS; First Church; Medford
- 1700. WSCS; Oak Grove Church
- 1701. WSCS; Silverton Church

From Maine Annual Conference

- 1702. WSCS; Clark's Memorial Church; Portland
- 1703. WSCS; Elm Street Church; Portland District
- 1704. WSCS; Chestnut Street Church; Portland
- 1705. WSCS; Gorham School Street Church; Portland District

From California-Nevada Annual Conference

- 1706. WSCS; First Church; North Sacramento
- 1707. WSCS; Elmhurst Church; Oakland

From West Wisconsin Annual Conference

- 1708. WSCS; Mazomanie Church
- 1709. WSCS; Trousdale Church; Madison
- 1710. WSCS; River Falls Church
- 1711. WSCS; Darlington Church
- 1712. WSCS; Brodhead Church
- 1713. WSCS; Mineral Point Church
- 1714. WSCS; Lancaster Church
- 1715. WSCS; South Wayne Church
- 1716. WSCS; Trinity Church; Richland Center
- 1717. WSCS; Platteville Church
- 1718. WSCS; Community Church; Brooklyn
- 1719. WSCS; Wyoming Valley Church, Spring Valley Church;
Spring Green
- 1720. WSCS; Lodi Church
- 1721. WSCS; Rewey Church

From Baltimore Annual Conference

- 1722. WSCS; Arnolia Church; Baltimore East District
- 1723. WSCS; Mayo Memorial Church; Washington East District
- 1724. WSCS; Oakdale-Emory Church
- 1725. WSCS; Evergreen Church; Baltimore East District
- 1726. WSCS; Brookland Church; Washington East District
- 1727. WSCS; Linganore Church; Washington West District
- 1728. WSCS; Govans Church; Baltimore East District
- 1729. WSCS; Grace Church; Baltimore East District
- 1730. WSCS; Howard Park Church; Baltimore West District
- 1731. WSCS; Wesley Memorial Church; Baltimore West District
- 1732. WSCS; Parkside Church; Baltimore
- 1733. WSCS; Trinity Church; Baltimore
- 1734. WSCS; Rhode Island Avenue Church
- 1735. WSCS; Halethorpe Church; Baltimore South District
- 1736. WSCS; Hampden Church; Baltimore
- 1737. WSCS; St. John's Church; Baltimore
- 1738. WSCS; St. Luke's Church; Woodlawn

- 1739. WSCS; Wilson Memorial Church
- 1740. WSCS; Eldbrooke Church
- 1741. WSCS; Trinity Church; Washington
- 1742. WSCS; Boundary Church
- 1743. WSCS; Mt. Vernon Church; Baltimore
- 1744. WSCS; Calvary Church; Frederick
- 1745. WSCS; Memorial Church; Baltimore

From Troy Annual Conference

- 1746. WSCS; St. Mark's Church; Troy
- 1747. WSCS; Pawling Avenue Church; Troy
- 1748. WSCS; First Church; Pittsfield, Massachusetts

From Northern New York Annual Conference

- 1749. WSCS; First Church; Belleville
- 1750. WSCS; Norwood Church
- 1751. WSCS; Addicks Church; Houston; Texas Annual Conference (SC)

From New Hampshire Annual Conference

- 1752. WSCS; Penacook Church
- 1753. WSCS; Grovetown Church
- 1754. WSCS; Goffstown Church
- 1755. WSCS; Henniker Church
- 1756. WSCS; Tuftonboro Church; Ossipee
- 1757. WSCS; Hillsboro Church
- 1758. WSCS; Grace Church; Keene
- 1759. WSCS; Milford Church
- 1760. WSCS; Main Street Church; Nashua
- 1761. WSCS; Baker Memorial Church; Concord
- 1762. WSCS; Woodsville Church
- 1763. WSCS; First Church; Concord
- 1764. WSCS; Moultonville Church
- 1765. WSCS; Merrimanport Church; Merrimac
- 1766. WSCS; North Church; Plymouth, Massachusetts
- 1767. WSCS; First Church; Hampton
- 1768. WSCS; Ayers Village Church; Haverhill, Massachusetts
- 1769. WSCS; First Church; Amesbury, Massachusetts
- 1770. WSCS; Spofford Union Church; Spofford
- 1771. WSCS; Arlington Street Church; Nashua
- 1772. WSCS; Parish Church; Salisbury, Massachusetts
- 1773. WSCS; Dummer Church; Milan

From Montana Annual Conference

- 1774. WSCS; St. Regis Church
- 1775. WSCS; Polson Church
- 1776. WSCS; Kremlin Church
- 1777. WSCS; Dutton Church
- 1778. WSCS; Federated Church; Hamilton
- 1779. WSCS; Mont Clair Church; Belt
- 1780. WSCS; St. Ignatius Church
- 1781. WSCS; Ronan Church
- 1782. WSCS; Community Church; Cascade
- 1783. WSCS; Community Church; Shelby
- 1784. WSCS; Trinity Church; Butte
- 1785. WSCS; Community Church; Geraldine
- 1786. WSCS; Chinook Church

- 1787. WSCS; Community Church; Sand Coulee
- 1788. WSCS; Chester Church
- 1789. WSCS; Big Sandy Church
- 1790. WSCS; Trinity Church; Whitehall
- 1791. WSCS; First Church; Bainville
- 1792. WSCS; Miles City Church
- 1793. WSCS; Sunny Side Chapel; Great Falls
- 1794. WSCS; Inverness Church
- 1795. WSCS; Chateau Church
- 1796. WSCS; Kevin Community Church
- 1797. WSCS; Great Falls Church
- 1798. WSCS; Brady Community Church
- 1799. WSCS; Richey Church
- 1800. WSCS; Van Orsdel Church; Havre
- 1801. WSCS; Kalispell Church
- 1802. WSCS; First Church; Glendive
- 1803. WSCS; Lowell Avenue Church; Butte
- 1804. WSCS; Neihart Church
- 1805. WSCS; Pendray Community Church
- 1806. WSCS; First Church; Glasgow
- 1807. WSCS; Hinsdale Church

- 1808. WSCS; Morning Star Church; Bessemer; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 1809. WSCS; Jonesboro Church; Georgia Annual Conference
- 1810. WSCS; First Church; Arkadelphia; Little Rock Annual Conference

From North Georgia Annual Conference

- 1811. WSCS; Jones Memorial First Church; Forest Park
- 1812. WSCS; Mt. Bethel Church
- 1813. WSCS; Locust Grove Church

From New England Southern Annual Conference

- 1814. WSCS; Chartley Church
- 1815. Official Board, Hatherly Church; Rockland
- 1816. WSCS; Hull Church
- 1817. WSCS; Christ Church; Wakefield
- 1818. WSCS; Hatherly Church; Rockland
- 1819. WSCS; Mathewson Street Church; Providence
- 1820. WSCS; South Street Church; Brockton
- 1821. WSCS; First Church; East Weymouth
- 1822. WSCS; Franklin Church
- 1823. WSCS; Emmanuel Church; Mansfield
- 1824. WSCS; First Church; Abington
- 1825. WSCS; Haven Church
- 1826. WSCS; Epworth Church
- 1827. WSCS; Embury Church; Central Falls
- 1828. WSCS; St. Paul's Church
- 1829. WSCS; Cochesett Church
- 1830. WSCS; East Braintree Church
- 1831. WSCS; Ashbury Church
- 1832. WSCS; Hebron Church
- 1833. WSCS; Hingham Church
- 1834. WSCS; East Mansfield Church
- 1835. WSCS; Broadway Italian Church; Providence
- 1836. WSCS; South Church; Manchester
- 1837. WSCS; East Greenwich Church
- 1838. WSCS; Arnold's Mills Church

- 1839. WSCS; Bryantville Church
- 1840. WSCS; Central Church; Middleboro
- 1841. WSCS; Middletown Church
- 1842. Methodist Men Of The Middletown Church
- 1843. WSCS; First Church; Chatham

- 1844. Leah Circle, WSCS; First Church; Lincoln; Nebraska Annual Conference
- 1845. WSCS; Manzanola Church; Colorado Annual Conference
- 1846. WSCS; Peoples Church; Cadillac; Michigan Annual Conference
- 1847. WSCS; Burton Heights Church; Grand Rapids; Michigan Annual Conference

From New Jersey Annual Conference

- 1848. WSCS; Milltown Church
- 1849. WSCS; Wall Church; Spring Lake Heights
- 1850. WSCS; First Church; Mount Holly
- 1851. WSCS; State Street Church; Camden
- 1852. WSCS; Eatontown Church
- 1853. WSCS; Sharptown Church
- 1854. WSCS; Barnegate Church
- 1855. WSCS; Bethel Church; Camden
- 1856. WSCS; Fairview Village Church; Camden
- 1857. WSCS; Venice Park Church; Atlantic City
- 1858. WSCS; Conklin Church; South River
- 1859. WSCS; Embury Church; Collingswood
- 1860. WSCS; Cranbury Church
- 1861. Evening Circle WSCS; Embury Church; Little Silver
- 1862. WSCS; Medford Church
- 1863. WSCS; Simpson Church; Old Bridge
- 1864. WSCS; Ballard Church; Asbury Park
- 1865. WSCS; Pearson Memorial Church; Trenton
- 1866. WSCS; Beach Haven Terrace Church
- 1867. WSCS; First Church; New Brunswick

- 1868. WSCS; Webster Chapel; Victoria; Texas Annual Conference (C)
- 1869. WSCS; St. James' Church; Huntsville; Texas Annual Conference (C)
- 1870. WSCS; First Church; Hanover; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 1871. WSCS; First Church; Gettysburg; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 1872. WSCS; First Church; Wichita; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 1873. WSCS; College Hill Church; Wichita; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 1874. WSCS; Centennial Church; Kansas City, Missouri; Central West Annual Conference
- 1875. WSCS; St. Andrew's Church; Kansas City, Missouri; Central West Annual Conference
- 1876. WSCS; LaSalle Church; St. Louis, Missouri; Central West Annual Conference
- 1877. The New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 1878. Delegates-elect Of The Baltimore Area; Central Jurisdiction
- 1879. Executive Committee WSCS; Lynn District; New England Annual Conference
- 1880. Executive Board; Baltimore West District, WSCS; Baltimore Annual Conference

1881. Executive Board; Flint District, WSCS; Detroit Annual Conference
1882. Executive Committee Cleveland District; WSCS; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
1883. Executive Board Toledo District; WSCS; Ohio Annual Conference
1884. Executive Committee WSCS; Portsmouth District; Ohio Annual Conference
1885. Cambridge District Officers; WSCS; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
1886. WSCS; Southern District; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
1887. Bridgeton District WSCS; New Jersey Annual Conference
1888. Dallas District WSCS; West Texas Annual Conference (C)
1889. Waco District WSCS; West Texas Annual Conference (C)
1890. Victoria District WSCS; West Texas Annual Conference (C)
1891. Portland District; WSCS; Main Annual Conference
1892. Council Bluffs District; WSCS; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
1893. Steubenville District; WSCS; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
1894. Akron District; WSCS; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
1895. Mohawk District; WSCS; Northern New York Annual Conference
1896. St. Lawrence District; WSCS; Northern New York Annual Conference
1897. Fort Dodge District; WSCS; North Iowa Annual Conference
1898. Waterloo District; WSCS; North-Iowa Annual Conference
1899. Spencer District; WSCS; North Iowa Annual Conference
1900. Western District; WSCS; Montana Annual Conference
1901. Eastern District; WSCS; Montana Annual Conference
1902. North Central District; WSCS; Montana Annual Conference
1903. Southwest District; WSCS; Montana Annual Conference
1904. Bloomington District; WSCS; Indiana Annual Conference
1905. Toledo District; WSCS; Ohio Annual Conference
1906. Lima District; WSCS; Ohio Annual Conference
1907. Forest Grove District; WSCS; Oregon Annual Conference
1908. Boston District; WSCS; New England Annual Conference
1909. Scranton District; WSCS; Wyoming Annual Conference
1910. San Antonio District; WSCS; Texas Annual Conference (C)
1911. San Jose District; WSCS; California-Nevada Annual Conference
1912. Metropolitan District; WSCS; California-Nevada Annual Conference
1913. Central District; WSCS; California-Nevada Annual Conference
1914. Sacramento-Nevada District; WSCS; California-Nevada Annual Conference
1915. Hornell District; WSCS; Genesee Annual Conference
1916. Buffalo District; WSCS; Genesee Annual Conference
1917. Olean District; WSCS; Genesee Annual Conference
1918. Rochester District; WSCS; Genesee Annual Conference
1919. WSCS; Havre de Grace Zone, Baltimore East District; Baltimore Annual Conference
1920. Washington East District; WSCS; Baltimore Annual Conference
1921. Washington West District; WSCS; Baltimore Annual Conference
1922. Baltimore South District; WSCS; Baltimore Annual Conference

1923. Cockeysville Zone Baltimore East District; WSCS; Baltimore Annual Conference
1924. Executive Board of WSCS; Baltimore Annual Conference
1925. Executive Committee of WSCS; North Dakota Annual Conference
1926. Executive Committee of WSCS; Kansas Annual Conference
1927. Executive Committee of WSCS; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
1928. Executive Board of WSCS; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
1929. Executive Committee of WSCS; Louisville Annual Conference
1930. WSCS; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
1931. WSCS; Holston Annual Conference
1932. WSCS; Philadelphia Annual Conference
1933. WSCS; Detroit Annual Conference
1934. WSCS; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
1935. WSCS; North Iowa Annual Conference
1936. WSCS; Central Jurisdiction, St. Luke's Church, Mexico, Missouri; Central West Annual Conference
1937. WSCS; California-Nevada Annual Conference
1938. WSCS; Genesee Annual Conference
1939. WSCS; South Carolina Annual Conference (C)
1940. WSCS; South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
1941. WSCS; North Mississippi Annual Conference
1942. WSCS; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
1943. WSCS; Tennessee Annual Conference (C)
1944. WSCS; Georgia Annual Conference (C)
1945. WSCS; West Texas Annual Conference (C)
1946. WSCS; North Indiana Annual Conference
1947. WSCS; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
1948. WSCS; Wyoming Annual Conference
1949. WSCS; Washington Annual Conference (C)
1950. WSCS; Central New York Annual Conference
1951. WSCS; New England Southern Annual Conference
1952. WSCS; Northern New York Annual Conference
1953. WSCS; New Hampshire Annual Conference
1954. WSCS; Southern Illinois Annual Conference
1955. WSCS; Kentucky Annual Conference
1956. WSCS; Louisville Annual Conference
1957. WSCS; Virginia Annual Conference
1958. WSCS; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
1959. WSCS; Montana Annual Conference
1960. WSCS; Central Jurisdiction
1961. WSCS; North Central Jurisdiction
1962. WSCS; Southeastern Jurisdiction
1963. WSCS; Central Jurisdiction
1964. WSCS; Western Jurisdiction
1965. Official Board; Trinity Union Church, Providence; New England Southern Annual Conference
1966. Official Board; Spofford Union Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
1967. Official Board; Hampton Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
1968. Official Board; Spring Valley Church; Minnesota Annual Conference
1969. Official Board; Black Earth Church; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
1970. Official Board; First Church; Manchester; New Hampshire Annual Conference

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- 1971. Official Board; Arlington Church, Nashua; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 1972. Official Board; Moultonboro Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 1973. Official Board; Chatham, Massachusetts, Church; New England Southern Annual Conference

Official Boards of the following churches in the New England Annual Conference

- 1974. Allston
- 1975. Copley, Boston
- 1976. First Church, Boston
- 1977. Church Of All Nations, Boston
- 1978. Tremont Street, Boston
- 1979. United, Boston
- 1980. Upham Memorial, Forest Hills
- 1981. Oak Square, Brighton
- 1982. Hyde Park
- 1983. St. Marks', Brookline
- 1984. Grace, Cambridge
- 1985. First Church, Dorchester
- 1986. East Natick United
- 1987. First Church, Jamaica Plain
- 1988. Parkway Community, Milton
- 1989. Carter Memorial, Needham
- 1990. Newton
- 1991. Newton Lower Falls
- 1992. Newton Centre
- 1993. Newton Upper Falls
- 1994. Newtonville
- 1995. Plainville
- 1996. Atlantic, Quincy
- 1997. St. Paul's, Quincy
- 1998. West Quincy
- 1999. South Walpole
- 2000. Weston
- 2001. Washington Boulevard, West Roxbury
- 2002. West Roxbury
- 2003. Wollaston
- 2004. Immanuel, Waltham
- 2005. St. John's, Watertown
- 2006. Calvary, Arlington
- 2007. Arlington Heights
- 2008. Byfield
- 2009. Mt. Bellingham, Chelsea
- 2010. Glendale, Everett
- 2011. Bay View, Gloucester
- 2012. Prospect Street, Gloucester
- 2013. Riverdale, Gloucester
- 2014. Ipswich
- 2015. Lexington
- 2016. Boston Street, Lynn
- 2017. Broadway, Lynn
- 2018. Lake Shore Park, Lynn
- 2019. South Street, Lynn
- 2020. St. Paul's, Lynn
- 2021. Trinity, Lynn
- 2022. Centre, Malden
- 2023. Faulkner, Malden
- 2024. Linden, Malden

- 2025. Maplewood, Malden
- 2026. Robinson Memorial, Malden
- 2027. Medford, Hillside
- 2028. St. John's, Medford
- 2029. Trinity, Medford
- 2030. Wellington, Medford
- 2031. First Church, Melrose
- 2032. First Church, North Andover
- 2033. Rockport
- 2034. Lafayette Street, Salem
- 2035. Reading
- 2036. Cliftondale, Saugus
- 2037. Dorr Memorial, Saugus
- 2038. Saugus Centre
- 2039. Broadway, Somerville
- 2040. First Church, Somerville
- 2041. College Avenue, Somerville
- 2042. Flint Street, Somerville
- 2043. South Hamilton
- 2044. South Tewksbury
- 2045. St. James', Stoneham
- 2046. First Church, Wakefield
- 2047. Wilmington
- 2048. Crawford Memorial, Winchester
- 2049. Woburn
- 2050. Wesley, Amherst
- 2051. Starrett Memorial, Athol
- 2052. Belchertown
- 2053. Chicopee Falls
- 2054. Colrain
- 2055. East Colrain
- 2056. Providence, Easthampton
- 2057. East Longmeadow
- 2058. Faith Church, Fairview
- 2059. Greenfield
- 2060. Northampton
- 2061. Orange
- 2062. William Butler Memorial, Shelbourne Falls
- 2063. South Hadly Falls
- 2064. Glendale, North Wilbraham
- 2065. Asbury First, Springfield
- 2066. Liberty, Springfield
- 2067. St. James', Springfield
- 2068. Wesley, Springfield
- 2069. First Church, West Springfield
- 2070. Mitteneague, West Springfield
- 2071. Ware
- 2072. First Church, Westfield
- 2073. Ashland
- 2074. Ayer
- 2075. Barre
- 2076. Charlton City
- 2077. Cochituate
- 2078. Helen Lawrence Memorial, East Pepperell
- 2079. First Church, Fitchburg
- 2080. Franklin
- 2081. Chestnut Street, Gardner
- 2082. Swedish Church, Gardner
- 2083. Graniteville
- 2084. Leominster

- 2085. Fellowship, Lowell
- 2086. St. Paul's, Lowell
- 2087. Highland Union, Lowell
- 2088. Lunenburg
- 2089. Marlborough
- 2090. Maynard
- 2091. Milford
- 2092. Oxford
- 2093. First Church, Saxonville
- 2094. Fairlawn, Shrewsbury
- 2095. First Church, Southbridge
- 2096. Southbury
- 2097. Sudbury
- 2098. Uxbridge
- 2099. Upton
- 2100. First Church, Westboro
- 2101. West Chelford
- 2102. Whitinsville
- 2103. Townsend
- 2104. Cherry Valley, Worcester
- 2105. Covenant, Worcester
- 2106. Epworth, Worcester
- 2107. Quinsigamond, Worcester
- 2108. St. Andrew's, Worcester
- 2109. Wesley, Worcester
- 2110. East Templeton
- 2111. Workshop of WSCS; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2112. Workshop WSCS; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 2113. Workshop WSCS; Northern New York Annual Conference
- 2114. Workshop WSCS; Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 2115. Commission On Education; Epworth Church; New England Annual Conference
- 2116. Methodist Ministers Wives Association; Washington Districts; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2117. Mothers Club; Grace Church, Keene; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2118. Esther Circle WSCS; First Church, Lincoln; Nebraska Annual Conference
- 2119. Mother's Club; St. John's Church; Dover; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2120. Woman's Bible Class; St. John's Church; Dover, New Hampshire
- 2121. School Of Missions; WSCS; Newark Annual Conference
- 2122. Assembly Of The School Of Missions; Northeastern Jurisdiction
- 2123. Adult Fellowship Salisbury Parish; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2124. Golden Rule Circle WSCS; Salisbury Parish Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2125. Annual Week-end Conference WSG; Southeastern Jurisdiction
- 2126. Holloway Deaconess Home; Bridgeport; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2127. Tenth Annual School Of Missions And Christian Service; WSCS; New York East Annual Conference
- 2128. School Of Missions; Missouri-St. Louis Annual Conferences
- 2129. The Fourteenth Annual Summer School Of Missionary Education And Service; WSCS; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2130. The Wesleyans; Hampton Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference

- 2131. WSCS; Somers Church; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2132. WSCS; Mechanicsville Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2133. WSCS; The Methodist Church; Des Moines; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2134. WSCS; Mt. Ayr Church; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2135. WSCS; Locust Grove Church; Council Bluffs District; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2136. Rev. Oscar L. Ashburn; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2137. Rev. Charles Elwood; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 2138. Rev. Theodore Blanchard; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2139. Rev. Leonard E. Smith; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2140. Richard Ziegler; Schultz Memorial Church, Cranbury, New Jersey
- 2141. Mrs. C. R. Dennis; Tod Avenue Church; Warren, Ohio
- 2142. Mrs. J. Fred Essig; Trinity Church; Youngstown, Ohio
- 2143. Mrs. H. C. Creed; Boardman Church; Boardman, Ohio

From Lake Avenue Church; Ashtabula, Ohio

- 2144. Mrs. C. S. Applegath et al
- 2145. Mrs. Harvey Lynch et al
- 2146. Mrs. A. D. Glaeckler et al
- 2147. Mrs. Homer J. R. Elford et al; Trinity Church; Youngstown, Ohio
- 2148. Mrs. Theodore Godley et al; Lake Avenue Church; Ashtabula, Ohio
- 2149. WSG; Dickinson Church; Staten Island; New York Annual Conference
- 2150. WSG; Grace Church; Akron; North-East Ohio Annual Conference

From Alabama Annual Conference

- 2151. WSG; Forest Avenue Church; Montgomery
- 2152. WSG; Luverne Church
- 2153. WSG; First Church; Troy
- 2154. WSG; Church Street Church; Selma
- 2155. WSG; First Church; Prattville
- 2156. WSG; First Church; Mason City; North Iowa Annual Conference

From Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference

- 2157. WSG; First Church; Des Moines
- 2158. WSG; Wesley Church; Des Moines
- 2159. WSG; Broadway Church; Council Bluffs
- 2160. WSG; Trinity Church; Des Moines
- 2161. WSG; Trinity Church; Keokuk
- 2162. WSG; First Church; Shenandoah
- 2163. Hope WSG; Broadway Church; Council Bluffs
- 2164. FFF, WSG; First Church; Muscatine
- 2165. WSG; West Liberty Church
- 2166. Lydia WSG; Fifth Avenue Church; Council Bluffs

From North Iowa Annual Conference

- 2167. WSG; Wesley Church; Mason City
- 2168. WSG; Rolfe Church
- 2169. WSG; First Church; Waterloo

- 2170. WSG; First Church; Fort Dodge
- 2171. WSG; Webster City Church
- 2172. WSG; Manchester Church
- 2173. WSG; Pocahontas Church
- 2174. WSG; Epworth Church; Fort Dodge
- 2175. WSG; Linden Church; Waterloo
- 2176. WSG; First Church; Sioux City
- 2177. WSG; Sioux City; Iowa Church
- 2178. WSG; First Church; Le Mars
- 2179. WSG; Grace Church; Sioux City
- 2180. WSG; Grace Church; Waterloo

- 2181. WSG; Mitchell Church; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2182. WSG; Methodist Temple; Evansville; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2183. WSG; Jacob Finger Church; Mitchell; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2184. WSG; First Church; Bloomington; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2185. WSG; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 2186. WSG; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2187. WSG; Holston Annual Conference
- 2188. WSG; South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 2189. WSG; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2190. WSG; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 2191. WSG; Spencer District; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2192. WSG; Washington Annual Conference
- 2193. WSG; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2194. WSG; North Central Jurisdiction
- 2195. WSCS; Minford Church; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2196. WSCS; Vinton Church; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2197. WSCS; Loogootee Church; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2198. WSCS; Waldron Church; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2199. WSCS; Bethel Church; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2200. WSCS; Thornville Church; Zanesville District; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2201. Rev. Florence Resor Thome; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2202. WSCS; First Church; Port Huron; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2203. Marion K. Leach; First Church; Camden, New Jersey
- 2204. WSCS; First Church; Cass City, Michigan; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2205. WSG; First Church; Red Bank; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2206. WSCS; Grace Church; Billings; Montana Annual Conference
- 2207. WSCS; Wesley Tabernacle; Galveston; Texas Annual Conference (C)
- 2208. WSCS; First Church; St. Clair Shores, Michigan; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2209. WSCS; Commerce Church; Pontiac, Michigan; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2210. Methodist Men's Club; Dummer Church; Milan; New Hampshire Annual Conference

**MEMORIALS 2211 TO 2461, INCLUSIVE, DEAL WITH "JUNE DATE
FOR CHILDREN'S DAY" AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO
THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

- 2211. Official Board; Simpson Church; New Jersey Annual Conference

- 2212. Official Board; Wesley Church; Columbus; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2213. Official Board; Oxford Church; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 2214. Official Board; Woodland Park Church; McDonald; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2215. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Enterprise; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2216. Princeton Methodist Church; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2217. Official Board; First Church; Burlington, Washington; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 2218. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Alma; Nebraska Annual Conference
- 2219. Official Board; Tappahannock Memorial Church; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2220. Official Board; First Church; Barry; Illinois Conference
- 2221. Official Board; First Church; Osage City; Kansas Annual Conference
- 2222. Official Board; Mercer Church; Mercer; Erie Annual Conference
- 2223. Official Board; Trinity Church; Sarasota; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 2224. Official Board; Fairview Village Church; Camden; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2225. Official Board; St. Andrews Church; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2226. Official Board; Community Church; Chestertown; New York Annual Conference
- 2227. Official Board; Callaway Church; Nebraska Annual Conference
- 2228. Official Board; Pemberton Church; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2229. Official Board; Bethany Church; Somers Point; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2230. Official Board; Wesley Memorial Church; Bridgeton; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2231. Official Board; Memorial Church; Neptune City; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2232. Official Board; Fairview Church; Camden; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2233. Official Board; St. John's Church; Keyport; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2234. Official Board; Northfield Church; North Field; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2235. Official Board; Zion Church of Dividing Creek; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2236. Official Board; Central Church; Linwood; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2237. Official Board; First Church; Mount Holly; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2238. Official Board; Langdon Church; North Dakota Annual Conference
- 2239. Official Board; St. Luke Church; Bryn Mawr; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2240. Official Board; Asbury Church; Forrestville, Connecticut; New York East Annual Conference
- 2241. Official Board; Lansdale Church; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2242. Official Board; Trinity Church; Windsor, Connecticut; New York East Annual Conference

- 2243. Official Board; Clatskanie Church; Oregon Annual Conference
- 2244. Official Board; Trinity Church; Roaring Springs; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 2245. Official Board; Midvale Church; Colorado Annual Conference
- 2246. Official Board; Blanchard Church; Blanchard; Oklahoma Annual Conference
- 2247. Official Board; Pine Street Church; Williamsport; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 2248. Official Board; Grace Church; Napoleon; North Dakota Annual Conference
- 2249. Official Board; St. Paul's Church; Rossle, New Jersey; Newark Annual Conference
- 2250. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Penn.; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2251. Official Board; North Sandford Church; Windsor; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2252. Official Board; McClure Church; Windsor; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2253. Official Board; First Church; Mechanicville; Troy Annual Conference
- 2254. Official Board; Schuylerville Church; Troy Annual Conference
- 2255. Official Board; St. Marks Church; Troy; Troy Annual Conference
- 2256. Official Board; Penataquit Church; Bay Shore; New York East Annual Conference
- 2257. Official Board; Fifteenth Street Church; Huntington; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 2258. Official Board; Wenster Church; Versailles; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2259. Official Board; Fifth Street Church; Meridian; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
- 2260. Official Board; Harris Memorial Church; Memphis Annual Conference
- 2261. Official Board; First Church; Hazel Park; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2262. Official Board; Saybrook Community Church; Ashtabula; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2263. Official Board; First Church; Greenville; Erie Annual Conference
- 2264. Official Board; Union Memorial Church; Milford; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2265. Official Board; First Church; Virden; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2266. Official Board; Maysville Church; Oklahoma Annual Conference
- 2267. Official Board; The Falls Church; Philadelphia; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2268. Official Board; Crawford Memorial Church; New York; New York East Conference
- 2269. Official Board; Steamboat Springs Church; Colorado Annual Conference
- 2270. Official Board; Frances Childs Church; West Collingswood; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2271. Official Board; South Glen Falls Church; Troy Annual Conference
- 2272. Official Board; Renfrew Church; Conoquennessing; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2273. Official Board; Grace Church; North Plainfield; Newark Annual Conference

- 2274. Official Board; First Church; Woonsocket; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2275. Official Board; Lebanon; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2276. Official Board; First Church; Crowley; Louisiana Annual Conference (SC)
- 2277. Official Board; First Church; Blairsville; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2278. Official Board; First Church; Chatfield; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2279. Official Board; Rimersburg Church; Erie Annual Conference
- 2280. Official Board; Mt. Rainier Church, Mt. Rainier, Maryland; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2281. Official Board; Brooklyn Church, Jacksonville; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2282. Official Board; Centreville Church, West Warwick; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2283. Official Board; Paoli Church; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2284. Official Board; Trinity Church; Mount Gilead; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2285. Official Board; Italy Church; Central Texas Annual Conference
- 2286. Official Board; First Church; Hashua; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2287. Official Board; Pungoteague Church; East Shore District; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2288. Official Board; University Church; College Park; Maryland; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2289. Official Board; South Street Church; Brockton; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2290. Official Board; Blountstown; Church; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 2291. Official Board; First Church; Fredonia; Kansas Annual Conference
- 2292. Official Board; First Church; Matawan; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2293. Official Board; Laurel Hill Church; Bridgeton; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2294. Official Board; South Eliot Church; Eliot; Maine Annual Conference
- 2295. Official Board; Cross Keys Church; Williamstown; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2296. Official Board; London Church; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 2297. Official Board; Morehead Church; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 2298. Official Board; Benham Community Church; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 2299. Official Board; First Church; Fowler; Colorado Annual Conference
- 2300. Official Board; Barnegat Church; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2301. Official Board; First Church; Jermyn; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2302. Commission On Education; Springfield Church; Newark Annual Conference
- 2303. West Scarboro Church; Maine Annual Conference
- 2304. Official Board; Otsego; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2305. Official Board; Kansas Avenue Church; Topeka; Kansas Annual Conference
- 2306. Official Board; Evergreen Church; Pungoteague Charge; Virginia Annual Conference

- 2307. Official Board; Landaff Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2308. Official Board; Glendale Church; Everett; New England Annual Conference
- 2309. Official Board; First Church; Streator; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2310. Official Board; Trinity Church; Owosso; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2311. Official Board; Ballard Church; Asbury Park; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2312. Official Board; Methodist Church; Emory; Virginia; Holston Annual Conference
- 2313. Official Board; Avon Church; Avon-By-The-Sea; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2314. Official Board; First Church; Moorestown; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2315. Official Board; First Church; Atlantic City; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2316. Official Board; First Church; Shelbyville; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2317. Official Board; Elyria; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2318. Tioga Center Church; Tioga; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2319. The Methodist Church; Fredericktown; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2320. Official Board; First Church; Wadsworth; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2321. Official Board; First Church; Marysville; Kansas Annual Conference
- 2322. Official Board; Trafalgar Church; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2323. Official Board; First Church; Prophetstown; Rock River Annual Conference
- 2324. Official Board; First Church; Blytheville; North Arkansas Annual Conference
- 2325. Official Board; First Church; Watseka; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2326. Official Board; Lodi Church; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2327. Official Board; First Church; Louisa; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 2328. Official Board; Woodruff Church; Bridgeton; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2329. Official Board; First Church; Phoenixville; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2330. Official Board; Fayette City Church; Erie Annual Conference
- 2331. Official Board; St. Paul's Church; Lynn; New England Annual Conference
- 2332. Official Board; High Bridge Church; Newark Annual Conference
- 2333. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Groton; South Dakota Annual Conference
- 2334. Official Board; Andover Church; Groton; South Dakota Annual Conference
- 2335. Official Board; First Church; Oneida; Central New York Annual Conference
- 2336. Official Board; Filbert Church; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 2337. Official Board; Highmore Church; South Dakota Annual Conference
- 2338. Official Board; First Church; Tekoa; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

- 2339. Official Board; First Church; Clyde; Central New York Annual Conference
- 2340. Official Board; Sunapee Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2341. Official Board; East Pennsauken Church; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2342. Official Board; Woodbridge Church; Newark Annual Conference
- 2343. Official Board; Chambersburg Church; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 2344. Official Board; Little Meadows Church; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2345. Official Board; Willow Grove Church; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2346. Official Board; Owego Church; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2347. Official Board; Harrodsburg Church; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2348. Official Board; Heislerville Church; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2349. Official Board; First Church; West Pittston; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2350. Official Board; Chestnut Street Church; Portland; Maine Annual Conference
- 2351. Official Board; Fremont Street Church; Gloversville; Troy Annual Conference
- 2352. Official Board; Vergennes Church; Troy Annual Conference
- 2353. Official Board; First Church; Washington; Newark Annual Conference
- 2354. Official Board; Bound Brook Church; Newark Annual Conference
- 2355. Official Board; First Church; Jefferson; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2356. Official Board; Wesley Church; Mason City; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2357. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Barnsdall; Oklahoma Annual Conference
- 2358. Official Board; Cheltenham Church; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2359. Official Board; Washington Avenue Church; North Little Rock; North Arkansas Annual Conference
- 2360. Official Board; Hudson Church; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 2361. Official Board; Sanborn Church; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2362. Official Board; Pekin Church; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2363. Official Board; Mt. Vernon Church; Toano; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2364. Official Board; Harborton Church; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2365. Official Board; Exley Church; Wilson; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2366. Official Board; Memorial Church; Rock Island; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2367. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Susanville; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2368. First Church; Dowagiac; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2369. Official Board; West Barrington; Church; New England Annual Conference
- 2370. Official Board; Manson Church; Manson; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

- 2371. Official Board; First Church; Madrid; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2372. Official Board; Jackson Church; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2373. Official Board; First Church; Lake City; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2374. The Methodist Church; Council Grove; Kansas Annual Conference
- 2375. Official Board; Groveton Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2376. Official Board; St. John's Church; Dover; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2377. Official Board; Community Church; Zumbro Falls; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2378. Official Board; First Church; Southbridge; New England Annual Conference
- 2379. Official Board; First Church; Manor; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2380. Official Board; First Church; Dravosburg; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2381. Official Board; Robinson Memorial Church; Malden; New England Annual Conference
- 2382. Official Board; Berwick Church; Maine Annual Conference
- 2383. Official Board; First Church; Philadelphia; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2384. Official Board; Calvary Church; Long Lake; Troy Annual Conference
- 2385. Official Board; Oxford Church; Nebraska Annual Conference
- 2386. Official Board; First Church; Hebron; Nebraska Annual Conference
- 2387. Official Board; Calvary Church; Ambler; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2388. Official Board; Upham Memorial Church; Forest Hills; Boston; New England Annual Conference
- 2389. Official Board; First Church; Mohall; North Dakota Annual Conference
- 2390. Official Board; Browning Church; Montana Annual Conference
- 2391. Official Board; Apalachin Church; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2392. Official Board; First Church; Bradley Beach; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2393. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Liberal; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 2394. Official Board; Hatherly Church; Rockland; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2395. Official Board; First Church; Pontiac; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2396. Official Board; Methodist Church; Chenoa; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2397. Official Board; First Church; Crosbyton; Northwest Texas Annual Conference
- 2398. Official Board; First Church; Mt. Ephraim; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2399. Official Board; Smithboro; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2400. Official Board; Flemington Church; Newark Annual Conference
- 2401. Official Board; Methodist Church; Contoocook; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2402. Official Board; Sanford Church; Windsor; Wyoming Annual Conference

- 2403. Official Board; Suncook Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2404. Official Board; First Church; Fairfield; Southern Illinois Annual Conference
- 2405. Official Board; Mount Airy Church; Philadelphia; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2406. Official Board; Stilwell Church; Oklahoma Annual Conference
- 2407. Official Board; Asbury Church; North Long Branch; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2408. Official Board; Richfield Church; Minneapolis; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2409. Official Board; South Park Church; Hartford; New York East Annual Conference
- 2410. Official Board; Venice Park Church; Atlantic City; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2411. Official Board; Sanford Memorial Church; Englishtown; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2412. Official Board; Almonesson Church; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2413. Official Board; Hedding Church; Trenton District; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2414. Official Board; Haines Nech Church; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2415. Official Board; Wall Church; Spring Lake Heights; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2416. Official Board; Wesley Church; Pleasantville; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2417. Casey Methodist Church; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2418. Official Board; Norwood Church; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2419. Official Board; Rivesville Church; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2420. Official Board; Harrison Street Church; Wilmington; Peninsula Annual Conference
- 2421. Official Board; First Church; Oak Grove; Louisiana Annual Conference (SC)
- 2422. Official Board; First Church; Northampton; New England Annual Conference
- 2423. Official Board; First Church; Port Byron; Troy Annual Conference
- 2424. Official Board; Simpson Church; Scranton; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2425. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Hancock's Bridge; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2426. Official Board; Emmanuel Church, Oaklyn; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2427. Official Board; St. Mark's Church; Montclair; Newark Annual Conference
- 2428. Official Board; Northumberland Church; Northumberland; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 2429. Official Board; Mount Joy Church; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2430. Official Board; First Church; Lancaster; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2431. Official Board; Fritz Memorial Church; Bethlehem; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 2432. Official Board; First Church; Mabank; North Texas Annual Conference
- 2433. Official Board; Methodist Church; Wapello; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference

- 2434. Official Board; First Church; Grand Haven; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2435. Official Board; First Church; Scottdale; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2436. Official Board; Rhinebeck Church; New York Annual Conference
- 2437. Official Board; Elrama Church; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2438. Official Board; Salunga Church; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2439. Official Board; Watkins Glenn Church; Central New York Annual Conference
- 2440. Official Board; First Church; Diamondale; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2441. Official Board; Edmore Church; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2442. Official Board; First Church; Flushing; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2443. Official Board; Methodist Church; Pine Plains; New York Annual Conference
- 2444. Official Board; First Church; Brattleboro; Vermont; Troy Annual Conference
- 2445. The Cobleskill Church; Troy Annual Conference
- 2446. Official Board; Ames Church; Pikesville; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2447. Official Board; Canton Church; Pine City; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2448. Official Board; Morris Church; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2449. Official Board; Emlenton Church; Erie Annual Conference
- 2450. Official Board; Orange Church; Dallas; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 2451. Board of Stewards; Lisbon Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2452. Official Board; First Church; Clinton; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2453. Official Board; Manning Church; Manning; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2454. Official Board; Greenwood Avenue Church; Jackson; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2455. Official Board; Monroe Street Church; Lapeer; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2456. Official Board; First Church; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 2457. Official Board; Brewster Church; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 2458. Official Board; United Church; Pomery; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2459. Official Board; Jonesville Church; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2460. Official Board; Fairview Methodist Church; Bloomington; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2461. Official Board; Trinity Church; Merchantville; New Jersey Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 2462 TO 2542, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

- 2462. Resident Bishop With Episcopal Residence In Monrovia, Liberia; Liberia Annual Conference
- 2463. Maintain Present Jurisdictional Organization; Official Board Holly Bluff Methodist Church; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)

2464. Maintain Present Jurisdictional Organizaton; WSCS, Holly Bluff Methodist Church; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
2465. Full Participation In Central Jurisdiction By Liberia Annual Conference; Liberia Annual Conference
2466. Conference Lay Leader To Be An Ex Officio Voting Member Of Annual Conference; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
2467. Commission On Christian Social Relations In The Local Church; New England Southern Annual Conference
2468. Transfer Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, From Washington Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction To The Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Northeastern Jurisdiction; New England Southern Annual Conference
2469. Refrain From Altering Jurisdictional System; Official Board; Methodist Church, Fairfield, Alabama
2470. Maintain The Jurisdictional System; Quarterly Conference; Methodist Church, Fairfield, Alabama
2471. Refrain From Altering Jurisdictional Set-up; Fourth Quarterly Conference; First Methodist Church, Guntersville, Alabama
2472. Maintain Present Jurisdictional Organization; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
2473. Retain Jurisdictional System; Official Board; Methodist Church, Leakesville, Mississippi (SE)
2474. Retain Jurisdictional System; Memphis Annual Conference
2475. Retain Jurisdictional System; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
2476. Retain Jurisdictional Conference *Duplicate*
2477. Retain Present Jurisdictional Conferences; Holston Annual Conference
2478. Retain Present Jurisdictional System; Official Board, Methodist Church; Leland, Mississippi (SE)
2479. Retain Present Jurisdictional Organization; Official Board, Methodist Church; Silver City, Mississippi
2480. Strengthen The Jurisdictional Structure Of The Methodist Church; Southeastern Jurisdictional Council
2481. Retain The Jurisdictional System; Official Board, Marion Methodist Church; Demopolis District Alabama Annual Conference
2482. Retain The Present Jurisdictional Organization; Official Board; Methodist Church, Benoit, Mississippi
2483. Maintain The Present Jurisdictional System; Official Board; Methodist Church, Utica, Mississippi (SE)
2484. Retain The Present Jurisdictional System; WSCS, First Methodist Church; Brookhaven, Mississippi (SE)
2485. Retaining Present Jurisdictional System; Builders Class, Avondale Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
2486. Continue The Jurisdictional System; Bessemer District Conference; North Alabama Annual Conference
2487. Continuance Of The Present Jurisdictional System; Official Board And Quarterly Conference, Decall Memorial Methodist Church; Wesson, Mississippi (SE)
2488. Continuance Of The Jurisdictional Structure; Official Board, Galloway Memorial Methodist Church; Jackson, Mississippi (SE)
2489. Continuance In Principle Of The Jurisdictional Structure; Kentucky Annual Conference
2490. Abolishment Of The Central Jurisdiction; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

2491. Annual Conference Board Of Christian Social Relations; Central New York Annual Conference
2492. Elimination Of The Central Jurisdiction; Central New York Annual Conference
2493. Integration Of Central Jurisdiction In The Methodist Church; California-Nevada Annual Conference
2494. Integration Of Racial Churches On A Geographical Basis; Oregon Annual Conference
2495. Amending Par. 538 Re Transfer Of Church From One Jurisdiction To Another Jurisdiction; West Texas Annual Conference
2496. Eliminating The Central Jurisdiction; Genesee Annual Conference
2497. Abolishing The Jurisdictional Divisions; California-Nevada Annual Conference
2498. Invitation To Churches Of Central Jurisdiction To Join Contiguous Annual Conferences; Illinois Annual Conference
2499. Co-ordinating Activities Of Boards Of Temperance, World Peace And Social And Economic Relations; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
2500. Commission On Christian Social Relations For Local Church; Genesee Annual Conference
2501. Commission On Christian Social Relations In The Local Church; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
2502. Creation Of Board Of Christian Social Relations In The Annual Conference; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
2503. Amending Par. 144 Re Nomination Of Chairmen And Members Of The Four Commissions In Local Church; Holston Annual Conference
2504. Conference President And District Presidents Of The WSCS, To Be Regular Members Of Annual Conference; Virginia Annual Conference
2505. Conference And District Lay Leaders To Be Members Of Their Annual Conference Ex-officio; Virginia Annual Conference
2506. Annual Church Conference; Ohio Annual Conference
2507. Transfer Of Churches From Jurisdictions; Idaho Annual Conference
2508. Transfer Of Church From Jurisdiction To Another Jurisdiction; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
2509. Transfer Of Churches From Jurisdictions; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
2510. Annual Conference Membership; Oregon Annual Conference
2511. Annual Conference Membership; Official Board, Rose City Park Methodist Church; Portland, Oregon
2512. Membership Of Annual Conference, Official Board; South Methodist Church; Manchester, Connecticut
2513. Membership Of Annual Conference; Rev. Robert Ora Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
2514. Annual Conference Membership; Official Board, First Church; Portland, Oregon
2515. Annual Conference Personnel; H. James Jenkins; Oregon Annual Conference
2516. Enabling Act for Wyoming State Conference To Continue; Wyoming State Annual Conference
2517. Approved Supply Pastors And Voting; California-Nevada Annual Conference
2518. Status Of Bishop Assigned By The General Conference As President of An Administrative Board Agency; Indiana Annual Conference

2519. Voting Privileges For Full Time Supply Pastors; Erie Annual Conference
2520. Administration Of Sacrament By Approved Supply Pastors And Undergraduate Ministers And Privilege of Voting; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
2521. Allow Approved Supply Pastors To Vote In Annual Conference Session; Northwest Philippine Annual Conference
2522. Grant Philippine Central Conference An Enabling Act To Elect Two Bishops Within Quadrennium Ending 1960; Northwest Philippine Annual Conference
2523. Retain In Par. 219 Provision For Optional Commissions On Worship And Social And Recreational Activities; Board Of Social And Economic Relations Of The Methodist Church
2524. Removal Of Central Jurisdiction From The Methodist Church; Official Board, Hatherly Methodist Church; Rockland, Massachusetts; New England Southern Annual Conference
2525. Eliminate Racial Segregation From Life Of Church; Central Alabama Annual Conference
2526. Transfer Of Mitchell Memorial Church Of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, From Washington Annual Conference To Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference; Central Alabama Annual Conference
2527. Annual Church Conference; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
2528. Continuance Of Present Jurisdictional System; T. A. Coleman, Townley Circuit, Jasper District; North Alabama Annual Conference
2529. Use Of Term Parish Church Instead Of Local Church; New Hampshire Annual Conference
2530. Enabling Act For Cuba Conference To Continue; Bishop John Branscomb.
2531. Enabling Act For Idaho Annual Conference To Continue; Herbert R. Richards; Idaho Annual Conference.
2532. Commission To Study Jurisdictional System; General And Jurisdictional Conference Delegation of South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
2533. Abolish Central Jurisdiction And Re-assign Conferences To Other Jurisdictions; Orin J. Farrell et al; First Methodist Church; Schenectady, New York
2534. Election Of Approved Supply Pastors To The General And Jurisdictional Conferences From Their Membership; Executive Committee Of Approved Supply Pastors Association; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
2535. Membership In Annual Conference For Approved Supply Pastors; Executive Committee Of Approved Supply Pastors Association; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
2536. Maintain Present Jurisdictional System; WSCS; Rayne Memorial Methodist Church; Louisiana Annual Conference (SC)
2537. Voting In Annual Conference By Full Time Supply Pastors; Mohawk District Ministers' Fellowship; Northern New York Annual Conference
2538. Pastor's Report On Transfers And Records; General Board Of Evangelism
2539. No Changes In Jurisdictional System; Quarterly Conference of Methodist Church; Montevallo, Alabama
2540. Congregation Of Central Jurisdiction May Change Its Membership To Another Jurisdiction; Wesley Fellowship, Official Board, First Methodist Church; Appleton, Wisconsin
2541. Retain Jurisdictional Conferences As They Are Now Set Up;

Grady May et al, Central Methodist Church; Meridian, Mississippi (SE)

2542. Create Commission To Study The Present Jurisdictional System; National Conference Of Methodist Youth

MEMORIALS 2543 TO 2599, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

2543. June Date For Children's Day; Commission On Education, First Methodist Church; Franklin, Tennessee (SE)
2544. June Date For Children's Day; Official Board; South Seaville Methodist Church; New Jersey
2545. Expanded Program Of Theological Education And Locating A Seminary In Memphis, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
2546. Education In Mental Health And Therapeutics; Holston Annual Conference.
2547. District Christian Vocations Counselor; Holston Annual Conference
2548. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Holston Annual Conference
2549. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; North Dakota Annual Conference
2550. Expanded Program Of Education For Staff Members Of Local Church; Virginia Annual Conference
2551. Church School Class Report; Virginia Annual Conference
2552. Family Life Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
2553. Expanded Program Of Theological Education And A Seminary In General Geographical Area; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
2554. Continued Support For Theological Seminaries From World Service Funds; Wyoming State Annual Conference
2555. Adequate Financial Support For Audio-Visual Programs; Colorado Annual Conference
2556. Emphasize Higher Education In Quadrennium 1956-1960; Oregon Annual Conference
2557. Requirements For B.D. Degree Or Its Equivalent; North Indiana Annual Conference
2558. Course Of Study For Part-time Approved Supply Pastors; North Indiana Annual Conference
2559. Enlarged Program Of Theological Education And A Theological School For The Mid-South; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
2560. Scholarship And Loan Funds of Board Of Education; Central New York Annual Conference
2561. Continuation Of National Family Life Committee; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
2562. Continuation Of National Family Life Committee; Ohio Annual Conference
2563. Continuation Of National Family Life Committee; National Conference On Family Life.
2564. Courses Of Study For Ministers; Northwest Philippines Annual Conference
2565. Composition Of Jurisdictional Board Of Education; Conference Board Of Education; North Texas Annual Conference
2566. Student Loans; Workshop For Youth And Student Secretaries
2567. Church School Lesson Materials; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
2568. Course In Geriatrics And Gerontology In Church Schools And Colleges; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

- 2569. Student Recognition Day And Methodist Student Day; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 2570. Larger Support For Church-Related Colleges And Universities; Montana Annual Conference
- 2571. Increased Support For Church-Related Colleges And Universities; Wyoming State Annual Conference
- 2572. Larger Support For Church-Related Colleges And Universities; Colorado Annual Conference
- 2573. Continued Support For Methodist Seminaries From World Service Offerings; North Georgia Annual Conference
- 2574. An Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2575. An Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 2576. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 2577. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2578. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Board Of Ministerial Training; Northwest Texas Annual Conference
- 2579. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference
- 2580. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2581. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Idaho Annual Conference
- 2582. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Maine Annual Conference
- 2583. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Central Texas Annual Conference
- 2584. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 2585. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 2586. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Oklahoma Annual Conference
- 2587. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; West Texas Annual Conference
- 2588. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; South Dakota Annual Conference
- 2589. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Montana Annual Conference
- 2590. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Wyoming State Annual Conference
- 2591. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Colorado Annual Conference
- 2592. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Oregon Annual Conference
- 2593. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Mississippi Annual Conference (CJ)
- 2594. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 2595. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Northern New York Annual Conference
- 2596. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Erie Annual Conference
- 2597. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 2598. Length Of Supply Pastor's School; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2599. Church School Literature; Ohio Annual Conference

**MEMORIALS 2600 TO 2602, INCLUSIVE, REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION**

- 2600. Trial Of A Bishop Of Central Conference; Executive Committee Of The Philippines Central Conference
- 2601. Trial Of A Bishop, Traveling Preachers, Local Preacher Or Church Member; North Georgia Annual Conference
- 2602. Election Of Alternate Member Of Judicial Council; Montana Annual Conference

**MEMORIALS 2603 TO 2610, INCLUSIVE, REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS
AND ACTIVITIES**

- 2603. Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund; Oregon Annual Conference
- 2604. Union Of Evangelical United Brethren Church With The Methodist Church, Ministerial Association; Sunbury District; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 2605. Union Of Evangelical United Brethren Church With The Methodist Church; Rock River Annual Conference
- 2606. Union Of Evangelical United Brethren And The Methodist Church; Methodist Ministerium; Williamsport, Pennsylvania
- 2607. Union Of Evangelical United Brethren Church With The Methodist Church; Harrisburg District Ministerium; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 2608. Union With Other Denominations; New York East Annual Conference
- 2609. Union With Other Groups Sharing Our Methodist Traditions And Doctrine; New York East Annual Conference
- 2610. Message Of The Assembly (Pages 7-9), Our Oneness in Christ And Our Disunity As Churches (Pages 10-17); From Report Of Second Assembly Of The World Council Of Churches; Council Of Bishops.

**MEMORIALS 2611 TO 2622, INCLUSIVE, REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS**

- 2611. Available Money For National Board Of Missions; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 2612. Advance Specials; Central New York Annual Conference
- 2613. Combine "Week Of Dedication Offering" And "One Great Hour Of Sharing," Central New York Annual Conference
- 2614. Loans And Donations Of Section Of Church Extension Of Division Of National Missions; Montana Annual Conference
- 2615. Repayment Of Donations And Loans To Section Of Church Extension Of Division Of National Missions; Montana Annual Conference
- 2616. General Advance Specials; Montana Annual Conference
- 2617. Funds For New Mission Work; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2618. Continuance Of MCOR; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2619. Restudy Of Economic Policy Of Church Building And Indebtedness; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2620. Annual Conference Church Building And Loan Associations; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2621. Co-ordinate "Week Of Dedication" And "One Great Hour Of Sharing" Offerings; New England Southern Conference
- 2622. Amending Par. 1237, Section 6, Regarding Repayment Of Donations; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference

**MEMORIALS 2623 TO 2649, INCLUSIVE, REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM**

- 2623. A Chair Of Evangelism In Every Methodist Theological Seminary; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2624. Pages 18-25 Of Report Of Second Assembly Of The World Council of Churches; Council Of Bishops
- 2625. Termination Of Church Membership; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2626. Personnel Of General Board of Evangelism; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
- 2627. Annual Conference On Evangelism; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 2628. Counting Church Membership; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 2629. Engaging Evangelistic Help; Northwest Philippines Annual Conference
- 2630. Mission To America; Executive Committee General Board Of Evangelism
- 2631. Local Church Commission On Membership And Evangelism; Executive Committee General Board Of Evangelism
- 2632. Bible Emphasis During Quadrennium 1956-1960; Executive Committee General Board Of Evangelism
- 2633. Annual Conference Board Of Evangelism; Executive Committee General Board Of Evangelism
- 2634. Monthly Report Of Commission On Membership And Evangelism To Official Board; Executive Committee General Board Of Evangelism
- 2635. Observance Of Day Of Pentecost; General Board of Evangelism
- 2636. Vice-Chairman Of District Committee On Conference Board; General Board Of Evangelism
- 2637. Duties Of Commission On Membership And Evangelism; General Board Of Evangelism
- 2638. Chairman Of Local Church Commission On Membership And Evangelism; General Board Of Evangelism
- 2639. Chairman And Vice-Chairman Of District Committee On Evangelism; General Board Of Evangelism
- 2640. Definition Of Active And Inactive Church Members; Milton Jay Peden; North Mississippi Annual Conference
- 2641. Establish A School of Evangelism At McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois; Executives of Evangelism, North Central Jurisdiction
- 2642. Reserve Roll Of Church Members; Robert W. Sanford; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2643. Transfer Of Church Member; George C. Pearson; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2644. Certificate of Transfer Of Church Member; Bruce Hollingsworth; Oregon Annual Conference
- 2645. School Of Evangelism At McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois; National Association Of Conference Evangelists
- 2646. Minimum Age Requirement For Children Church Members; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2647. Youth Preparatory Membership Class; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2648. Requirements For Receiving Church Members; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2649. A School Of Evangelism On Campus Of McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois; Ferrell D. Jenkins; Southern Illinois Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 2650 TO 2658, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES

- 2650. Pages 59-67 of Report Of Second Assembly Of The World Council Of Churches; Council of Bishops.
- 2651. Election Of Conference Lay Leader Within a Central Conference; Executive Committee Of Philippines Central Conference
- 2652. Associate Members Of Conference Board Of Lay Activities; Board Of Lay Activities; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2653. Qualifications Of District and Associate District Lay Leaders; William R. Keefe; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2654. Qualifications Of A Conference Lay Leader; William H. Keefe; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2655. Qualifications Of Church And Charge Lay Leaders; William H. Keefe; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2656. Changing The Term "Charge Lay Leader" To "Church Lay Leader"; General Board Of Lay Activities, etc.
- 2657. Election Of Church Lay Leaders; General Board Of Lay Activities, etc.
- 2658. Election Of District And Associate District Lay Leaders; Northern Philippines Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 2659 TO 2721, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

- 2659. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Trinity Church; Lima, Ohio
- 2660. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Mason Memorial Church; Kansas City, Kansas; Central West Annual Conference
- 2661. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; First Church; Plainwell, Michigan
- 2662. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Wapello, Iowa Church
- 2663. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin Church
- 2664. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Evelyn P. Nickey; Elm Park Church; Scranton, Pennsylvania
- 2665. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Louise Kannemen et al; The Methodist Church; Westfield, Wisconsin
- 2666. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Charlo Community Church; Montana Annual Conference
- 2667. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Anderson Church; East Liverpool, Ohio
- 2668. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Methodist Tabernacle; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2669. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Friendship Church; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2670. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Washington Park Church; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2671. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Central Methodist Church; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2672. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Official Board, Central Church; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2673. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Sheridan, Montana Church
- 2674. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS, and WSG; Shattuck Church; Oakland, California
- 2675. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; South Church; Columbus, Ohio
- 2676. Full Clergy Rights For Women; New England Annual Conference

- 2677. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2678. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2679. Full Clergy Rights For Women; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2680. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2681. Sacrament To Be Administered By Fully Ordained Men; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2682. Administering The Lord's Supper; North Indiana Annual Conference
- 2683. Duties Of A Bishop; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 2684. Full Clergy Rights For Women; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2685. Delete Tobacco Requirement; Jack H. Arnold; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2686. Change Term "District Superintendent" To "District Minister"; O. L. Williams; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2687. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference WSCS
- 2688. Pastoral Appointments; G. Albert Higgins; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2689. Approved Supply Pastors' Association; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2690. Defining Relationship Of Properly Qualified Annual Conference Members In Field of Special Appointment; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2691. Organization For Full-time Women Workers; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2692. Approved Supply (Ordained Elder) And Voting Privileges; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2693. Voting Privileges For Full Time Approved Supply Pastors; Cuba Annual Conference
- 2694. Voting Privileges For Full Time Approved Supply Pastors Who Are Local Elders; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2695. Appointing Pastors; David Yoost; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2696. Admission Of An Approved Supply Pastor Into An Annual Conference On Trial; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 2697. Term Episcopacy; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 2698. Change Title of "District Superintendent"; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2699. Required Time For Completion Of The Course of Study For Ministers; Montana Annual Conference
- 2700. Amending Par. 308, 1952 *Discipline*, Course Of Study For Part Time Supply Pastors; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2701. Voting Privileges For Full Time Supply Pastors; North-East Ohio Conference
- 2702. Qualifications For Marriage; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 2703. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; First Church; Red Bank, New Jersey
- 2704. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Central Church; Arlington, Virginia
- 2705. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; The Methodist Church; Newton Falls, Ohio
- 2706. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Portland Church; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2607. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Clement G. Ladd, St. John's Church; Sunbury, Pennsylvania

- 2708. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Richard Stoke, The Methodist Church; Falls Creek, Pennsylvania
- 2709. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. R. M. Berkheimer, First Church; Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- 2710. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Marguerite A. Hill, Trinity Church; Oak Bluff, Massachusetts
- 2711. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Wm. H. Fuller, The Methodist Church; Union City, Pennsylvania
- 2712. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Hugh Thompson, First Church; Bradford, Pennsylvania
- 2713. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Charles M. Young, Grace Church; Rochester, New York
- 2714. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Ruleph A. Johnson, The Methodist Church; Glenside, Pennsylvania
- 2715. Full Clergy Right For Women; Mrs. Granville A. Tyndall, Epworth Church; Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
- 2716. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Anice L. Hearn, The Methodist Church; Rutherford, New Jersey
- 2717. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Norbert Hill, The Methodist Church; Gales Ferry, Connecticut
- 2718. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Harold A. McKenzie, The Methodist Church; Oxford, New York
- 2719. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Russell C. Shiver, The Methodist Church; Forty Fort, Pennsylvania
- 2720. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. G. Hamilton Eastland, Jr., The Methodist Church; New London, Connecticut
- 2721. Against Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; Clifton Church; North Georgia Conference

MEMORIALS 2722 TO 2758, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

- 2722. Uniting Three Boards; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 2723. Co-ordinating General Agencies Of The Methodist Church; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 2724. Merge Boards Of Temperance, World Peace, And Social And Economic Relations On All Levels; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 2725. Annual Conference Board Of Christian Social Relations; Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference
- 2726. Optional Commission On Social Study And Action; Idaho Annual Conference
- 2727. Local Church Commission On Social Study And Action; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2728. A Commission On Social Study And Action; South Dakota Annual Conference
- 2729. Local Church Commission On Social Education And Action; Colorado Annual Conference
- 2730. A Commission On Contemporary Concerns; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 2731. A Commission On Racial Segregation In The Methodist Church; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 2732. Retain Present Racial Customs And Policies In The Methodist Church; Official Board, The Methodist Church; Marion, Alabama
- 2733. Complete Integration Of American Society By 1963; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 2734. End Segregation In Institutions, Conferences And Churches Of The Methodist Church; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference

- 2735. Commission On Racial Integration In The Methodist Church; New England Annual Conference
- 2736. Commission On Racial Integration; Central West Annual Conference
- 2737. Addition To The Methodist Social Creed; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 2738. Revisions Of The United Nations Charter; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2739. Universal Military Training; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2740. Total Disarmament; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 2741. Inter-National Relations; Newark Annual Conference
- 2742. Amending The Methodist Social Creed; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 2743. Pages 26-37; Pages 38-51; And Pages 52-58, Reports Of The Second Assembly Of The World Council Of Churches; Council Of Bishops
- 2744. United States Technical Assistance Programs; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2745. Amending The Methodist Social Creed; John K. Finger; The Methodist Church; Saugerties, New York
- 2746. Humanizing The 1953 Refugee Relief Act; Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 2747. Integrate The Boards Of Social And Economic Relations And The Board Of World Peace And The Board Of Temperance; North Indiana Annual Conference
- 2748. Commission On Racial Brotherhood; Wesley Club, Yale Divinity School
- 2749. Racial Integration; Class On Home Missions And Human Rights Of The School of Missions; Lexington Annual Conference WSCS
- 2750. Amending The Methodist Social Creed; John K. Finger; The Methodist Church; Saugerties, New York
- 2751. Amending The Methodist Social Creed; John K. Finger; The Methodist Church; Saugerties, New York
- 2752. Remove Racial Discrimination And Segregation In The Methodist Church; Erie Annual Conference
- 2753. Remove Racial Discrimination And Segregation From The Methodist Church; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2754. A Commission To Study Racial Segregation In The Methodist Church; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 2755. Maintain Present Racial Customs; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 2756. Commission On Racial Integration Requested; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2757. Desegregating The Methodist Church; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 2758. A Commission On Racial Integration Requested; Newark Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 2759 TO 2769, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

- 2759. Fourth Quarterly Conference Report Blank For Methodist Men; Montana Annual Conference
- 2760. A Protestant Periodical; Columbus District Conference; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2761. Wallet Size Identification Cards For Methodist Ministers; Russ Shaffer; Nebraska Annual Conference
- 2762. The Official Depository Of Methodist Historical Records; The Association Of Methodist Historical Societies.

- 2763. Publication Of A History Of American Methodism; Association Of Methodist Historical Societies
- 2764. Pastor's Report To Annual Conference; Missouri Annual Conference
- 2765. Place Cokesbury Book Stores In More Cities; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 2766. Statistical Reports; Illinois Annual Conference
- 2767. A Study Of The Labor And Administrative Policies Of The Methodist Publishing House; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 2768. Increasing Circulation Of The Christian Advocate; Wyoming State Annual Conference
- 2769. Increasing Circulation Of The Christian Advocate; Colorado Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 2770 TO 2779, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

- 2770. Securing Funds To Strengthen The Retirement System; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2771. The Board Of Pensions And The Payment Of Annuities; Central Texas Annual Conference
- 2772. Revising The Pension Code; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 2773. Larger Recognition For General Board Of Pensions; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2774. Relation Of The Pension System Of The Methodist Church To The Social Security System Of The United States Government; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2775. Defining Obligations Of A Member Of The Ministers Reserve Fund; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2776. Amending The Pension Code; Charles City Sub-District, Waterloo District; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2777. Amending Par. 1612, Section 6, Annual Conference Organization Historical Society; North Central Jurisdiction.
- 2778. Pension Of A Bishop; North Indiana Annual Conference
- 2779. Pension Liability; Holston Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 2780 TO 2801, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

- 2780. Study Commission On Baptism; Raymond A. Valenzuela et al; Chile Annual Conference
- 2781. Chancel Committee Or Altar Guild; Mrs. Dessie Ash Barnett, et al; Central Church; Orlando, Florida
- 2782. The Communion Table; Missouri Annual Conference
- 2783. Revise Ritual For Receiving Members Into The Church; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2784. Revise Baptismal Ritual; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2785. Amending "An Order For The Administration Of The Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper Or Holy Communion I"; Quentin L. Hand; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 2786. Revise Book Of Worship; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 2787. Restore "Morning Prayer"; Don A. Westbrook; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 2788. Change The Word "Catholic" To "Universal"; Mrs. Lucy C. Watson; The Methodist Church; Malden, Illinois
- 2789. Amend the Word "Catholic" In The Apostles' Creed; Central New York Annual Conference
- 2790. Amending The Apostles' Creed; Mrs. E. H. Harrison, Madison Street Church; Clarksville, Tennessee

- 2791. Alternate Form For The Observance Of The Lord's Supper; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 2792. Prayer For Double Ring Ceremony; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2793. Prayer For Double Ring Ceremony; Virginia Annual Conference
- 2794. Amending Wedding Ritual; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2795. A Revision Of The Hymnal; Northern New York Annual Conference
- 2796. A Revision Of The Hymnal; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 2797. Define The Titles "Director of Music" And "Minister of Music" North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 2798. Petition For A Book Of Worship, A Hymnal And A Book Of Law Or *Discipline*; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2799. Revision Of The Hymnal; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2800. Index For The Psalter And Responsive Readings; Wm. H. Cheesman, Calvary Church; Washington, District of Columbia
- 2801. Revise The Hymnal; Quarterly Conference, Purvis Church; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)

MEMORIALS 2802 TO 2811, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 2802. Quadrennial Financial Program To Begin; Ohio Inter-Board Council
- 2803. Honorary Stewards; Annual Church Meeting, Newfield Church; Bridgeport, Connecticut
- 2804. Formula For World Service Apportionments; Newark Annual Conference
- 2805. Headquarters Of An Administrative Agency Of The Methodist Church; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 2806. Headquarters Of Any Administrative Board, etc.; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2807. Borrowing Funds For Church Improvement; Indiana Annual Conference
- 2808. Financial Aid To St. George's Church; Official Board, Sellers Memorial Church; Bywood, Pennsylvania
- 2809. Financial Aid To St. George's Church; Genesee Annual Conference
- 2810. Financial Aid To St. George's Church; Official Board, The Methodist Church; Lumberville, Pennsylvania
- 2811. Financial Aid To St. George's Church; Official Board, The Methodist Church; Glenside, Pennsylvania

MEMORIALS 2812 TO 2818, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS AND HOMES

- 2812. Mental And Emotional Illness Among Ministers; New York East Annual Conference
- 2813. Healing And Helping Ministry Of The Methodist Church; Detroit Annual Conference
- 2814. Committee On Hospitals And Homes; National Association Of Methodist Hospitals And Homes
- 2815. The Healing Ministry Of Jesus; Board Of Hospitals And Homes Of The Methodist Church
- 2816. Golden Cross Society Of The Methodist Church; Board of Hospitals and Homes
- 2817. Golden Cross Contributions; Board Of Hospitals And Homes
- 2818. Attitude Of The Methodist Church Towards A Healing Ministry; Michigan Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 2819 TO 2833, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

- 2819. Time Of Baptizing Infants And Reception Of Members; Mrs. W. P. Leslie, Eastland Methodist Church; Eastland, Texas
- 2820. Reporting Membership Statistics; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 2821. Sanctification; Mrs. C. R. Pierce, Mount View Methodist Church; Asheboro, North Carolina
- 2822. Evangelistic Letters From Bishops; Bennett W. Palmer; Canal Point, Florida
- 2823. Roll Of Deceased Members; Bennett W. Palmer; Canal Point, Florida
- 2824. Children As Church Members; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 2825. Roll Of Deceased Members; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference
- 2826. Visitation Evangelism At Time Of Conference; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference
- 2827. Authorize Evangelistic Movement; Lafayette District Conference; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 2828. Opportunity For Evangelism; General Board Of Evangelism
- 2829. Services On Sunday Nights; John I. Osborn; Kempton, Illinois
- 2830. "Infant And Child" Membership; Bennett W. Palmer; Canal Point, Florida
- 2831. Campaign Of Visitation Evangelism; Bennett W. Palmer; Canal Point, Florida
- 2832. A "Gospel Chain" Proposed; Bennett W. Palmer; Canal Point, Florida
- 2833. Membership Of Abandoned Churches; Lewis D. Hopper; Rushville, Illinois

MEMORIALS 2834 TO 2846, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

From Epworth Methodist Church, Youngstown, Ohio

- 2834. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. James Sekinger
- 2835. Mrs. James Shuler
- 2836. Ora Williams
- 2837. Jane Beatty
- 2838. Mrs. John B. Moore
- 2839. Mrs. Viva Grimm
- 2840. Anna Schwartz
- 2841. Mildred Woodrow
- 2842. Della M. Hansen
- 2843. Margaret C. Froman
- 2844. Gertrude E. McCortney
- 2845. Mrs. Nellie Mayer

- 2846. Full Clergy Rights For Women; WSCS; First Methodist Church; Camden, New Jersey

MEMORIALS 2847 TO 2875, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 2847. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Philadelphia Laymen's association
- 2848. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Cheltenham Methodist Church; Cheltenham, Pennsylvania
- 2849. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Committee On Memorials; Philadelphia Annual Conference

2850. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Trinity Methodist Church; Chester, Pennsylvania
2851. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Association Of Methodist Historical Societies Of The Northeastern Jurisdiction
2852. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Olivet Methodist Church; Coatsville, Pennsylvania
2853. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, West Ridge Community Church; Chicago, Illinois
2854. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Siloam Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2855. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Trinity Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2856. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, St. Andrew-Centenary Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2857. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Somerton Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2858. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Northwood Methodist Church; West Palm Beach, Florida
2859. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Pence Methodist Church; Pence, Indiana
2860. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Judyville Methodist Church; Judyville, Indiana
2861. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; WSCS, Cheltenham Methodist Church; Cheltenham, Pennsylvania
2862. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Wyoming Annual Conference
2863. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; WSCS; Trinity Methodist Church; Bradenton, Florida
2864. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Jefferson
2865. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Farmingdale, New Jersey
2866. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Thorndale Methodist Church; Thorndale, Pennsylvania
2867. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Lehman Memorial Methodist Church; Hatboro, Pennsylvania
2868. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Wesleyan Service Guild, Pitman Methodist Church; Pitman, New Jersey
2869. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Miller Memorial Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2870. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; WSCS, Oak Lane Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2871. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Collingswood, New Jersey
2872. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Wis-sihickon Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2873. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Mountain View Methodist Church; Mountain View, Arkansas
2874. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Wharton Memorial Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2875. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Pottsville, Pennsylvania

MEMORIALS 2876 TO 2918, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

2876. June Date For Children's Day; Official Board, Urbana Methodist Church; Urbana, Ohio
2877. June Date For Children's Day; Official Board, Chardon Methodist Church; Chardon, Ohio

- 2878. Radio And Film Commission; Radio And Film Commission
- 2879. Change Word "Charge" To "Parish"; New York Annual Conference
- 2880. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 2881. Establish Older Adult Fellowship; W. H. Lark, Laurel Heights Methodist Church; San Antonio, Texas
- 2882. Promotion Of Methodist Rooming Houses In Vicinity Of Colleges And Universities; Official Board, Fritz Methodist Church; Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- 2883. Establish Older Adult Fellowship; Mrs. John Wetz, Harlandale Methodist Church; San Antonio, Texas
- 2884. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 2885. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 2886. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2887. Support Of Christian Educational Institutions; Harold S. Swales; Central New York Annual Conference
- 2888. Emphasis On Christian Higher Education; New York East Annual Conference
- 2889. Continuation Of Family Life Committee; New York East Annual Conference
- 2890. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Lexington Annual Conference Committee On Memorials
- 2891. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 2892. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Peninsula Annual Conference
- 2893. Church School Literature—Change Of Quarter System; North Central Jurisdictional Association On Christian Education
- 2894. Third National Conference On Family Life; Michigan Annual Conference
- 2895. Conference Board Of Education; Commission Of Youth Workers, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
- 2896. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; St. Louis Annual Conference
- 2897. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Southern Illinois Annual Conference
- 2898. Establish A "Day Of Recruitment"; Woman's Division Of Christian Service
- 2899. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; North Georgia Annual Conference
- 2900. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Board Of Ministerial Training; Louisiana Annual Conference (SC)
- 2901. Establish A Program Of Christian Education For Youth In Armed Services; General Board Of Missions
- 2902. Making Christian Vocations Committee Mandatory In Local Church; WSCS Secretaries Of Missionary Personnel; South Central Jurisdiction
- 2903. Establish Denominational Graduate School In The Portland Area; Daniel E. Taylor; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 2904. Establish Methodist Older Adult Fellowship; Mrs. E. R. Karbach, First Methodist Church; New Braunfels, Texas
- 2905. Establishment Of National Young Men's Day; Mrs. Flora V. Brentnall, Mt. Etna Methodist Church; Mt. Etna, Iowa
- 2906. Improvement In Content Of Church School Literature; Birmingham District Conference; North Alabama Annual Conference

2907. Request That The Church School Curriculum Year Begin With September; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
2908. Change The Church School Year And Quarter System; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
2909. Establish A Commission To Study Christian View of Marriage; New Hampshire Annual Conference
2910. Children's Day Emphasis; Commission Of Executive Secretaries, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
2911. Radio And Film Commission; Commission Of Executive Secretaries, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
2912. Church School Record System; R. L. Tressler; Virginia Annual Conference
2913. Establish Seminary In Ohio; Ohio Area Committee On Theological Education
2914. Establish Societies In Methodist Colleges Similar To Greek Letter Societies; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
2915. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Rock River Annual Conference Board Of Ministerial Training
2916. Establish Committee On Church Music By Conference Board Of Education; Rock River Annual Conference On Church Music
2917. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
2918. Change In Report Forms For Church School Classes; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

MEMORIALS 2919 TO 2949, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

2919. Print Names Of Officers Of Historical Association In *Discipline*; Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society
2920. Historical Society In *Discipline*; Association Of Methodist Historical Societies
2921. Publish Historical Secretary; Association Of Methodist Historical Societies
2922. Messenger Scripture Calendar; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
2923. Publication Of *Who's Who in Methodism*; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
2924. Additional Publishing Agent From Central Jurisdiction; Bluefield District Conference; East Tennessee Annual Conference
2925. Racial Segregation In The Methodist Publishing House; Baltimore Area Council
2926. Pension For Employees; Merrill S. Tope; Rock River Annual Conference
2927. Employee Personnel; Michigan Annual Conference
2928. Successor To The *Christian Advocate*; Board Of Evangelism; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
2929. Statistics And Appointments of Conferences Outside Of U.S.A.; Minnesota Annual Conference
2930. Combine Central Christian Advocate; Minnesota Annual Conference
2931. Program Of Historical Markers; Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society
2932. Policies Regarding Leading Methodist Publications; Paul G. Hayes; Minnesota Annual Conference

2933. Segregation In Methodist Publishing House; South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
2934. 175th Anniversary Of "The Sunday Service"; Milton Jay Peden; North Mississippi Annual Conference
2935. Change Form Of "The Business Of The Annual Conference"; Albert C. Hoover, Director Statistical Office, The Methodist Church
2936. Monthly Local Church Program Journal For Pastors; Harold A. Bosley; Rock River Annual Conference
2937. Investigate Labor And Administrative Policies Of Methodist Publishing House; Detroit Annual Conference
2938. Monthly Promotional Journal To Take Place Of Board Magazines; Oneonta District Conference; Wyoming Annual Conference
2939. Discount On Books For Methodist Ministers; New York Annual Conference
2940. Segregation In Methodist Publishing House; East Tennessee Annual Conference
2941. Periodical For Pastors And Laymen; Portland Area Cabinet
2942. History Of American Methodism; Association Of Methodist Historical Societies Of The Northeastern Jurisdiction
2943. Continue Central Christian Advocate; Atlantic Coast Area Delegation
2944. Catalogue Of Publications; William R. Keeffe; New Hampshire Annual Conference
2945. Statistical Report Of Individual Churches; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
2946. Co-ordinate Publications; Logan Sub-district, Huntington District; West Virginia Annual Conference
2947. Consolidate Publications; Portland Area Council
2948. Investigation Of Certain Actions Of Board Of Publications; Lloyd F. Worley; Hartford, Connecticut
2949. Program Of Historical Markers; Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society

MEMORIALS 2950 TO 2956, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES

2950. District Board Of Lay Activities; General Board Of Lay Activities
2951. Requirement That All Stewards Purchase A *Discipline*; Robert H. Garrison; Louisville Annual Conference
2952. Methodist Men; General Board Of Lay Activities
2953. Methodist Men; General Board Of Lay Activities
2954. Layman's Day; General Board Of Lay Activities
2955. Time-Tithing Membership; William L. Eikenberry, First Methodist Church; Orlando, Florida (SE)
2956. Election And Name Of Church Lay Leader; New Mexico Annual Conference Board Of Lay Activities

MEMORIALS 2957 TO 2964, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

2957. Election Of Judicial Council Alternates; J. Wesley Hole, Lay Delegate; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
2958. Election Of Alternates To Judicial Council; Edward A. Smith; Detroit, Michigan
2959. Extending Retirement Age Of Judicial Council Members To 74; R. H. Berg; Lay Delegate, Florida Annual Conference (SE)

- 2960. Payment Of Expenses Of Retired Members Of The Judicial Council Attending General Conference; Alabama Annual Conference
- 2961. Clarification Of The Word Steward; Richard L. Clifford; Baltimore, Maryland
- 2962. Legislative Change Affecting Trial Of Minister; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 2963. Trial Of Bishop Of Traveling Preacher; Holston Annual Conference
- 2964. Extending Retirement Age Of Judicial Council Members To 74 Years; J. C. Holler; South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

MEMORIALS 2965 TO 2977, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2965. United Church Of America; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 2966. Study Of World Missionary Policy; Edward B. Brewster; Ohio Annual Conference
- 2967. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Radio and Film Commission
- 2968. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Kenneth W. Copeland; Southwest Texas Conference
- 2969. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Alsie H. Carleton; North Texas Annual Conference
- 2970. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Rev. Boggs; Rockville Centre, New York
- 2971. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Berlyn V. Farris; Oregon Annual Conference
- 2972. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Council Of Secretaries
- 2973. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Newark, Virginia, New England, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Northeast Ohio, Annual Conferences
- 2974. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Inc.; Howard S. Stainton; New Jersey Annual Conference
- 2975. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; W. Carl Walton; South Orange, New Jersey
- 2976. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Official Board, Central Methodist Church; Yonkers, New York
- 2977. Board Of Directors, Religion In American Life, Inc.; Arthur West; St. Louis Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 2978 TO 2981, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- 2978. Report Of The Association Of Methodist Theological Schools, Pages 703 And 704 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
- 2979. Report Of Inter-board Committee On Missionary Education, Pages 217-222 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards and Commissions; Committee Of Reference
- 2980. Report Of The General Board Of Education, Pages 233 Through 384 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
- 2981. Report Of The Study Commission On Theological Education, Pages 385 Through 409 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards and Commissions; Committee Of Reference

**MEMORIAL 2982 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON LAY ACTIVITIES**

2982. Report Of The General Board Of Lay Activities, Pages 439 Through 455 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

**MEMORIAL 2983 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON HOSPITALS AND HOMES**

2983. Report Of The General Board Of Hospitals And Homes, Pages 410 Through 438 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Report Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

**MEMORIAL 2984 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION**

2984. Report Of The General Board Of Temperance, Pages 491 Through 506 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Committees; Committee Of Reference

**MEMORIAL 2985 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON MINISTRY**

2985. Report Of The Commission On Chaplains, Pages 670 Through 673 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

**MEMORIALS 2986 AND 2987 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM**

2986. Report Of The General Board Of Evangelism, Pages 43 Through 65 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Agencies; Committee Of Reference
2987. Report Of The Committee On Materials For Training In Church Membership, Page 635 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

**MEMORIALS 2988, 2989 AND 2990 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS**

2988. Report Of The General Board Of Missions, Pages 66 Through 216 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Report Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
2989. Report Of Inter-board Committee On Missionary Education, Pages 217 Through 222 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Report Of Boards And Commissions (also referred to Education); Committee Of Reference
2990. Report Of The Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief, Pages 605 Through 613 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

**MEMORIAL 2991 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON PENSIONS**

2991. Report Of The General Board Of Pensions, Illinois And Missouri Corporation Merger Of Offices, Pages 456 Through 473 And Pages 476 Through 493 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

**MEMORIALS 2992 TO 3000, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

2992. Report Of The Council Of Secretaries, Pages 41 and 42 Of

- The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
2993. Joint Report Of Reserve Funding Of The Pensions Of Bishops, Pages 474 And 475 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
2994. Report Of The Council On World Service And Finance, Pages 519 Through 604 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
2995. Report Of The Commission On Public Relations And Methodist Information, Pages 614 Through 628 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
2996. Report Of The Commission On Promotion And Cultivation And The Advance Committee, Pages 629 Through 634 Of The Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
2997. Report Of The Radio And Film Commission, Pages 648 Through 660 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Agencies; Committee Of Reference
2998. Report Of The Board Of Trustees, Pages 674 Through 676 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
2999. Report Of The Association Of Methodist Historical Societies, Pages 677 And 678 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
3000. Report Of The Trustees Of John Street Church, New York City, Pages 697 And 698 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

MEMORIALS 3001 TO 3006, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

3001. Report Of Commission On Church Union, Pages 636 Through 647 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
3002. Report Of American Bible Society, Pages 679 Through 685 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
3003. Report Of The National Council Of Churches, Pages 686 Through 692 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
3004. Report Of The World Methodist Council, Pages 693 Through 695 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
3005. Report Of The World Federation Of Methodist Women, Page 696 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
3006. Report From The World Council Of Churches, Pages 699 Through 702 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

MEMORIALS 3007 AND 3008 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

3007. Report Of The General Board Of World Peace, Pages 507 Through 518 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Agencies; Committee Of Reference
3008. Report Of The General Board Of Social And Economic Relations, Pages 661 Through 667 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of The Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference

MEMORIALS 3009 AND 3010 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

- 3009. Report Of Publishing Interests, Pages 9 Through 39 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
- 3010. Amend The Part Of The *Discipline* Dealing With The Methodist Publishing House; Board Of Publication

MEMORIALS 3011 TO 3030, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

- 3011. Minister's Pension First Year From Seminary; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3012. To Raise Pensions For Widows Of Deceased Ministers; Robert H. Garrison; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3013. Retired Relationship For Special Appointments; Thomas R. Pendell; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
- 3014. Pensions For Council Of Secretaries; Council Of Secretaries
- 3015. Pensions For Widows; Board Of Conference Claimants; Central New York Annual Conference
- 3016. Increase Pensions To \$100; Paul L. Higgins; Rock River Annual Conference
- 3017. Increase In Pensions For Publishing House Workers; E. Lester Stanton; Rock River Annual Conference
- 3018. Study The Pension Plan For Philippine Pastors; Northwest Philippines Annual Conference
- 3019. Correcting Legislation On Pensions; James E. Skillington, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania
- 3020. Repeal Of Par. 346; Missouri Annual Conference
- 3021. Retirement At Age 68; Lemuel C. Summers; Oklahoma Annual Conference
- 3022. Voluntary Retirement Affecting Social Security; Robert Coghum; Strong City, Oklahoma
- 3023. Permit Withdrawal By Annual Conference From Pension Board Of Trustees; Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church; Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 3024. Correlate Pensions With Federal Social Security; Official Board; Wilmington, Ohio
- 3025. Granting Of Pensions; Crawfordsville District Conference; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 3026. Equalize Pensions Of Clergy; Official Board, Memorial Church, Spring Valley; Minnesota
- 3027. Optional Payment Of Pensions; Syracuse District Ministers' Association
- 3028. Central Treasurer To Handle Conference Claimants' Fund; Alabama Annual Conference
- 3029. Pensions For Students First Year Out Of Seminary; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
- 3030. Ministry Retirement At Age 65; Committee On Pension Legislation; St. Louis Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 3031 TO 3111, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

- 3031. Challenge Of The Local Church; General Board Of Evangelism
- 3032. President Of Annual Conference WSCS A Member Ex-officio Of Annual Conference; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 3033. Establishment Of Commission On Social Education And

- Action In Local Church; Council Of Social Education And Action; Detroit Annual Conference
3034. Quadrennial Plan Of Racial Integration; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
3035. Establishment Of Commission On Social Education And Action For Local Church, Council Of Social Education And Action; Detroit Annual Conference
3036. Election Of Local Church Commission Chairmen By Quarterly Conference, Official Board; Yoakum Methodist Church; Yoakum, Texas
3037. Specific Dating Of Quadrennial Programs; Northeast Ohio Annual Conference, Robert H. Courtney, Secretary
3038. Retention Of Jurisdictions; Official Board; Stone Avenue Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana (SE)
3039. General Conference To Fix The Date When Its Actions Become Effective; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
3040. Request For General Conference To Be Held Earlier In The Year; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
3041. Public Hearing On Financial Obligations Before Presentation To Annual Conference; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
3042. Making Annual Meeting Mandatory At Time Of Fourth Quarterly Conference (Revise Par. 197-198); Board Of Social Study And Action; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
3043. Nomination Of Commission Chairmen In Quarterly Conference; Sarasota District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3044. Creation Of Additional Episcopal Areas; Central Jurisdiction; Baltimore Area Delegates
3045. Standing Of Burma Annual Conference; Burma Annual Conference
3046. Creation Of New Episcopal Area In The Northeastern Jurisdiction; Peninsula Annual Conference
3047. Division Of The Elizabethville Episcopal Area; Rhodesia Annual Conference
3048. Transfer Of Local Church From One Annual Conference To Another Across Jurisdictional Lines; Delaware Annual Conference
3049. Study On Episcopal Areas; Peninsula Annual Conference
3050. Study Jurisdictional System; General And Jurisdictional Conference Delegation, Atlantic Coast Area
3051. Commission On Finance And Stewardship In Local Church; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Hamburg, New York
3052. Election Of Local Church Commission Officers By The Quarterly Conference; Rock River Annual Conference Delegation
3053. Commission On Social Education And Action In The Local Church; Official Board, Henderson Memorial Methodist Church; Detroit, Michigan
3054. Annual Conferences—Membership Of Conference And District Lay Leaders; Board Of Lay Activities; Baltimore Annual Conference
3055. Size Of Annual Conference Boards And Commissions (Revision Of Par. 630, sec. 2); Robert Coyburn, Strong City Methodist Church; Strong City, Oklahoma
3056. Participation In Naming Boards And Commissions And Committees Of Annual Conference; Leroy Vick, Cheyenne Meth-

- odist Church; Cheyenne, Oklahoma
3057. Election Of Quarterly Conference Officials; General Board Of Education
3058. Membership Of Official Board; General Board Of Education
3059. Annual Conference—Inclusion In Jurisdiction; Logan Sub-District Ministers; West Virginia Annual Conference
3060. Quarterly Conference Questions—Prayer Life Of Church; General Board Of Evangelism
3061. Request For At Least Two Colored Jurisdictions; B. F. Crawford; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
3062. Membership Of District Stewards In Official Boards And Quarterly Conferences; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3063. Asking Vote For President of Conference WSCS In Annual Conference School Of Missions And Christian Service; Louisville Annual Conference
3064. Election Of Financial Secretary In Local Church; Minnesota Annual Conference
3065. Local Church Commission On Social Problems; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
3066. Honorary Stewards (Revise Par. 211); Louisville Annual Conference
3067. Membership Of District Lay Leaders In Annual Conference; Board Of Lay Activities; Indiana Annual Conference
3068. Membership Of District Lay Leaders In Annual Conferences; Ed Curry; Central Texas Annual Conference (SC)
3069. Establishing Terms Of Office For Members Of The Committee On Nomination; Scranton District Ministers' Association; Wyoming Annual Conference
3070. Amendment On Representation Of The Boards In General Conference; Commission On Entertainment
3071. End Racial Discrimination; Loyd F. Worley; New York East Annual Conference
3072. Quarterly Conference Question On Music Committee; Edwin J. Jolze, Perry Methodist Church; Perry, Texas
3073. Quarterly Conference Question On Music Committee; B. C. Schmidt; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
3074. Quarterly Conference To Assume Powers Of The Committee On Pastoral Relations; Truett G. Craft; Northwest Texas Annual Conference
3075. Voting In Quarterly Conference; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
3076. Local Church Assembly To Assume Powers Of Committee On Pastoral Relations; Milton Jay Peden; North Mississippi Annual Conference
3077. Membership On The Quarterly Conference; Quarterly Conference, Gresham Methodist Church; Gresham, Oregon
3078. Elimination Of Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. Charles Gunn, Westville Methodist Church; New Haven, Connecticut
3079. Jurisdictional Conferences To Be Held Within Six Months Before General Conference; Rock River Annual Conference
3080. Quarterly Conference To Elect Officials Of Local Church Commissions; Rock River Annual Conference
3081. Committee To Review Question Of Central Jurisdiction; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
3082. Committee To Review Jurisdictional System; Rock River Annual Conference
3083. Retaining Jurisdictional System; Methodist Laymen's Club, Nashville District; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
3084. Maintaining Accepted Racial Customs; Official Board, West End Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama

3085. On Strengthening The Jurisdictional Structure; South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
3086. Removal Of Church Members Without Certificate; Alabama Annual Conference
3087. Inter-jurisdictional Commission On Integration Of The Central Jurisdiction; Texas Annual Conference (CJ)
3088. Episcopal Supervision Of Pakistan; Division Of World Missions Of The General Board Of Missions.
3089. President Of Woman's Division Of Christian Service An Ex-Officio Delegate To General Conference; Algona District Conference Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
3090. Membership Of Wesleyan Service Guild President In The Official Board; Central Kansas Annual Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.
3091. Regarding A Bishop For Pakistan; Executive Board, Methodist Church In Southern Asia
3092. Commissions Of Official Board; General Board Of Hospitals And Homes
3093. Commission To Study Racial Integration; Atlantic Coast Area Delegates
3094. Elimination Of Central Jurisdiction; Virginia M. Jurkiewicz, 22 Farnham Ave.; New Haven, Connecticut
3095. Elimination Of Central Jurisdiction; John J. Jurkiewicz, Westville Church, New Haven; Connecticut
3096. Eliminate Central Jurisdiction; Noble H. Kime; New York East Annual Conference
3097. Eliminate Central Jurisdiction; Charles B. Gunn, Westville Methodist Church; New Haven, Connecticut
3098. Eliminate Central Jurisdiction; Harold L. Roberts, Jr., Westville Methodist Church; New Haven, Connecticut
3098. Eliminate Central Jurisdiction; Harold L. Roberts, Jr., Westville Methodist Church; New Haven, Connecticut
3099. Designation Of Episcopal Areas; Edwin H. Maynard; Rock River Annual Conference
3100. Designation Of Episcopal Areas And Annual Conferences; Ralph Stooddy; New England Southern Annual Conference
3101. Roll Of Church Lay Leaders In Conference Journal; General Board Of Lay Activities
3102. Membership Of Conference Lay Leader In Annual Conference; General Board Of Lay Activities
3103. Qualifications For Membership In Official Board; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
3104. Book Exchange For Pastors In Annual Conference; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3105. Retain Jurisdictional System; North Alabama Annual Conference
3106. Retain Jurisdictional System; Sylacauga District Conference; North Alabama Annual Conference
3107. Retain Jurisdictional System; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O'Neal, Central Methodist Church; Meridian, Mississippi (SE)
3108. Commission On Stewardship And Finances; National Council Of Conference Lay Leaders
3109. Retention Of Jurisdictions; Official Board, Winbourne Methodist Church; Baton Rouge, Louisiana (SC)
3110. Right Of Approved Supplies To Vote In Annual Conference; Argentine Annual Conference
3111. Mandatory Christian Vocations Commission In Local Church; Board Of Education; Central Texas Annual Conference

**MEMORIALS 3112 TO 3138, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE
AND PROHIBITION**

- 3112. Revision Of Par. 95, *Discipline*; Executive Committee, Kansas Annual Conference Wesleyan Service Guild
- 3113. Request that All Active Bishops Be Members Of Jurisdictional Boards Of Temperance; General Board Of Temperance
- 3114. Request For District Director Of Temperance; General Board Of Temperance
- 3115. Requirement That Officials Be Abstainers; Robert H. Garrison; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3116. Forbid Employment Of Minors Where Intoxicants Are Sold; Robert H. Garrison; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3117. Temperance Crusade; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 3118. Temperance Crusade; Rock River Annual Conference
- 3119. Asking Legislation Against Advertisement Of Alcoholic Beverages; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 3120. Asking Legislation Against Advertisement Of Alcoholic Beverages; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 3121. Support Of Bills To Eliminate Interstate Advertising Of Alcoholic Beverages; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 3122. Support Of Bills To Eliminate Interstate Advertising Of Alcoholic Beverages; Kansas Annual Conference
- 3123. Support Of National Prohibition; Kansas Annual Conference
- 3124. Combining Commitment Sunday And World Temperance Sunday; New England Annual Conference
- 3125. Call To Total Abstinence; Elmer L. Brooks; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 3126. Challenge To A Total Commitment Of Life; Michigan Annual Conference
- 3127. Representative Of WSCS On Each Local Church "Commission Of Contemporary Concern"; Board Of Temperance; Pacific Northwest Conference
- 3128. Denial Of Tobacco To Laymen; C. A. Pierce, Mt. View Methodist Church; Asheboro, North Carolina
- 3129. Establish Temperance Scholarships; Elbert W. Wells, First Methodist Church; Long Beach, California
- 3130. Use Of Alcoholic Beverages; General Board Of Temperance
- 3131. Abstinence From Alcoholic Beverages By Official Board Members; General Board Of Temperance
- 3132. Sale Of Liquor To Members Of Armed Forces; General Board Of Temperance
- 3133. Program Of Board Of Temperance; General Board Of Temperance
- 3134. Social Creed; General Board Of Temperance
- 3135. Defining The Offenses For Which A Member May Be Tried; General Board Of Temperance
- 3136. Change In Duties Of The Committee On Temperance; General Board Of Temperance
- 3137. To Strengthen Temperance Education; General Board Of Temperance
- 3138. Suggested Change In Personnel Of Board Of Temperance; General Board Of Temperance

**MEMORIALS 3139 TO 3174, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RITUALS AND ORDER
OF WORSHIP**

- 3139. Report Of The Commission On Worship And Fine Arts, Pages

- 668 And 669 Of The 1956 Quadrennial Reports Of Boards And Commissions; Committee Of Reference
3140. National Anthem; Methodist Youth Fellowship, Milwaukee Central Sub-district; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3141. Establish Commission On The Fine Arts; Commission On Worship And The Fine Arts.
3142. Establish Commission On The Fine Arts; National Conference Of Methodist Youth.
3143. Prepare Order For Change In Use Of Methodist Property; North Georgia Annual Conference
3144. Observance Of Sacrament Of Lord's Supper; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
3145. Amend Ritual For Sacrament Of Lord's Supper; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
3146. Clarifying Marriage Of Divorced Persons; David A. Denslow; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3147. Establish Unified Order Of Worship For Church School And Worship Service; Official Board, Altamont Methodist Church; Altamont, Illinois
3148. Clarification Of The Relation Of Baptized Children To The Church In The Ritual; Milton Jay Peden; North Mississippi Annual Conference
3149. Amend Apostles' Creed, Howard C. Dunham, Sr.; Wesley Methodist Church; Ludlow, Kentucky
3150. Amend Apostles' Creed; Official Board, Whitmell Methodist Church; Whitmell, Virginia
3151. Amend Ritual For Baptism Of Infants; Minnesota Annual Conference
3152. Revision Of Hymnal; Woman's Division Of Christian Service
3153. Inclusion Of Hymn In Methodist Hymnal; Beckley District Conference; West Virginia Annual Conference
3154. More "Gospel Songs" In Hymnal; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
3155. Amend Articles Of Religion; Irene Baughman, et al; Brick Church, Marshall Circuit; Illinois Annual Conference
3156. Revise Book Of Worship; Commission On Worship And The Fine Arts
3157. Amend Ordination Ritual; David Winfrey, Calvary Methodist Church; Washington, District of Columbia
3158. Amend Order For Receiving Persons Into The Church; John I. Osborn; Illinois Annual Conference
3159. Amend Apostles' Creed; Official Board, Belmont Methodist Church; Richmond, Virginia
3160. Amend Par. 1920 Of The *Discipline*; David Winfrey, Calvary Methodist Church; Washington, District of Columbia
3161. Addition To Vows For Church Membership; General Board Of Evangelism
3162. Inclusion Of Historical Statement In *Discipline*; Wiley W. Stephenson; North Alabama Annual Conference
3163. Revision Of Hymnal; Thomas Roy Pendell; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
3164. Amend Order For Lord's Supper; New Hampshire Annual Conference
3165. Amend Apostles' Creed; Northern Philippines Annual Conference
3166. Hymnal For Small Churches; Hiwassee Rural Life Seminar
3167. Study Use Of Rosary; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3168. Prepare Order For Admission On Trial Into Annual Conference; Commission On Worship And The Fine Arts

- 3169. Amend Apostles' Creed; Women's Bible Class, LaFollette Methodist Church; LaFollette, Tennessee
- 3170. Prepare "Order When Ground Is Broken For A New Church"; Commission On Worship And The Fine Arts
- 3171. Changing Qualifications For Remarriage Of Divorced Persons (Delete Par. 356); F. E. Maser; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 3172. Amend Apostles' Creed; Argentine Annual Conference
- 3173. Amend Apostles' Creed; Robert H. Garrison; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3174. Amend Apostles' Creed; Robert H. Garrison; Louisville Annual Conference

**MEMORIALS 3175 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

- 3175. Recommended Revisions Of The *Discipline* Pertaining To The Ministry; General Board Of Education

**MEMORIALS 3176 TO 3190, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS**

- 3176. Increasing Loan And Endowment Funds; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 3177. Initiating Study And Program Of The Church Facing World Needs; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
- 3178. Revising Advance Special Procedures; Legislative Committee Of The Advance Committee
- 3179. Revising Organization Of Committee On Town And Country Work; National Methodist Rural Fellowship Committee On Legislation
- 3180. Economic Aid Through United Nations Agencies; Woman's Division Of Christian Service
- 3181. Increase In Membership Of Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief General Board Of Missions
- 3182. Inter-Board Committee for Ministry To Neglected Areas; General Board Of Evangelism
- 3183. Clarify Conference Advance Special Program; Kansas Area Planning Conference
- 3184. Control Of Advance Specials; Florida Annual Conference (CJ)
- 3185. Charter Of Racial Policies; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Leakesville, Methodist Church; Leakesville, Mississippi (SE)
- 3186. Charter Of Racial Policies; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Winborn Chapel Methodist Church; Lucedale, Mississippi (SE)
- 3187. Date Of Week of Dedication; Charles W. Spear; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3188. Week Of Dedication Offering; New York East Annual Conference
- 3189. World Service Credit For Payments To Annual Conference Missionary Causes; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 3190. Advance And Week Of Dedication Legislation; Legislative Committee, Advance Committee

**MEMORIALS 3191 TO 3221, INCUSIVE HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES**

- 3191. The Methodist "Christian" Church; C. P. Stevens, New Salem Methodist Church; Rushville, Indiana

3192. Committee To Study Racial Integration; New Hampshire Annual Conference
3193. End Racial Distinction; New York East Annual Conference
3194. Integration Of Central Jurisdiction; Student Regional Leadership Training Conference; Lake Tahoe California
3195. Eliminate Racial Discrimination; Fellowship Of Methodist Pacifists
3196. Commission To Study Racial Integration; General Board Of Social And Economic Relations
3197. Commission To Study Racial Integration; New York East Annual Conference
3198. Study Of Possibility Of Racial Integration; Lexington Annual Conference Committee On Memorials
3199. Right Of Supply Pastor To Vote; North Carolina Annual Conference (SC)
3200. Uniform Dating Of Annual Conference Journals; North Carolina Annual Conference
3201. Committee To Study Advisability Of Continuing Or Discontinuing Central Jurisdiction; North Carolina Annual Conference (SC)
3202. Request For Clarification Of Language Regarding Historical Societies; Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society
3203. Methodist Historical Societies; Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society
3204. Continuance Of Tennessee Annual Conference (CJ); Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis Area
3205. Transfer Of Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church From Washington Conference (CJ) To Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference (NE) New England Annual Conference
3206. Annual Conference Business Of Concern To Laymen To Be Transacted In A Three-day Period; Rock River Annual Conference
3207. Name Of Detroit Area; Detroit Annual Conference
3208. Special Day For Church Extension; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
3209. Church And Community Co-operation; Marcius E. Taber; Michigan Annual Conference
3210. Substitution For Term *Circuit* and *Station*; Marcius E. Taber; Michigan Annual Conference
3211. Retention Of Jurisdictions; Board Of Education, Adaton Methodist Church; Starkville, Mississippi (SE)
3212. Harmonizing Legislation On Electing Delegates To Jurisdictional Conferences; John R. Wilkins, et al.; California-Nevada Annual Conference
3213. Removal From Office In Quarterly Conference And Official Board Wheeling District Conference; West Virginia Annual Conference
3214. Election For Terms Of Members Of Official Board; Central Kansas Annual Conference
3215. Commission To Study The Jurisdictional System; Atlantic Coast Area Delegation
3216. Creating Commission On Worship In The Local Church; Commission On Worship And The Fine Arts
3217. Retain Jurisdictional System; Quarterly Conference, Waverly Hall Methodist Charge; Ellerslie, Georgia
3218. Transfer Of Churches From One Annual Conference To Another Across Jurisdictional Lines; Joint Committee, North-East Ohio, Ohio, and Lexington Annual Conferences, Lee C. Moorehead, Secretary
3219. Election Of Chairman Of Local Church Commissions By The

- Quarterly Conference; Frank D. Dennis; Newark Annual Conference
3220. Inter-Board Commission On The Local Church; Commission Of Executive Secretaries, Methodist Conference On Christian Education, H. D. McGrath, Secretary
3221. Amendments To The Constitution Of The Inter-Board Commission On The Local Church; Inter-Board Commission On The Local Church, Ray W. Ragsdale, Secretary

**MEMORIALS 3222 TO 3265, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

3222. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Alabama Annual Conference
3223. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; North Iowa Annual Conference
3224. Continue Committee On Family Life; Council Of Bishops
3225. Establish Methodist Older Adult Fellowship; Mrs. Eric Roeske, Tarrytown Methodist Church; Austin, Texas
3226. To Name Older Adult Fellowship "Golden Agers Fellowship"; Jim Montgomery, Mason Methodist Church; Grit, Texas
3227. Radio And Film Commission; Mrs. A. J. Hellen, Kingsley Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3228. Observance Of Children's Day; Mrs. A. J. Hellen, Kingsley Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3229. Ministerial Training; Mrs. A. J. Hellen, Kingsley Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3230. Establish Methodist Older Adult Fellowship; Older Adult Fellowship, Woodlawn Methodist Church; San Antonio, Texas
3231. Methodist Youth Fellowship; Minnesota Annual Conference
3232. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
3233. No Addition To Special Day Observance; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
3234. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
3235. Church School Literature; Change In Quarter System; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
3236. Emphasis On Christian Higher Education During The Next Quadrennium; Board Of Education; Louisville Annual Conference
3237. Change In Forms for Reports; Henry C. Ebish, Bethpage Methodist Church; Bethpage, New York
3238. Radio And Film Commission (Substitution for Par. 1591); Virginia Annual Conference Radio And Film Commission
3239. Change In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; J. K. Farish, Winfield Church; Little Rock, Arkansas
3240. Change In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; Mrs. Evalena Tittsworth, El Dara Methodist Church; El Dara, Illinois
3241. Change In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; Mitzi R. Trent, Springhill Avenue Methodist Church; Mobile, Alabama
3242. Change In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; Mr. L. C. Allensworth, New Canton Methodist Church; New Canton, Illinois
3243. Change In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; Evelyn Callaghan, Plainview Methodist Church; Plainview, New York
3244. Request To Change Line 29 of Local Board Of Education's Quarterly Report; Southern Illinois Annual Conference

3245. Change In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; T. Roy Jarrett; Virginia Annual Conference
3246. Substitute Bishop Moore's The Mighty Savior For Georgia Harkness' The Christian Faith In The Course Of Study For Admission On Trial; Mrs. Charles G. Daneby, First Methodist Church; Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania
3247. Expanded Program For Theological Education; Wisconsin Annual Conference Board Of Education
3248. Continue Family Life Committee—Plan For Another National Family Life Conference; General Board Of Education
3249. Change In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; G. H. Allred; Western North Carolina Conference
3250. Radio And Film Commission; Council Of Children's Workers; Wisconsin Annual Conference
3251. Change In Quarter System; Church School; Council Of Children's Workers; Wisconsin Annual Conference
3252. Children's Day Emphasis; Council Of Children's Workers; Wisconsin Annual Conference
3253. Date Of Children's Day; Official Board, Highland Union Methodist Church; Lowell, Massachusetts
3254. Curriculum For Sunday Night Church School; Mrs. T. A. Coleman; Townley, Alabama
3255. Emphasis On Bible For Next Quadrennium; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
3256. Strengthen Scouting And Allied Work; Official Board, Lakewood Methodist Church; Dallas, Texas
3257. Ministerial Training; Council Of Children's Workers; Wisconsin Annual Conference
3258. Christian Family (Substitution for Par. 2021); General Board Of Education.
3259. Establish Organized Program Of Enlistment For The Ministry; Detroit Annual Conference
3260. Give Increased Emphasis To Christian Higher Education During Next Quadrennium; Ohio Annual Conference Board Of Education
3261. Increased Financial Support For Theological Seminaries; North Alabama Annual Conference
3262. Student Pastors (Par. 315); Rock River Annual Conference Board Of Ministerial Training
3263. Making The Commission On Christian Vocations A Special Committee Of The Local Church Board Of Education; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
3264. Church School Literature—Change In Quarter System; Mrs. A. J. Hellen, Kingsley Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3265. Student Loan Conference; Bushwick Avenue Methodist Church; Brooklyn, New York

MEMORIALS 3266 TO 3344, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

From Pisgah Methodist Church, Florence, South Carolina (SE)

3266. Keep Racial Segregation; Mrs. W. K. McCall
3267. Joseph Kirven
3268. Mrs. Elise Lunn
3269. Mrs. J. C. Turbeville
3270. Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffmeyer
3271. Mrs. J. R. Thomas
3272. Mrs. C. M. Camlin, Sr.
3273. Mrs. Frank Ham

- 3274. Mrs. W. W. Weaver
- 3275. Mrs. James D. Minton, Sr.
- 3276. Mrs. C. M. Camlin
- 3277. Keep Racial Segregation; B. S. Hughes; South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 3278. War and Disarmament; Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Georgia Annual Conference
- 3279. Disarmament; Mrs. Jeff Brown; Springdale, Arkansas
- 3280. Discontinue Racial Segregation; Board Of Social And Economic Relations; Northern New York Annual Conference
- 3281. Keep Racial Segregation; WSCS, MYF, and Official Board, Central Methodist Church; Marion, South Carolina (SE)
- 3282. Eliminate Racial Segregation; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, First Methodist Church; Plainwell, Michigan
- 3283. Keep Racial Segregation; Mrs. Charles M. Wilson, Jr., Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
- 3284. Keep Racial Segregation; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Revell, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
- 3285. Integration Of Races In Methodist Church; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Dearborn, Michigan
- 3286. Use Of Tobacco; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
- 3287. Youth Members; Board Of Social And Economic Relations; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
- 3288. Youth Members; Board Of Temperance; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
- 3289. Youth Members; Board Of World Peace; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
- 3290. Youth Members; Board Of Temperance; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
- 3291. Define Ecumenical Movement; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
- 3292. Keep Racial Segregation; H. D. Critcher, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
- 3293. Better Understanding of United Nations; Olive E. Hartge; Edgewater, Maryland

From Pisgah Methodist Church, Florence, South Carolina (SE)

- 3294. Keep Racial Segregation; Mrs. Simeon Scott
- 3295. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jeffcoat
- 3296. Mrs. Richard L. Joyner
- 3297. Mrs. McBride Hoffmeyer
- 3298. Disarmament And The United Nations; Rock River Annual Conference
- 3299. Board Of World Peace; General Board Of World Peace
- 3300. Revision Of *Discipline* Regarding Local Church Organization For Peace Education; General Board Of World Peace
- 3301. The Church And Peace; General Board Of World Peace
- 3302. Methodist Social Creed; General Board Of Social And Economic Relations
- 3303. Retain Separate Identity Of Boards Of World Peace, Temperance, and Social And Economic Relations; General Board Of Social And Economic Relations
- 3304. Teaching Militarism In High Schools; Board Of World Peace; North-East Ohio Conference
- 3305. The Church And War; General Board Of World Peace
- 3306. Keep Racial Segregation; R. O. Kirven, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)

- 3307. World Peace; Statesville District Educational Conference; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 3308. World Peace; Merton C. Propst, Jr., et. al.; Trinity Methodist Church; Kannapolis, North Carolina (SE)
- 3309. De-segregation; Mary And Martha Circle, WSCS; Ardmore Methodist Church; Ardmore, Pennsylvania
- 3310. Keep Racial Segregation; Rayer Hathcock; Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
- 3311. Voting In Elections; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 3312. Federation For Social Action; Genesee Annual Conference
- 3313. National Anthem; Woman's Society of Christian Service; Kingsley Methodist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 3314. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Executive Committee, Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 3315. Elimination Of Jurisdictional System; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 3316. Long Range Research; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 3317. Creation Of National Organization To Assist Methodist Veterans; W. B. West; Sea Bright Methodist Church; Sea Bright, New Jersey
- 3318. United Nations Charter Review; Oscar K. Merritt; Central Methodist Church; Mount Airy, North Carolina (SE)
- 3319. World Peace; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 3320. Teaching In The Home; General Board Of Temperance
- 3321. Public Morals; General Board Of Temperance
- 3322. Change Membership Of Jurisdictional Board of Temperance; Board Of Temperance; Southwest Missouri Annual Conference
- 3323. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Young Adult Fellowship; Trinity Methodist Church; Roebling, New Jersey
- 3324. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Young Adult Fellowship; Holmesburg Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 3325. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board; St. Stephen's Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 3326. National Anthem; World Peace Committee, Kenwood Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 3327. Support Of United Nations Disarmament Plan; Watertown District Woman's Society of Christian Service; Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 3328. Support Of Nations Disarmament Plan; R. J. Barnwell, et. al., Main St. Methodist Church; Gastonia, North Carolina (SE)
- 3329. Support Of United Nations Disarmament Plan; Dorothy A. Wright, et. al.; Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church; Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 3330. Keep Racial Segregation; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Kiven, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
- 3331. Keep Racial Segregation; Mrs. R. W. McKay, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
- 3332. National Anthem; Official Board, Algoma Methodist Church; Algoma, Wisconsin
- 3333. Keep Racial Segregation; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Thompson, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
- 3334. Segregation—No Compromise Of Policy; Argentine Annual Conference; Adam F. Sosa
- 3335. Board Of Social And Economic Relations; General Board Of Social And Economic Relations

- 3336. Local Church Commission On Christian Social Relations; New York East Annual Conference
- 3337. Christianity In National Policies; Brown Circle, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Kingsley Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 3338. Research In World Peace; Rock River Annual Conference
- 3339. Use Of Benevolence Funds; D. Howard Householder; Ohio Annual Conference
- 3340. Conscientious Objectors; D. Howard Householder; Ohio Annual Conference
- 3341. Disapproval Of Policy And Program Of Circuit Riders; New York East Annual Conference
- 3342. Laymen Run For Public Office Under Principles Of Social Creed; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 3343. Oppose Racial Integration; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Union Methodist Church; Hemingway, South Carolina (SE)
- 3344. Keep Racial Segregation; Eloise Hower, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)

MEMORIAL 3345 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- 3345. "Education"—Episcopal Address, P. 26; General Conference Committee Of References

MEMORIAL 3346 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- 3346. "The Ministry"—Episcopal Address, P. 30; General Conference Committee Of Reference

MEMORIAL 3347 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 3347. "Giving"—Episcopal Address, P. 35; General Conference Committee Of Reference

MEMORIAL 3348 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- 3348. "Christian Co-operation"—Episcopal Address, P. 37; General Conference Committee Of Reference

MEMORIALS 3349 TO 3352, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

- 3349. "Christian Brotherhood"—Episcopal Address, P. 43; General Conference Committee Of References
- 3350. "World Peace"—Episcopal Address, P. 47; General Conference Committee Of Reference
- 3351. "Christian Economy"—Episcopal Address, P. 50; General Conference Committee Of Reference
- 3352. "Human Welfare"—Episcopal Address, P. 52; General Conference Committee Of Reference

MEMORIAL 3353 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

- 3353. "Moral Reform"—Episcopal Address, P. 54; General Conference Committee Of Reference

MEMORIALS 3354 AND 3355 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAY ACTIVITIES

- 3354. Changes In The Organizational Structure Of The General Board Of Lay Activities; Detroit Annual Conference Board Of Lay Activities
- 3355. Quadrennial Goal For Chapters Of Methodist Men; General Board Of Lay Activities

MEMORIAL 3356 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- 3356. Changes in the *Discipline*; General Board Of Education

MEMORIALS 3357 TO 3410, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 3357. Including In *Discipline* The Constitution Of Association Of Methodist Historical Societies; Association of Methodist Historical Societies Of The Northeastern Jurisdiction
- 3358. Employment Of Agency For Financial Campaigns; Portland Area Cabinet
- 3359. Financial Support For Radio And Television; Radio And Film Commission; South Central Jurisdiction
- 3360. Increase Salary Of The Bishops; Genesee Annual Conference
- 3361. Support Of St. George's Church; Germantown, Official Board; Conshohocken, Pennsylvania
- 3362. Annual Conference Treasurers And Social Security; John N. McKay; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 3363. Support Of St. George's Church; Official Board, Erie Avenue Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 3364. Support Of St. George's Church; Germantown, Official Board, Tacony Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 3365. Qualifications For Receipt Of Aid From Minimum Salary Fund; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 3366. Status Of Ministers' Expense Accounts; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 3367. Increase In Ministers' Salaries; New England Southern Annual Conference
- 3368. Mandatory Minimum Salaries And Administration; David H. McKeithen; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
- 3369. Authority To Fix Minister's Salary; George M. Curry; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 3370. Creation Of Committee To Study And Administer Minimum Salary Plans; Methodist Men, Cheyenne Methodist Church; Cheyenne, Oklahoma
- 3371. Administration Of Minimum Salary Fund; Robert Cogburn, Strong City Methodist Church; Strong City, Oklahoma
- 3372. Standardizing Minimum Salary Support Plans; Executive Committee, Holston Annual Conference Town And Country Commission
- 3373. Opposed To Minimum Salary For Ministers; Robert Hamill, Adair Methodist Church; Adair, Oklahoma
- 3374. Computations And Recommendations Re Minimum Salary Funds; Allen E. Dripps, Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3375. Relationship Of Ministers' Expense Allowance To Salaries; Philadelphia Annual Conference Cabinet
- 3376. Support Of Bishops Of Central Conference Of Southern Asia; Executive Board, Methodist Church In Southern Asia
- 3377. Minimum Salary Plan Administration; L. C. Summers; Oklahoma Annual Conference

- 3378. Definition Of "Ministerial Support"; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 3379. Support Of Bishops Of The Central Conference Of Southern Asia; Executive Board, Methodist Church In Southern Asia
- 3380. Require A Baptistry; Robert H. Garrison (retired); Louisville Annual Conference
- 3381. Minimum Support For Ministers; Michigan Annual Conference
- 3382. Expenses Of Bishops Serving On Boards; Indiana Annual Conference
- 3383. To Re-imburse Episcopal Fund; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 3384. Pastors' Travel Expense; Holston Annual Conference Cabinet
- 3385. Amend Par. 190 On Equity In Parsonage; Holston Annual Conference Cabinet
- 3386. Purchase Of Property, Southeast District Conference; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3387. Church Building Projects; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3388. Creation Of General Conference Board Of Finance And Responsibility; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3389. Establishment Of Annual Conference Cemeteries; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 3390. Reporting Moving Expenses For Ministers And Travel Expenses; A. C. Nesmith; Rock River Annual Conference
- 3391. Paying Cost Of Publication Of "Together"; Joe M. Young, Cataline Methodist Church; Tucson, Arizona
- 3392. The Co-ordinating Council; Council Of Secretaries; General Board Of Education
- 3393. Preserving Validity Of Actions of The Local Church Under 1952 *Discipline*, Board Of Trustees; Calvary Methodist Church; Nashville, Tennessee
- 3394. Information Regarding Church Property; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 3395. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Wayne Methodist Church; Wayne, Pennsylvania
- 3396. Financial Aid For "Protestant And Other Americans United For Separation Of Church And State," Roanoke District Conference; Virginia Annual Conference
- 3397. Limiting Number Of Special Offerings; Ministers In The Tulsa And Oklahoma Districts; Oklahoma Annual Conference
- 3398. Authority Over Board Of Trustees; New York East Annual Conference
- 3399. Ownership Of Property; Official Board, Memorial Church; Spring Valley, Minnesota
- 3400. Basis Of Apportionments To Annual Conference; General Conference Delegates, Little Rock Annual Conference
- 3401. Financial Assistance To Historical Societies; Northeastern Jurisdictional Historical Societies
- 3402. Support For The Association Of Methodist Historical Societies; Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Societies
- 3403. Support Of Annual Conference Historical Societies; Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society Of The Methodist Church
- 3404. Trustees Of John Street Church; Board Of Trustees, John Street Methodist Church; New York City, New York
- 3405. Supervision Of Annual Conference Investments (Par. 782); Commission On World Service And Finance; Virginia Annual Conference
- 3406. Supervision Of Annual Conference Investments (Par. 737);

- Commission On World Service and Finance; Virginia Annual Conference
3407. Auditing Of Accounts; Commission On World Service and Finance; California-Nevada Annual Conference
3408. Permission To Build With Less Than Half Of Funds In Hand; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
3409. Reporting District Superintendent's Expenses; North Georgia Annual Conference
3410. Increasing General Board Endowments By Borrowing Without Interest; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)

MEMORIALS 3411 TO 3443, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

3411. Effective Bishop Serving As Full-time President Of The Board of Missions; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
3412. Committee To Investigate Church Lay Workers' Organization; Ohio Annual Conference Deaconess Board
3413. Board Of Social And Economic Relations Harmonize Terminology With Department Of The Woman's Division Of Christian Service; Board Of Social And Economic Relations
3414. Annual Conference Deaconess Board; Additional Membership; West Virginia Annual Conference Deaconess Board
3415. Annual Conference Deaconess Board; Additional Membership, West Virginia Conference Deaconess Board
3416. Annual Conference Deaconess Board; Affiliate Membership For Division Workers; West Virginia Annual Conference Deaconess Board
3417. Effective Bishop Serving as Full-time President Of The Board Of Missions; Indiana Annual Conference
3418. Board Of Missions—Proposed Legislative Changes; General Board Of Missions
3419. Strengthen Local Church Commission On Missions; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
3420. Right Of Local Church To Support Missionaries Anywhere; Shreveport District Conference; Louisiana Annual Conference (SE)
3421. Quadrennial Assembly Of Boards Separate From Annual Board Meetings; General Board Of Missions
3422. Mission To America In 1958; General Board Of Missions
3423. New Advance Through Love In Action—Goal of \$30,000,000; Northwest Texas Annual Conference
3424. Wider Use Of Self-supporting Missionaries; Bennet W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3425. Representation On Jurisdictional Woman's Society Of Christian Service From Every Annual Conference; Maine Annual Conference
3426. Encouraging Repayment Of Board Of Missions Donations; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Clarkston, Washington
3427. Increase Funds For City Church Extension Aid; Urban Workshop Of The Ohio Area
3428. Pastor As Member Of Executive Committee Of Local Woman's Society Of Christian Service; South Georgia Annual Conference
3429. Continuation Of Emphasis On Church Extension; Louisville Annual Conference
3430. Fund For Inter-Denominational Mobile School For Migrant Children; Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Wisconsin Annual Conference

3431. Service To Indians Of Santo Domingo, New Mexico; H. F. Walter, Troy Methodist Church; Troy, Kansas
3432. Revise Date And Scope Of Rural Life Sunday Town And Country Commission; Erie Annual Conference
3433. Constituting Annual Conference Commission On Town And Country Work; Illinois Annual Conference
3434. Constituting Annual Conference Commission On Town And Country Work; Illinois Annual Conference
3435. Support American Indian Integration; Official Boards, Pleasant Valley and Siloam Methodist Churches; Wisconsin Annual Conference
3436. Penny-a-day Offering; Genesee Annual Conference
3437. Wider Use Of Self-supporting Missionaries; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3438. Episcopal Representation On Divisions Of Board Of Missions; Executive Committee Of The Northern Europe Central Conference
3439. Substituting A Conference Council For Annual Conference Commission On Town And Country Work; Robert Cogburn, Strong City Methodist Church; Strong City, Oklahoma
3440. Youth Membership On Board of Missions; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
3441. Deletion Of Par. 1172, Sec. 5; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
3442. Continuation Of Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief; General Board Of Missions
3443. Continuation Of Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief; General Board of Missions

MEMORIALS 3444 TO 3490, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

3444. Retention Of Tennessee Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction; M. W. Clair, Jr., Bishop Of The St. Louis Area
3445. Transfer Of Mitchell Memorial Church To Northeastern Jurisdiction; Washington Annual Conference
3446. Quarterly Conference Committee On Nominations; Barbourville District Conference; Kentucky Annual Conference
3447. Inter-Board Commission On Local Church; Executive Committee; General Board of Lay Activities
3448. Fifth Commission For Local Church; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
3449. Study Commission On Jurisdiction And Inter-Racial Policies; California-Nevada Annual Conference Delegation
3450. Integration Of Central Jurisdiction; Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Kansas Annual Conference
3451. Integration Of Central Jurisdiction; Minnesota Annual Conference
3452. Integration Of Central Jurisdiction; Louisville Annual Conference
3453. Transfer Of Churches In The Central Jurisdiction; Minnesota Annual Conference
3454. Elimination Of The Central Jurisdiction; Central Kansas Annual Conference
3455. Transfer Of Quayle And St. Marks Churches From Central To South Central Jurisdiction; Central Kansas Annual Conference
3456. Transfer Of Churches From One Jurisdiction To Another; Ben T. Welch; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
3457. Abolish Jurisdictional System; General And Jurisdictional Conference Delegates; Baltimore Area

- 3458. Simplify Par. 538, Council Of Social Education And Action; Detroit Annual Conference
- 3459. Abolish Central Jurisdiction; Southern Illinois Annual Conference
- 3460. Commission To Study Integration; Robert Harder; Kansas Annual Conference
- 3461. Abolish Central Jurisdiction And Form Commission On Integration; New York Annual Conference
- 3462. Compulsory Fifth Commission On Social Action; New York Annual Conference
- 3463. Transfer Of Negro Work In State Of Arizona To Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 3464. Vote For Supply Pastor; Michigan Annual Conference
- 3465. Local Church Conference Elect Officers; J. E. Kirby; Northwest Texas Annual Conference
- 3466. Clarify Powers Of Local Church Conference; C. P. Hardin; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
- 3467. Each Annual Conference An Episcopal Area; P. R. Garrett, Harrisville Methodist Church; Harrisville, West Virginia
- 3468. District Superintendent Of Provisional Annual Conference; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 3469. Local Church Commission On Christian Social Relations; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3470. Annual Conference Council; Farrell Jenkins, et. al.
- 3471. Boundaries Of Episcopal Areas; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3472. Lay Members Of Annual Conference; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3473. Commission On Christian Social Relations; Council Of Administrators; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 3474. Nomination Of Chairmen Of Local Church Commissions; Illinois Annual Conference
- 3475. Nomination Of Chairmen Of Local Church Commissions; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents; Methodist Conference On Christian Education
- 3476. Transfer Of Scott Memorial Church, Denver, From Central Jurisdiction To Colorado Annual Conference; Colorado Annual Conference
- 3477. Transfer Of Churches From Central To Western Jurisdiction In Colorado Annual Conference; Colorado Annual Conference
- 3478. Legislation To Permit Nominating Committee To Nominate Chairmen Of Local Church Commissions; Robert W. Moon; California-Nevada Annual Conference
- 3479. Commission To Study Racial Integration; Council Of Social Education And Action; Detroit Annual Conference
- 3480. Extension Of Limit Of Northwest Philippines Annual Conference; Northwest Philippines Annual Conference
- 3481. Simplification Of Local Church Organization In Small Churches; Quarterly Conference, Geneva Methodist Church; Geneva, Minnesota
- 3482. Amend Local Church Organizations Plan To Add "Commission On Christian Social Relations"; General Board Of Social And Economic Relations
- 3483. Unify Conference Boards; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3484. Unify Board Activities; Michigan Annual Conference
- 3485. Preserve Methodist History; Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society
- 3486. Transfer Of Churches Between Jurisdictions; Board Of World Peace; North-East Ohio Annual Conference

- 3487. Commission To Study Racial Integration; General Conference Delegates; Baltimore Area
- 3488. Commission To Study Racial Integration; Detroit Annual Conference
- 3489. Legislative Changes; Executive Board Of The Methodist Church In Southern Asia
- 3490. Equal Rights For Bishops Of Central Conference; Philippines Central Conference

MEMORIALS 3491 TO 3515, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

- 3491. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Greensboro District Educational Conference, LeRoy Scott, District Secretary
- 3492. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Rock River Annual Conference, C. E. Ploch, Secretary
- 3493. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Men's Bible class, Kenwood Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wis. Clyde W. Myers, Secretary
- 3494. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; World Peace Educational Committee, Trinity Methodist Church; Des Moines, Ia., Floyd Moeckly, Secretary
- 3495. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Official Board, Trinity Methodist Church, Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Floyd J. Moeckly, Secretary
- 3496. Universal Enforceable Disarmament; Loyd F. Worley; New York East Annual Conference
- 3497. Universal Enforceable Disarmament; Woman's Division Of Christian Service; Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins, Secretary
- 3498. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; J. Carlton Forshee; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3499. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; M. Everett Door; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 3500. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Thomas A. Summey, Jr.; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 3501. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Charlotte District Educational Conference, World Peace Section; A. James Climmer, et. al.
- 3502. Disarmament; Christian Social Relations Committee, Wauwatosa Methodist Church, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Mrs. Ross Foltz, Chairman
- 3503. Social Creed; Conference Of The Fellowship Of Methodist Pacifists; John M. Swomley, Secretary
- 3504. Forbid Investments In War Bonds; David Winfrey, Calvary Methodist Church; Washington, District of Columbia
- 3505. Consolidate Boards Of Temperance, World Peace, Social And Economic Relations, And Methodist Committee For Overseas Relief; Detroit Annual Conference Council Of Social Education and Action, James W. Bristah, Executive Secretary
- 3506. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; District Officers Of Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Fort Dodge District; North Iowa Annual Conference, Mrs. Charles Ritter, et. al.
- 3507. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Woman's Society of Christian Service; Wisconsin Annual Conference, Irene M. Ramsey, Secretary
- 3508. Keep Racial Segregation; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spivey, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
- 3509. Elimination Of "Limited Fellowship"; Ben T. Welch; Southwest Texas Annual Conference

3510. Eliminate Racial Segregation; Methodist Youth, Sub-District No. 7, Southern District; West Wisconsin Annual Conference, John M. Mecartney, Sub-District Counselor.
3511. Take Specific Action Concerning Segregation; Merle W. Whitlow; Kansas Annual Conference
3512. Remove From Information Forms Reference To Race Or Color; New York Annual Conference, Ross W. M. Rolland, Secretary
3513. Maintaining Present Racial Practices; Alabama Annual Conference, James E. Tate, Secretary
3514. Racial Integration; Mrs. Pauline Gilkey, Haven Methodist Church; Hot Springs, Arkansas
3515. Elimination Of Segregation; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Mount Pleasant Methodist Church; Mount Pleasant, Michigan, Mrs. Ray Merritt, President

MEMORIALS 3516 TO 3580, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

3516. Changes In *Discipline*—Inter-Board And Joint Committee General Board Of Education; Dennis Snapp, Secretary
3517. Change In *Discipline*; General And Conference Boards Of Education; Dennis Snapp, Secretary
3518. Records Of Church Attendance; Jake Kirtwright, New Canton Methodist Church; New Canton, Illinois
3519. Sunday Evening Fellowship; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
3520. Social Fraternities On College Campus; David K. Ernst; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
3521. Make Scholarships Accessible To All Qualified Methodist Students; Board Of Social Study And Action; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference, Howard R. Carey, Chairman
3522. Substitute Bishop Moore's The Mighty Savior For Georgia Harkness' Understanding The Christian Faith In The Course Of Study For Admission On Trial; Ewing and Presley Werlein; Houston, Texas
3523. Change In Forms For Reports; Church School Classes; J. L. Pittard; North Carolina Annual Conference
3524. Establish Older Adult Fellowship; Mrs. Adele Dunlop, Los Angeles Heights Methodist Church; San Antonio, Texas
3525. Change In Forms For Reports; Church School Classes; C. E. Williams; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
3526. To Amend Par. 1406, Sec. 3, *Discipline*—National Youth Conference; National Conference Of Methodist Youth; Leroy King, Projects Secretary
3527. Amend Par. 1404, Sec. 2—Members Of National Youth Conference; National Conference Of Methodist Youth; LeRoy King, Projects Secretary
3528. Amend Par. 1404, Sec. 3—Officers Of National Youth Conference; National Conference Of Methodist Youth; LeRoy King, Projects Secretary
3529. Change In Wording—Par. 1478; National Conference Of Methodist Youth; LeRoy King, Projects Secretary
3530. Amend Par. 1406, Sec. 1—National Youth Fellowship Commission; National Conference Of Methodist Youth; LeRoy King, Projects Secretary
3531. Change Position Of Par. 1326; National Conference Of Methodist Youth; LeRoy King, Projects Secretary
3532. Change Name Of Special Days To "Monthly Concern"; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference

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3533. Create A Calendar Committee; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
3534. Remove Children's Day; Seaborn M. Kiker; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
3535. Change In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; James E. Scott Jr.; Virginia Annual Conference
3536. Changes In *Discipline*—Christian Education; General Board of Education; John O. Gross, Chairman, Secretarial Council
3537. Changes In *Discipline*—Christian Education; General Board of Education; John O. Gross, Chairman, Secretarial Council
3538. Abolish Fraternities And Sororities From Methodist Colleges And Universities; John I. Osborn; Illinois Annual Conference
3539. Abolish Drinking, Card Playing, etc., From Methodist Colleges And Universities; John I. Osborn; Illinois Annual Conference
3540. Change Par. 1443—Director Christian Education; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education; H. D. McGrath, Secretary
3541. Establish A Department Of Martyrology; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3542. Set Second Sunday Of June As Children's Day; Official Board, First Methodist Church, Cambridge, Ohio; Charles F. Jones, President
3543. Develop Record System For Encouraging "Holy Habits"; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
3544. Make Rally Day Offering Optional; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference; Wayne D. Griffen, Secretary
3545. Increase Proportion Of Benevolent Giving To Methodist Seminaries; California-Nevada Annual Conference; Jackson L. Butler, Secretary
3546. Change Race Relations Sunday To Inter-Racial Sunday; W. E. Cissna; Kentucky Annual Conference
3547. Change Name Of Race Relations Sunday To Inter-Racial Sunday; W. E. Cissna; Kentucky Annual Conference
3548. Graduation In Church School To Correspond With Public Schools; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
3549. To Require Graduates Of Methodist Seminaries To Complete A Course In The Effects Of Alcoholic Beverages On Individual And Community Life; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference; Wayne D. Griffen, Secretary
3550. Change Paragraphs In Ordination Service; E. H. Alsdorf, National City Methodist Church; National City, California
3551. Establishment Of New Seminaries; Board Of Trustees, Iliff School Of Theology; R. B. Spencer
3552. Changes In *Discipline* Concerning University Senate; University Senate; Myron F. Wicke
3553. Amend Par. 1407 Of *Discipline*—Church School Extension; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference; E. P. O'Rear, Secretary
3554. Pledge Of Allegiance To The Family Flag; William Zabilka; North Iowa Annual Conference
3555. Inter-Board Committee On Family Life; Western North Carolina Annual Conference; Charles D. White, Secretary
3556. Amend Par. 1320-1321; General Inter-Board Commission Of Local Church, Alva I. Cox, Chairman
3557. Change Question 29 In Statistical Report Of Annual Conference; Board Of Education; Indiana Annual Conference, C. V. McMillan, Secretary

3558. Establish A Department Of Martyrology; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE); John T. Adams, Jr., Secretary
3559. "Gospel Chain"; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3560. Establish College Societies Similar To Fraternities And Sororities; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3561. Expanded Program Of Theological Education; Michigan Annual Conference; Harold R. Kinney, Secretary
3562. Establish Inter-Board Committee On Family Life; North Georgia Annual Conference; James J. Sneed, Secretary
3563. School Of Religion At University Of Southern California To Serve As The Methodist School Of Theology For The Los Angeles Area; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference; E. P. O'Rear, Secretary
3564. Elimination Of Military Training From Methodist Colleges And Universities; David Winfrey, Calvary Methodist Church; Washington, District of Columbia
3565. Change In *Discipline*—Education In The Local Church; General Board Of Education; Dennis Snapp, Secretary
3566. Remove Duplication From Student Recognition Day And Methodist Student Day; Board Of Education, Pacific Northwest Conference; Jane Grimes, Secretary
3567. Clarification Of Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship; Rock River Annual Conference; C. E. Ploch, Secretary
3568. Changes In Forms For Reports—Church School Classes; Daniel H. Margot, Clinton Methodist Church; Clinton, New Jersey
3569. Representatives On Board Of Publication—Change In *Discipline*, Par. 1156; General Board Of Education, Dennis Snapp, Secretary
3570. Make Provision For Reporting How Much Of Lesson Materials Are Not Approved By Methodist Church; New York Annual Conference; Ross W. M. Rolland, Secretary
3571. Amend Par. 341 Relative To Ministerial Training; Detroit Annual Conference; Verle J. Carson, Secretary
3572. Change In Form For Reports—Church School Classes; Mrs. Ruth Bowton, Monterey Methodist Church; Canton, Illinois
3573. Change In Report Forms—Church School Classes; Mrs. Wm. Settles, South Park Methodist Church; Canton, Illinois
3574. Amend Pars. 1320 And 1321—Inter-Board Commission On Local Church, General Board Of Education, Dennis Snapp, Secretary
3575. Exempt Pacific School Of Religion From \$25,000 Ceiling, Methodist Faculty And Staff Members, Pacific School Of Religion—Georgia Harkness, et. al.
3576. Amend Report Of Commission On Education, Methodist Faculty And Staff Members, Pacific School Of Religion; Georgia Harkness, et. al.
3577. Interest Board Of Education In Providing Fellowship From Student Day Offering, New York Annual Conference, Ross W. M. Rolland, Secretary
3578. Emphasis On The Home, Robert H. Garrison (retired); Louisville Annual Conference
3579. Authorization Of The General Committee On Family Life; Committee On Family Life; Edward D. Staples, Secretary
3580. Day For Children's Day; Earl H. Cunningham; North-East Ohio Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 3581 TO 3658, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

3581. Jurisdictional Conference—Central Jurisdiction; Marion L. Campbell, Westville Methodist Church; New Haven, Connecticut
3582. Central Jurisdiction; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Englehardt, Westville Church; New Haven, Connecticut
3583. Racial Integration; John Franzen, Westville Church; New Haven, Connecticut
3584. Organization Of Historical Societies; Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society
3585. Conserve Inter-National Fellowship; Philippines Central Conference
3586. Conference Organization Proposed; L. R. Lewis
3587. Conference Board Of Christian Citizenship; Board Of World Peace; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
3588. Local Church Committee On Christian Citizenship; Board Of World Peace; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
3589. Retention Of Central Jurisdiction; Woman's Society of Christian Service, Vaughan Methodist Church; Vaughan, Mississippi (SE)
3590. Racial Integration; Charles A. Barton; New York East Annual Conference
3591. Appointment Of District Secretary Of Social And Economic Relations; General Board Of Social And Economic Relations
3592. Creation By Annual Conference Of Conference Inter-Board Commission On Christian Social Relations; General Board Of Social Economic And Economic Relations
3593. Limitation Of Tenure Of Preachers; Quarterly Conference, St. John-Gibson Charge; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
3594. Transfer Of Local Church From One Jurisdiction To Another; General Board Of Social And Economic Relations
3595. Election Of Lay Delegates By Lay Members; E. H. Alsdorf, Methodist Church; National City, California
3596. Elimination Of Jurisdictional Conference; E. H. Alsdorf, Methodist Church; National City, California
3597. Study Of Jurisdictional System; Western North Carolina Annual Conference; Charles D. White, Secretary
3598. Central Jurisdictions A Sin; South Carolina Annual Conference (C)
3599. Retain Jurisdictional System; Birmingham District WSCS; Alabama Annual Conference
3600. Importance Of Individuals And Local Churches; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
3601. Creation By District Superintendent Of Sub-Districts; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
3602. Membership Of Quarterly Conference; San Diego District Ministers; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
3603. Annual Conferences And Local Churches; Thomas J. Seahill; Missouri Annual Conference
3604. Central Jurisdictional Conference; Members Of Oregon College Of Education Wesley Foundation
3605. Central Jurisdictional Conference; Washington Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship
3606. Maintain Jurisdictional Organization; WSCS, Vicksburg District; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
3607. Central Jurisdiction; North Central Jurisdiction WSCS
3608. Jurisdictional Conferences; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

- 3609. Central Jurisdiction; Bertha B. Campbell, Westville Church; New Haven, Connecticut
- 3610. Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. Ruth G. Hawes, Westville Church; New Haven, Connecticut
- 3611. Conference Boards; Kansas Annual Conference
- 3612. Membership For Missionary Minister; Max V. Kemling; Rock River Annual Conference; Julian S. Rea; Southeast Africa Annual Conference
- 3613. Equal Rights For Laymen; Chester A. Smith; Methodist Church, Peekskill, New York
- 3614. Quarterly Conference; Executive Committee Of The General Board Of Lay Activities
- 3615. Establish Definite Annual Conference Year; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 3616. Creation Of District Director of Golden Cross; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 3617. Annual Conference Boards Of Temperance; General Board Of Temperance
- 3618. Co-ordinate Church Program; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 3619. Election Of Conference Officers; C. W. Christman, Jr.; New York Annual Conference
- 3620. Retention Of Jurisdictional Plan; Official Board, Noel Memorial Church; Shreveport, Louisiana (SC)
- 3621. Membership Of Inter-Board Commission On Local Church; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
- 3622. Local Church Conference; North Central Jurisdiction WSCS
- 3623. Local Church Committee On Nominations; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 3624. Reporting Names To Property Committee; General Board Of Evangelism
- 3625. Commission To Study Racial Integration; East Tennessee Annual Conference
- 3626. Plan Program For Local Church; General Board Of Hospitals And Homes
- 3627. Conference Membership Of Chaplains; David Houghton; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
- 3628. Racial Integration And Study Commission; Delaware Annual Conference
- 3629. Election Of Local Church Stewards And Trustees; Michigan Annual Conference
- 3630. Retain Jurisdictional Conferences; WSCS, Central Church; Meridian, Mississippi (SE)
- 3631. Commission On Conferences; Legislative Changes; Members Of The Executive Committee Of The Philippines Central Conference
- 3632. Rotation Of The Membership In Annual Conference Boards; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference Of Christian Education
- 3633. Commission On Worship—Local Church; John I. Osborn; Illinois Annual Conference
- 3634. Integration Of Central Jurisdiction; Robert H. Stewart Jr.; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
- 3635. Integration Of Central Jurisdiction; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference Christian Education; H. D. McGrath, Secretary
- 3636. Amend Par. 538—Transfer Of Churches Between Annual Conferences; Christian Social Relations Committee, Methodist Church; Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

- 3637. Retention Of The Central Jurisdiction; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3638. Sale Of Church Property; Gene Sims, Christ Methodist Church; Jefferson County, Kentucky
- 3639. Preserving The Jurisdictional Structure; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 3640. Retaining The Jurisdictional System; Alabama Annual Conference
- 3641. Requests No Amendment To Jurisdictional System; North Georgia Annual Conference
- 3642. Elimination Of Central Jurisdiction; Michigan Annual Conference
- 3643. Retain Present Jurisdictional System; Mrs. Rome A. Emmons, Jr., Central Church; Meridian, Mississippi (SE)
- 3644. Jurisdictional Membership Basis For Election Of Bishops; Genesee Annual Conference
- 3645. Retired Ministers And Missionaries To Be Honorary Members Of Local Church Board; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 3646. Officers Of Official Board And Of Its Commissions; Edward L. Lord; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 3647. Conferences; General Board Of World Peace
- 3648. Participation Of All Annual Conference Members On Some Conference Board; Methodist Men; Cheyenne, Oklahoma
- 3649. More Youth Participation In The Official Board; Methodist Youth Fellowship, Methodist Church; Cheyenne, Oklahoma
- 3650. Tenure Of Office On Boards, etc.; General Board Of Evangelism
- 3651. Maintain Jurisdictional Organization; Board Of Education; Longview Methodist Church
- 3652. Maintain Jurisdictional Organization; Official Board; Longview Methodist Church
- 3653. On Retaining The Jurisdictional System; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3654. Strengthening The Jurisdictional Structure Of The Methodist Church; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3655. Vote Of Approved Supply Pastors; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3656. Asking Conference Membership For Conference President Of The Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Executive Committee Of The Hays District WSCS; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 3657. Transfer Of Local Churches From Central Jurisdiction And Abolish Central Jurisdiction; Quarterly Conference; Bethany Methodist Church
- 3658. Moral Qualifications Of Board Members; General Board Of Evangelism

MEMORIALS 3659 TO 3681, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 3659. Increase Salaries Of Bishops; Michigan Annual Conference
- 3660. Disarmament; Waynesville District Christian Education Conference; District Committee On World Peace
- 3661. Transfer Advance Responsibility; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference
- 3662. Historical Shrines (Financial Aid For St. George's Church); Linwood Heights Methodist Church; Linwood, Pennsylvania
- 3663. Prohibiting Membership Of Annual Conference Treasurer On Recipient Agencies; John R. McKay; Southwest Texas Annual Conference

- 3664. The Permanent Fund; Board Of Trustees; The Methodist Church
- 3665. Loans of Endowment Funds; Kansas Annual Conference
- 3666. Financial Aid For John Street Church; Board of Trustees, John Street Church; New York City, New York
- 3667. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Duquesne, Pennsylvania
- 3668. Continuation For Committee For Overseas Relief; Inter-Division Committee, Sub-Committee on Inter-Field Consultation
- 3669. Church Sponsored Insurance Agency; Division Of National Missions
- 3670. Minimum Salary; Robert F. Padgett; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 3671. Travel Expense For Commission Meetings; Georgia Harkness, et. al.
- 3672. Attendance Records; John I. Osborn; Illinois Annual Conference
- 3673. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Albert W. Cliffe; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 3674. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, St. George's Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 3675. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Albert W. Cliffe; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 3676. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Methodist Youth Fellowship, Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 3677. Combine Board Of Temperance, World Peace, Social And Economic Relations And Committee For Overseas Relief; Board Of World Peace; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 3678. Corrective Legislation re Advance Committees; Costen J. Harrell; Chairman, Advance Committee
- 3679. Correcting Legislation re Committee On Promotion And Cultivation; Commission On Promotion And Cultivation
- 3680. Corrective Legislation re Committee On Public Relations; Commission On Public Relations
- 3681. Combining Of Committee On World Peace, et. al.; Board Of Education; Virginia Annual Conference Co-ordinating Committee

MEMORIALS 3682 TO 3748, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

- 3682. Remove Segregation—Integrate Conferences; Southern District Council, Methodist Youth Fellowship; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 3683. Racial Segregation; Woman's Division Of Christian Service
- 3684. Eliminate Segregation; Board Of Social And Economic Relations; Baltimore and Washington Annual Conferences
- 3685. Abolish Racial Inequalities; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
- 3686. Spiritual Emphasis; Robert H. Garrison; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3687. Racial Segregation; Robert H. Garrison; Louisville Annual Conference
- 3688. Racial Integration; General Board Of Social And Economic Relations
- 3689. Revision Of United Nations Charter; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoffmann, et. al., Hennepin Avenue Church; Minneapolis, Minnesota

3690. Christianity vs Communism; Chester A. Smith, Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
3691. Annual Conference Commission To Study Juvenile Delinquency; Michigan Annual Conference; Harold R. Kenney, Secretary
3692. Committee To Give Spiritual Counsel And Financial Assistance To "Conference Outcasts"; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3693. Preachers Abstain From Use of Tobacco; Chester A. Smith, Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
3694. Official Board Members To Abstain From Use Of Liquor; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
3695. Replacement Of Pulpit In Center Of Church; John I. Osborn; Illinois Annual Conference
3696. Designation Of Christian Social Relations Sunday; Michigan Annual Conference
3697. Create Christian Social Relations Sunday; Detroit Annual Conference
3698. National Anthem; Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Union Grove and Paris Corners Methodist Churches
3699. National Anthem; WSCS, Kingsley Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3700. National Anthem; Mrs. S. L. Foster, Methodist Church; Waukesha, Wisconsin
3701. National Anthem; Mary Edith Foster, Methodist Church; Waukesha, Wisconsin
3702. National Anthem; Steve Foster, Methodist Church; Waukesha, Wisconsin
3703. National Anthem; WSCS; First Church; South Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3704. National Anthem; WSCS; Methodist Church; Yorkville, Wisconsin
3705. National Anthem; WSCS; Wisconsin Annual Conference

From Methodist Church, Eagle, Wisconsin

3706. National Anthem; Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Badinger, Sr.
3707. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Peardon
3708. Mrs. Aurel Pardee
3709. Alice Baker
3710. National Anthem; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin E. Kinkel, First Church; Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
3711. National Anthem; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phillips; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3712. National Anthem; Mr. and Mrs. George Hampen, et. al.; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3713. National Anthem; Appleton District WSCS; Wisconsin Annual Conference, Mrs. Elton H. Brittcher, Secretary
3714. National Anthem; Men's Bible Class, Kenwood Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3715. National Anthem; Roy Leppert, Jr., Methodist Church; Eagle, Wisconsin
3716. Separation Of Church And State; New York East Annual Conference
3717. Separation Of Church And State; Lexington Annual Conference Committee On Memorials
3718. Opposition To Legalized Gambling; Kansas Annual Conference

3719. Adoption Of Universal Language In The United Nations; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3720. Consolidation Of Boards Of Temperance, World Peace, And Social And Economic Relations; Louisville Annual Conference
3721. Consolidation Of Boards Of Temperance, World Peace, Social And Economic Relations; Official Board, Henderson Memorial Church; Detroit, Michigan
3722. Consolidation Of Boards Of Temperance, World Peace, And Social And Economic Relations; Detroit Annual Conference
3723. Consolidation Of Boards Of Temperance, World Peace, And Social And Economic Relations, Board of Social And Economic Relations; Southern Illinois Annual Conference
3724. Consolidation Of Boards Of Temperance, World Peace, And Social And Economic Relations; Woman's Division Of Christian Service
3725. Official Use Of Word *Methodist*; Loyd F. Worley; New York East Annual Conference
3726. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; W. E. Fitzgerald, et. al., First Church; North Wilkesboro, North Carolina (SE)
3727. Review Of Sunday School Literature And Polity Of National Council of Churches; Charles Lachman, Methodist Church; Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania
3728. National Anthem; WSCS, Calvary Church; West Allis, Wisconsin
3729. Social Creed; WSCS, First Church; Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
3730. Christians Run For Office With Social Creed As Avowed Set Of Principles; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
3731. Congressional Committees Cease From Unfair Policies; Loyd F. Worley; New York East Annual Conference
3732. Change Wording Of Social Creed; Loyd F. Worley; New York East Annual Conference
3733. Reduction Of Armaments And Strengthening Of United Nations; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
3734. Opposition To Universal Military Training; Kansas Annual Conference
3735. Continued U. S. Membership In United Nations; Kansas Annual Conference
3736. United States Technical Assistance Program; Detroit Annual Conference
3737. Expansion Of U. S. Assistance To Foreign Operation Administration; Michigan Annual Conference
3738. Labor Relations; New York Annual Conference
3739. Labor Relations; Michigan Annual Conference
3740. Eliminate Segregation; WSCS, Central Jurisdiction
3741. Oppose Integration; Woman's Society of Christian Service, Centenary Church; Centenary, South Carolina (SE)
3742. Oppose Racial Integration; WSCS, Methodist Church; Hemingway, South Carolina (SE)
3743. Opposition To Military Training In Methodist Affiliated Colleges; Jane E. Teare, Calvary Church; Washington, District of Columbia
3744. Recognize And Encourage "Protestants And Other Americans United For Separation Of Church And State"; Official Board, Virginia Beach Methodist Church; Virginia Beach, Virginia
3745. Urge Amendment Of U. S. Constitution; Ladies' Aid, Centenary Methodist Church; Waynesburg, Ohio
3746. Methodist Federation For Social Action; New York East Annual Conference

- 3747. Methodist Federation For Social Action; Paul Lanier; North Arkansas Annual Conference
- 3748. Representative Of Board Of Social And Economic Relations In Washington, D. C.; Wesleyan Service Guild; Baltimore Annual Conference

MEMORIAL 3749 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

- 3749. Emphasis On Evangelism In Annual Conference; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference

MEMORIAL 3750 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

- 3750. Addition Of Personnel To Conference Board Of Temperance; General Board of Temperance

MEMORIALS 3751 THROUGH 3787, INCLUSIVE, ARE ON THE SUBJECT, "LIMITATION OF TERM EPISCOPACY" AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

- 3751. Official Board; Beach Grove Methodist Church; Beach Grove, Indiana
- 3752. Official Board; C. R. Christian, First Methodist Church; Maysville, Oklahoma
- 3753. Official Board; C. E. Smith, Arlington Methodist Church; Arlington, Georgia
- 3754. Official Board; H. C. Stockham, Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3755. Official Board; Asbury Methodist Church; Gardner, Illinois
- 3756. Official Board; Mrs. Marjorie Cummings, East Lake Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3757. Board of Stewards; Olustee Methodist Church; Olustee, Oklahoma
- 3758. Official Board; Ruth K. Dodsworth, Hyde Park Community Methodist Church; Cincinnati, Ohio
- 3759. Official Board; Stone Avenue Methodist Church; Monroe, Louisiana (SC)
- 3760. Official Board; Warsaw Methodist Church; Warsaw, Kentucky
- 3761. Official Board; Wesley Chapel Methodist Church; Enfield, Illinois
- 3762. Official Board; Rehoboth Methodist Church; Terrell, North Carolina (SE)
- 3763. Official Board; Ayrshire Methodist Church; Ayrshire, Iowa
- 3764. Methodist Men; White Oak Methodist Church; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
- 3765. Official Board; Carl A. Fox; West Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 3766. Official Board; Gates Methodist Church; Gates, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
- 3767. Official Board; Plymouth Methodist Church; Plymouth, Ohio
- 3768. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Snyder, Oklahoma
- 3769. Official Board; Donald C. Dalke; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 3770. Official Board; Tremont Methodist Church; Tremont, Indiana
- 3771. Official Board; E. B. Johnson, Trinity Methodist Church; Clio, South Carolina (SE)
- 3772. Official Board; Mrs. A. L. Heidelberg, Silver City Methodist Church; Silver City, Mississippi (SE)
- 3773. Official Board; D. B. Gummage; Birmingham, Alabama

- 3774. Official Board; Black Mountain Methodist Church; Black Mountain, North Carolina (SE)
- 3775. Woman's Society of Christian Service; Pinehurst Methodist Church; Pinehurst, Georgia
- 3776. Official Board; Mrs. W. E. Payne, West Hamlin Methodist Church; West Hamlin, West Virginia
- 3777. Official Board; H. C. Brewer, First Methodist Church; Mountain View, Arkansas
- 3778. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Post, Texas
- 3779. Official Board; Wm. C. Schafer, First Methodist Church; Washington, Maryland
- 3780. Official Board; T. Runcee Hicks, Govans Methodist Church; Baltimore, Maryland
- 3781. Official Board; Woman's Society of Christian Service, Trinity Methodist Church; Bylesville, Ohio
- 3782. Official Board; Loundes Methodist Church; Loundes, Missouri
- 3783. Official Board; Earl R. Bull, Shawnee Methodist Church; Shawnee, Ohio
- 3784. Official Board; Wilbur A. Voshis, Hansberger Methodist Church; Columbus, Ohio
- 3785. Official Board; Line Methodist Church; Whitesville, Delaware
- 3786. Official Board; Walker Chapel; Robertsburg, West Virginia
- 3787. Official Board; Grace Methodist Church; East Orange, New Jersey

MEMORIALS 3788 TO 3834, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

- 3788. Woman Member Of Commission On Chaplains; Mrs. R. M. Berkheimer, First Methodist Church; Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- 3789. Woman Member Of Commission On Chaplains; Mrs. Velma Greer, Methodist Church; Derrick City, Pennsylvania
- 3790. Woman Member Of Commission On Chaplains; Evelyn P. Nickey, Elm Park Methodist Church; Scranton, Pennsylvania
- 3791. Woman Member Of Commission On Chaplains; Mrs. Laurence P. Bagby, United Church; Monmouth, Maine
- 3792. Right of Approved Supply Pastors To Vote; Methodist Men; Cheyenne, Oklahoma
- 3793. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Washington, Rhode Island
- 3794. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Woman's Society of Christian Service, St. Stephen's Methodist Church; Germantown, Pennsylvania
- 3795. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Methodist Men's Club, First Methodist Church; Stoughton, Massachusetts
- 3796. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Woman's Society of Christian Service, Drain Methodist Church; Drain, Oregon
- 3797. Administration Of Communion By Unordained Supply Pastors; Official Board, Beulah Methodist Church; Bangs, Ohio
- 3798. Administration Of Communion By Unordained Supply Pastors; Board Of Trustees, Mount Liberty Methodist Church; Mount Liberty, Ohio
- 3799. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Northeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society Of Christian Service
- 3800. Limitation On Episcopal Tenure; G. M. Davenport; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 3801. Qualifications For Those Desiring License To Preach; Peninsula Annual Conference
- 3802. Suggested Title For District Superintendent; Peninsula Annual Conference

- 3803. Abstinence From Use of Tobacco; Robert H. Garrison (Retired); Louisville Annual Conference
- 3804. Duties Of District Superintendent; A. Wesley Pugh; North Indiana Annual Conference
- 3805. Change of Name *District Superintendent To Ministrator*; Alfred Hughes
- 3806. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Embury Methodist Church; Connellson, Iowa
- 3807. Legislative Changes Affecting General Board Personnel; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 3808. Appointing District Superintendents; Joplin District Conference; Southwest Missouri Annual Conference
- 3809. Affecting Ordination Of Ministers; Gilbert P. Reichert; Ohio Annual Conference
- 3810. Change In Orders; Milton Jay Peden; North Mississippi Annual Conference
- 3811. Historical Record Of Retired Ministers; Bennett W. Palmer; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 3812. The Tobacco Pledge; North Carolina Annual Conference
- 3813. Relating To Located Ministers; Sunbury District Ministers; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 3814. Clarify Authority Of Bishop To Move A Minister; Thomas P. Ward; Florida Annual Conference (CJ)
- 3815. Directive To Pastors; New York East Annual Conference
- 3816. Laymen On Board Of Ministerial Training; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
- 3817. Restoration Of Title, Presiding Elder; Alabama Annual Conference
- 3818. Preaching Rights For Laymen; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
- 3819. More Power To The Bishops; George M. Curry; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 3820. Election Of District Superintendent; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
- 3821. Women Chaplains; Mrs. J. D. Nickey, Elm Park Methodist Church; Scranton, Pennsylvania
- 3822. Limitation Of Ministerial Service On General Board; Quentin Hand; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 3823. Lay Representation On Cabinet; Ed Curry, First Methodist Church; Ballinger, Texas
- 3824. Consecration Of Bishops At General Conference; Rock River Annual Conference
- 3825. Duties Of District Superintendent; Executive Committee; General Board Of Evangelism
- 3826. Abolish Requests For Gifts To Bishops And District Superintendents; Official Board, St. John's Methodist Church; Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 3827. To Limit Episcopal Tenure; H. M. Ratliff; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 3828. Duties Of District Superintendent; Methodist Council Of Social Agencies; San Antonio District; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 3829. Legislative Change In Appointive System; E. T. Hare, Jr.; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3830. Changing Retirement Age Of Pastors; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 3831. Changing Retirement Age Of Pastors; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 3832. Appointive Power Of Bishops; G. S. Nichols; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference

- 3833. Status Of Associate Pastors; Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 3834. Second National Conference Of Methodist Men; General Board Of Lay Activities

**MEMORIALS 3835 TO 4091, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN ENTITLED
"EMPHASIS OF SPIRITUAL VALUES" AND HAVE BEEN
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND
EVANGELISM**

- 3835. C. H. Wetzel; St. Paul's Methodist Church; Houston, Texas
- 3836. Official Board; Mascot Methodist Church; Mascot, Tennessee (SE)
- 3837. Herbert Stockham, Jr.; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3838. Official Board; Wilsonville Methodist Church; Wilsonville, Nebraska
- 3839. L. N. Shannon; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3840. Official Board; Clinton Methodist Church; Clinton, Indiana
- 3841. Official Board; Damascus Methodist Church; Damascus, Virginia
- 3842. Official Board; Rankin Methodist Church; Rankin, Illinois
- 3843. C. E. Smith; North Georgia Annual Conference
- 3844. Wayne S. Graham; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 3845. Kenneth D. Frazier; Ohio Annual Conference
- 3846. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Needham Methodist Church; Needham, Indiana
- 3847. Ewing Werlein; First Methodist Church; Houston, Texas (SC)
- 3848. Ellis Dugger; Southern Illinois Annual Conference
- 3849. Board of Education; Chatfield Methodist Church; Chatfield, Minnesota
- 3850. Official Board; St. Paul's Methodist Church; Raymore, Missouri
- 3851. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Soldiers Grove Methodist Church; Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin
- 3852. C. R. Christian; First Methodist Church; Maysville, Oklahoma
- 3853. Official Board; Trinity Methodist Church; Racine, Wisconsin
- 3854. H. C. Stockham; Highland Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3855. Official Board; Beech Grove Methodist Church; Beech Grove, Indiana
- 3856. Congregation; Polk Methodist Church; Polk, Pennsylvania
- 3857. Official Board; DeSoto Methodist Church; DeSoto, Mississippi (SE)
- 3858. Official Board; Elsie Methodist Church; Elsie, Nebraska
- 3859. Official Board; Burbank Methodist Church; Burbank, Ohio
- 3860. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Whitesville, New York
- 3861. Swell Sawyer; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 3862. Official Board; Marrow Methodist Church; Marrow, Arkansas
- 3863. Clarence Hutchens; Michigan Annual Conference
- 3864. M. G. Lowman; Westwood Methodist Church; Cincinnati, Ohio
- 3865. Official Board; Caretta Community Methodist Church; Caretta, West Virginia
- 3866. Official Board; Flatwoods Methodist Church; Flatwoods, West Virginia

- 3867. Official Board; Main Street Methodist Church; Farmington, West Virginia
- 3868. Lawrence Meredith; Weldon Methodist Church; Weldon, Illinois
- 3869. K. N. Calkin; First Methodist Church; Old Hickory, Tennessee (SE)
- 3870. Harry W. Colenso; Detroit Annual Conference
- 3871. Mrs. A. B. Lehue; Bedford Methodist Church; Bedford, Kentucky
- 3872. Howard R. Laffoon; First Methodist Church; Trenton, Missouri
- 3873. Official Board; Copan Methodist Church; Copan, Oklahoma
- 3874. Jack H. Adamson; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3875. Official Board; Davis Methodist Church; Davis, West Virginia
- 3876. Lonzo S. Green; Mulberry Street Methodist Church; Mount Vernon, Ohio
- 3877. D. E. Vickers; Beauregard Methodist Church; Wesson, Mississippi (SE)
- 3878. Charles B. Wilson; Oklahoma Annual Conference
- 3879. George O. King; North Georgia Annual Conference
- 3880. Eugene H. Farmer; Glasgow Methodist Church; Glasgow, Missouri
- 3881. R. J. Stockham; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3882. Harry L. Carrier; First Methodist Church; Canton, Ohio
- 3883. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; First Methodist Church; Sea Bright, New Jersey
- 3884. Official Board; Needham Methodist Church; Needham, Indiana
- 3885. H. W. Haining and David H. Farnum; First Methodist Church; Yazoo City, Mississippi (SE)
- 3886. Official Board; Halladay Methodist Church; Halladay, Tennessee (SE)
- 3887. A. L. Beatty; Indiana Annual Conference
- 3888. Estell R. Casebier; Centertown Methodist Church; Centertown, Kentucky
- 3889. Official Board; Evensville Methodist Church; Evensville, Tennessee (SE)
- 3890. James W. Bates; Trinity Methodist Church; Mullica Hill, New Jersey
- 3891. W. D. Vorhis; First Methodist Church; Middletown, Ohio
- 3892. W. C. Rhea; Chester Methodist Church; Chester, Nebraska
- 3893. Mrs. D. B. Mullikin; Chester Methodist Church; Chester, Nebraska
- 3894. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Spring Hill Methodist Church; Whigham, Georgia
- 3895. J. E. Lackey, Jr.; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 3896. Board of Lay Activities; Centerton Methodist Church; Centerton, Arkansas
- 3897. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Lebanon Methodist Church; Huntingdon Circle, Huntingdon, Tennessee (SE)
- 3898. Carroll G. Warner, Jr.; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 3899. Joseph Dibley; Detroit Annual Conference
- 3900. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris; Louise Methodist Church; Louise, Mississippi (SE)
- 3901. I. B. Pfaff; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 3902. E. M. Kramer; Fulton Methodist Church; Fulton, Michigan
- 3903. Mrs. Ervin Green; Leonidas Methodist Church; Leonidas, Michigan

3904. Official Board; Alix Methodist Church; Alix, Arkansas
3905. Official Board; Wassena Circuit; Wassena, Iowa
3906. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Stilwell, Oklahoma
3907. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; John Wesley Methodist Church; McDaniel, Maryland
3908. Franklin C. Hubbard; First Methodist Church; Seneca, Illinois
3909. Official Board; Calvert Methodist Church; Calvert, Alabama
3910. Official Board; Solomon Methodist Church; Solomon, Kansas
3911. B. C. McWharter; Court Street Methodist Church; Hattiesburg, Mississippi (SE)
3912. G. S. Hicks; Quinwood Methodist Church; Quinwood, West Virginia
3913. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Coyle Methodist Church; Coyle, Oklahoma
3914. Harold H. Wampler; Clever Methodist Church; Clever, Missouri
3915. Official Board; Uniontown Methodist Church; Uniontown, Ohio
3916. Paul A. Evans; Wills Creek Methodist Church; Hyndman, Pennsylvania
3917. Official Board; Reddick Methodist Church; Reddick, Illinois
3918. Official Board; Ladies' Chapel Methodist Church; Greensburg, Kentucky
3919. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Murrayville, Illinois
3920. Official Board; Wellington Methodist Church; Wellington, Illinois
3921. David M. Donna; First Methodist Church; Rolla, Missouri
3922. Official Board; Oakes Methodist Church; Oakes, North Dakota
3923. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; First Methodist Church; Newman, Georgia
3924. Cretin A. Raug; First Methodist Church; Washington, Indiana
3925. Clarence R. Plummer; First Methodist Church; Monrovia, California
3926. Mrs. C. R. Plummer; First Methodist Church; Monrovia, California
3927. Neal Eickman; Chester Methodist Church; Chester, North Dakota
3928. R. W. VanHouton; Oakes Methodist Church; Oakes, North Dakota
3929. Official Board; Arlington Methodist Church; Arlington, Nebraska
3930. Methodist Youth Fellowship; Needham, Indiana
3931. T. Russell Hicks; Govans Methodist Church; Baltimore, Maryland
3932. H. W. Sandlin; St. John's Methodist Church; Anderson, South Carolina (SE)
3933. Congregation, Elm Grove Community Methodist Church; Spencerport, New Jersey
3934. Official Board; Gates Methodist Church; Gates, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
3935. Official Board; Wesley Chapel; Enfield, Illinois
3936. Official Board; Olustie Methodist Church; Olustie, Oklahoma
3937. Official Board; Bloom Methodist Church; Bloom, Kansas
3938. Katharine M. Warner; First Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
3939. Howard T. Warner; First Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
3940. Official Board; Carbondale Methodist Church; Carbondale, Ohio
3941. D. E. Conrad; Lapel Methodist Church; Lapel, Indiana

- 3942. Mrs. A. L. Heidelberg; Silver City Methodist Church; Silver City, Michigan
- 3943. Official Board; Rehoboth Methodist Church; Terrell, North Carolina (SE)
- 3944. Mrs. J. R. McCluskey; Pinehurst Methodist Church; Pinehurst, Georgia
- 3945. Official Board; Fremont Methodist Church; Fremont, Indiana
- 3946. Walker Chapel Methodist Church; Robertsburg, West Virginia
- 3947. Church School; Reelsville Methodist Church; Reelsville, Indiana
- 3948. Official Board; San Jon Methodist Church; San Jon, New Mexico
- 3949. Official Board; Madison Methodist Church; Madison, West Virginia
- 3950. Official Board; Ellsworth Methodist Church; Ellsworth, Maine
- 3951. Official Board; Ayrshire Methodist Church; Ayrshire, Iowa
- 3952. Official Board; Stone Avenue Methodist Church; Monroe, Louisiana (SC)
- 3953. Official Board; Warsaw Methodist Church; Warsaw, Kentucky
- 3954. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Moorefield Methodist Church; Moorefield, Kentucky
- 3955. Mrs. Nellie L. Avery; Pleasant View Methodist Church; Humboldt, Nebraska
- 3956. Official Board; Drayton Methodist Church; Drayton, North Dakota
- 3957. Official Board; South Bristol Methodist Church; Bristol, Tennessee (SE)
- 3958. Official Board; Somerville Methodist Church; Somerville, Ohio
- 3959. Official Board; Golden Methodist Church; Golden, Illinois
- 3960. Official Board; McKenzie Methodist Church; McKenzie, North Dakota
- 3961. Official Board; Shamrock Methodist Church
- 3962. Official Board; Black Mountain Methodist Church; Black Mountain, South Carolina (SE)
- 3963. Official Board; East Cambridge Methodist Church; Cambridge, Ohio
- 3964. Official Board; Loyal Methodist Church; Loyal, Wisconsin
- 3965. Official Board; Bethel Methodist Church; Van Dyke, Michigan
- 3966. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; First Methodist Church; Keys, Oklahoma
- 3967. Official Board; Rockford Street Methodist Church; Mount Airy, North Carolina (SE)
- 3968. Official Board; Wesley Methodist Church; St. Joseph, Missouri
- 3969. Methodist Youth Fellowship; Keyes Methodist Church; Keyes, Oklahoma
- 3970. Board of Trustees; Forest Park Methodist Church; Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- 3971. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Poplar Bluff, Missouri
- 3972. Walter R. Lipsett; Plymouth Methodist Church; Buffalo, New York
- 3973. Official Board; Jackson Center Methodist Church; Jackson Center, Ohio
- 3974. Official Board; Aspen Community Methodist Church; Aspen, Colorado
- 3975. Official Board; Dubach Methodist Church; Dubach, Louisiana (SC)
- 3976. Official Board; Baylis Chapel-Oloh Methodist Churches; Sumrall, Mississippi (SE)

- 3977. S. Thomas Webb; Chrisney Methodist Church; Chrisney, Indiana
- 3978. Wilbur Purvis; Axtell Methodist Church; Axtell, Kansas
- 3979. William F. Jackson; DuQuoin Methodist Church; DuQuoin, Illinois
- 3980. Official Board; Broad Street Methodist Church; Burlington, New Jersey
- 3981. George D. Rees; Trinity Methodist Church; Chicago, Illinois
- 3982. Wayne B. Nelson, Jr.; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3983. Lee Fletcher Ross; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 3984. Earl H. Toy; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 3985. Joe T. Gilbert; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3986. Allen D. Wilson; North Alabama Annual Conference
- 3987. Official Board; Rock Methodist Church; Tarrant, Alabama
- 3988. Mrs. H. P. Rabenstein; Geneva Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
- 3989. Roscoe R. Wolcott; Westerville Methodist Church; Westerville, Ohio
- 3990. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Mystic, Connecticut
- 3991. Official Board; St. Andrews Methodist Church; Salisbury, Maryland
- 3992. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Decker Methodist Church; Decker, Indiana
- 3993. Official Board; Livingston Methodist Church; Columbus, Ohio
- 3994. J. P. McClendon; First Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 3995. Mrs. W. E. Payne; West Hamlin Methodist Church; West Hamlin, West Virginia
- 3996. Commission On Missions; First Methodist Church; Godfrey, Illinois
- 3997. Official Board; Sundance Methodist Church; Sundance, Wyoming
- 3998. Mrs. B. S. Reed; Silver City Methodist Church; Silver City, Mississippi (SE)
- 3999. Official Board; Weldon Methodist Church; Weldon, Iowa
- 4000. Charles B. Hogg; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 4001. Official Board; Woodland Park Methodist Church; McDonald, Ohio
- 4002. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Dalton, New York
- 4003. Official Board; Coal Hill Methodist Church; Coal Hill, Arkansas
- 4004. Official Board; Longview Methodist Church; Long View, Mississippi (SE)
- 4005. Official Board; LaMoille Methodist Church; LaMoille, Illinois
- 4006. Official Board; Tye Methodist Church; Tye, Texas
- 4007. E. S. Shannonhorse; Jenny Lind Methodist Church; McKeesport, Pennsylvania
- 4008. Official Board; White Memorial Methodist Church; Little Rock, Arkansas
- 4009. Donald D. Dalke; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 4010. Mrs. Lellah Statmeister; Harrold Methodist Church; Harrold, South Dakota
- 4011. T. H. Pickerill; Louisville Annual Conference
- 4012. Official Board; Aredale Methodist Church; Aredale, Iowa
- 4013. Official Board; Ames Methodist Church; Ames, Oklahoma
- 4014. Leonard C. Russell; Troy Annual Conference
- 4015. Official Board; Glendive Methodist Church; Glendive, Montana

- 4016. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Byesville, Ohio
- 4017. Official Board; Rochelle Methodist Church; Rochelle, Illinois
- 4018. Don Haarup; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 4019. Official Board; Quinsigamond Methodist Church; Worcester, Massachusetts
- 4020. Official Board; Loundes Methodist Church; Loundes, Missouri
- 4021. Official Board; Plymouth Methodist Church; Plymouth, Ohio
- 4022. Official Board; Wissihickon Methodist Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 4023. Official Board; Bandana Methodist Church; Bandana, Kentucky
- 4024. Official Board; Line Methodist Church; Whitesville, Delaware
- 4025. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Milbank, South Dakota
- 4026. Official Board; Ducktown Methodist Church; Ducktown, Tennessee (SE)
- 4027. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Post, Texas
- 4028. Official Board; Derby Methodist Church; Derby, Vermont
- 4029. Mrs. Marjorie Cummings; East Lake Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4030. John I. Osborn; Illinois Annual Conference
- 4031. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Heaven Methodist Church; Hot Springs, Arkansas
- 4032. Official Board; Parkway Methodist Church; Memphis, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
- 4033. Official Board; Smyre Methodist Church; Gastonia, North Carolina (SE)
- 4034. George F. Wingard; Otsego Methodist Church; Otsego, Michigan
- 4035. Perry S. White; First Methodist Church; Hutchinson, Kansas
- 4036. T. B. Noble; Canterbury Methodist Church; Mt. Brook, Alabama
- 4037. Charles G. Cecil; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4038. William C. Scott; Grace Methodist Church; Baltimore, Maryland
- 4039. Official Board; West Bridgewater Methodist Church; West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania
- 4040. Official Board; Fairview Methodist Church; Grindstone, Pennsylvania
- 4041. Official Board; Bentleyville Methodist Church; Bentleyville, Pennsylvania
- 4042. Mrs. Joe Soffranko; First Methodist Church; E. St. Louis, Illinois
- 4043. George Tanner; Little Rock Annual Conference
- 4044. S. E. Lightfoot; Indiana Annual Conference
- 4045. Official Board; Auburn Methodist Church; Cincinnati, Ohio
- 4046. Official Board; Venice Methodist Church; Venice, Illinois
- 4047. Official Board; Calvary Methodist Church; Holly, Michigan
- 4048. C. S. Thompson; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 4049. Official Board; Church Of All Nations; Sioux City, Iowa
- 4050. Official Board; Patriot Methodist Church; Patriot, Indiana
- 4051. T. E. Miller; First Methodist Church; Salem, Ohio
- 4052. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Trinity Methodist Church; Henrietta, Missouri
- 4053. Official Board; Merrillan Methodist Church; Merrillan, Wisconsin
- 4054. William R. Hardin; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4055. Jeanette D. Hardin; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama

4056. Official Board; Faith Methodist Church; Natchitoches, Louisiana (SC)
4057. Official Board; Bowmansville Methodist Church; Bowmansville, New York
4058. Official Board; Second Methodist Church; Gloucester, New Jersey
4059. Frank W. Ellis; Galloway Memorial Methodist Church; Jackson, Mississippi (SE)
4060. Walter G. Palmer, Jr.; Shinglehouse Methodist Church; Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania
4061. Frank C. Heins; First Methodist Church; Laredo, Texas
4062. Official Board; Calvary Methodist Church; Long Lake, New York
4063. Official Board; Graham Methodist Church; Flint, Michigan
4064. R. M. Montgomery; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
4065. J. W. Thigpen; Riverside Methodist Church; Houston, Texas
4066. Official Board; Grottoes Methodist Church; Grottoes, Virginia
4067. Printis Spear; Ohio Annual Conference
4068. Lyle Halle; St. Matthews Methodist Church; Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
4069. Official Board; Pleasant City Methodist Church; Pleasant City, Ohio
4070. Mrs. Grace L. Carrier; First Methodist Church; Canton, Ohio
4071. Official Board; Keyes Methodist Church; Keyes, Oklahoma
4072. Esther P. Banks; West Fairview Methodist Church; West Fairview, Pennsylvania
4073. Ruth Irwin; Cashion Methodist Church; Cashion, Oklahoma
4074. Official Board; Kanopolis Methodist Church; Kanopolis, Kansas
4075. H. T. Hicks; North Carolina Annual Conference
4076. W. L. Winnett; Amity Methodist Church; Amity, Pennsylvania
4077. Ellen P. Sayre; Letart Falls Methodist Church; Racine, Ohio
4078. Church School; Silver City Methodist Church; Silver City, Mississippi (SE)
4079. Official Board; Whitakers Methodist Church; Whitakers, North Carolina (SE)
4080. Roy R. Brown; First Methodist Church; Bertram, Texas (SC)
4081. E. N. Crump; Trinity Methodist Church; Homewood, Alabama
4082. Official Board; Asbury Methodist Church; Logan, Kansas
4083. James H. Westbrook; North Texas Annual Conference
4084. Board Of Trustees; First Methodist Church; Duluth, Minnesota
4085. Official Board; Manilor Methodist Church; Manilor, Oklahoma
4086. Robert Hamill; Adair Methodist Church; Adair, Oklahoma
4087. Official Board; Grace Methodist Church; Moravia, Iowa
4088. Official Board; Duncan Memorial Methodist Church; Spartanburg, South Carolina (SE)
4089. Official Board; Washington Methodist Church; Washington, Kentucky
4090. Nola D. Yoder; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
4091. Official Board; Wesley Methodist Church; Wesley, Pennsylvania

**MEMORIALS 4092 THROUGH 4274 HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE TITLE
"LIMITATION OF TERM EPISCOPACY" AND REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY**

4092. Congregation of Polk Methodist Church; Polk, Pennsylvania
4093. Kenneth D. Frazier; Ohio Annual Conference

- 4094. Board of Education; First Methodist Church; Chatfield, Minnesota
- 4095. Congregation; Steward Methodist Church; Steward, Illinois
- 4096. Ray B. Bressler; Kansas Annual Conference
- 4097. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Lockney, Texas (SC)
- 4098. Allen D. Wilson; Alabama Annual Conference
- 4099. Official Board; Smyre Methodist Church; Gastonia, North Carolina (SE)
- 4100. Official Board; Shamrock Methodist Church; Shamrock, Texas (SC)
- 4101. Official Board; Baylis Chapel-Oloh Methodist Churches; Sumrall, Mississippi (SE)
- 4102. Official Board; Dubach Methodist Church; Dubach, Louisiana (SC)
- 4103. Woman's Society of Christian Service; First Methodist Church; Keyes, Oklahoma
- 4104. Official Board; Bethel Church; Van Dyke, Michigan
- 4105. Official Board; East Cambridge Methodist Church; Cambridge, Ohio
- 4106. Mrs. Nora Cox; Carbondale Methodist Church; Carbondale, Ohio
- 4107. Official Board; Keyes Methodist Church; Keyes, Oklahoma
- 4108. Leo F. Ross; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 4109. Martha S. Berry; Decker Methodist Church; Decker, Indiana
- 4110. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Mystic, Connecticut
- 4111. Wilbur Purvis; Axtell Methodist Church; Axtell, Kansas
- 4112. C. Thomas Webb; Indiana Annual Conference
- 4113. Carrie E. Gage; Derby Methodist Church; Derby, Vermont
- 4114. Official Board; Parkway Methodist Church; Memphis, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
- 4115. William F. Jackson; DuQuoin Methodist Church; DuQuoin, Illinois
- 4116. Official Board; Kanopolis Methodist Church
- 4117. W. L. Winnett; Amity Methodist Church; Amity, Pennsylvania
- 4118. Henry T. Hicks; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 4119. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Cashion Methodist Church; Cashion, Oklahoma
- 4120. Official Board; Worthington Methodist Church; Worthington, Ohio
- 4121. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Coloma, Michigan
- 4122. Official Board; St. John Methodist Church; St. John, Kansas
- 4123. Official Board; Keyes Methodist Church; Keyes, Oklahoma
- 4124. Official Board; Wykoff Methodist Church; Wykoff, Minnesota
- 4125. Walter R. Lipsett; Plymouth Methodist Church; Buffalo, New York
- 4126. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Poplar Bluff, Missouri
- 4127. Don Haarup; North Iowa Annual Conference
- 4128. Howard Fuller; Michigan Annual Conference
- 4129. William C. Scott; Grace Methodist Church; Baltimore, Maryland
- 4130. Charles G. Cecil; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4131. Official Board; West Bridgewater Methodist Church; West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania
- 4132. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Henderson, Kentucky
- 4133. A. L. Beatty; Indiana Annual Conference
- 4134. Board Of Stewards; Holladay Methodist Church; Holladay, Tennessee (SE)
- 4135. H. W. Haining and David H. Farnum; First Methodist Church; Yazoo City, Mississippi (SE)

- 4136. Charles D. Hogg; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 4137. C. W. Wetzel; St. Paul's Methodist Church; Houston, Texas
- 4138. Official Board; Mascot Methodist Church; Mascot, Tennessee (SE)
- 4139. Herbert Stockham, Jr.; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4140. Official Board; Weldon Methodist Church; Weldon, Illinois
- 4141. Methodist Men; First Methodist Church; White Hall, Illinois
- 4142. Official Board; Elsie Methodist Church; Elsie, Nebraska
- 4143. Lawrence Crawford; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 4144. Official Board; Duncan Memorial Methodist Church; Spartanburg, South Carolina (SE)
- 4145. Official Board; Washington Methodist Church; Washington, Kentucky
- 4146. J. W. Thigpen; Riverside Methodist Church; Houston, Texas
- 4147. Fourth Quarterly Conference; Epworth Methodist Church; Memphis, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
- 4148. Official Board; Perrysville Avenue Methodist Church; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 4149. Official Board; Wesley Methodist Church; Wesley, Pennsylvania
- 4150. Building Fund; St. Matthews Methodist Church; Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
- 4151. Official Board; Pleasant City Methodist Church; Pleasant City, Ohio
- 4152. Board Of Stewards; Grottoes Methodist Church; Grottoes, Virginia
- 4153. Commission On Missions; First Methodist Church; Godfrey, Illinois
- 4154. Cloy R. Smith; First Methodist Church; Hollywood, California
- 4155. Mrs. B. S. Reed; Silver City Methodist Church; Silver City, Wisconsin
- 4156. Official Board; Guyton Methodist Church; Guyton, Georgia (SE)
- 4157. Russell Richardson; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 4158. Official Board; Wassena Circuit; Wassena, Iowa
- 4159. Harry L. Carrier; First Methodist Church; Canton, Ohio
- 4160. Mrs. Grace L. Carrier; First Methodist Church; Canton, Ohio
- 4161. Methodist Men; First Methodist Church; Whitesville, New York
- 4162. Official Board; Grace Methodist Church; Moravia, Iowa
- 4163. Official Board; Ducktown Methodist Church; Ducktown, Tennessee (SE)
- 4164. Official Board; Bandana Methodist Church; Bandana, Kentucky
- 4165. Official Board; Bentleyville Methodist Church; Bentleyville, Pennsylvania
- 4166. Harry W. Colenso; Detroit Annual Conference
- 4167. Omer Fletcher; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 4168. Carl A. Reppert; Genesee Annual Conference
- 4169. Mrs. A. B. Lehue; Bedford Methodist Church; Bedford, Kentucky
- 4170. Official Board; Columbia Avenue Methodist Church; Tyrone, Pennsylvania
- 4171. Jack Key; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 4172. R. D. Peterson; Crawford Valley Methodist Church; Plainview, Nebraska
- 4173. Official Board; Copan Methodist Church; Copan, Oklahoma
- 4174. D. E. Vickers; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)

- 4175. Eugene H. Farmer; Glasgow Methodist Church; Glasgow, Missouri
- 4176. George O. King; First Methodist Church; East Point, Georgia (SE)
- 4177. R. J. Stockham; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4178. Bert A. Bessire; First Methodist Church; St. Edward, Nebraska
- 4179. James A. McKinney; Indiana Annual Conference
- 4180. K. N. Calkin; First Methodist Church; Old Hickory, Tennessee (SE)
- 4181. Official Board; Evensville Methodist Church; Evensville, Tennessee
- 4182. Arthur Frory; Colorado Annual Conference
- 4183. Willis B. Hunting; First Methodist Church; Fonnville, Michigan
- 4184. Official Board; Caretta Community Methodist Church; Caretta, West Virginia
- 4185. Clarence Hutchens; Michigan Annual Conference
- 4186. M. G. Lownor; Westwood Methodist Church; Cincinnati, Ohio
- 4187. Howard T. Warner; First Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
- 4188. Jack H. Adamson; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4189. Rev. Carlos Asher; Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 4190. Lynn H. Rupert; Kansas Annual Conference
- 4191. Franklin C. Hubbard; Rock River Annual Conference
- 4192. Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4193. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Stilwell, Oklahoma
- 4194. Official Board; Rochelle Methodist Church; Rochelle, Illinois
- 4195. Official Board; Harrold Methodist Church; Harrold, South Dakota
- 4196. Official Board; Aredale Methodist Church; Aredale, Iowa
- 4197. Official Board; Trinity Methodist Church; Racine, Wisconsin
- 4198. LaVerne Martindale; Ames Methodist Church; Ames, Oklahoma
- 4199. T. E. Miller; First Methodist Church; Salem, Ohio
- 4200. Official Board; Church Of All Nations; Sioux City, Iowa
- 4201. C. S. Thompson; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 4202. Official Board; Calvary Methodist Church; Holly, Michigan
- 4203. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Venice, Illinois
- 4204. Official Board; Auburn Methodist Church; Cincinnati, Ohio
- 4205. L. N. Shannon; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4206. Official Board; Wilsonville Methodist Church; Wilsonville, Nebraska
- 4207. Official Board; Simpson Methodist Church; Evansville, Indiana
- 4208. H. O. Massey; Wells Memorial Methodist Church; Jackson, Mississippi (SE)
- 4209. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Takamoh, Nebraska
- 4210. Frederick F. Adams; Troy Annual Conference
- 4211. Board of Stewards; Morroa Methodist Church; Morroa, Arkansas
- 4212. Swoll Sawyer; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 4213. Frank C. Heins; First Methodist Church; Lando, Texas
- 4214. Frank W. Ellis; Galloway Memorial Methodist Church; Jackson, Mississippi (SE)
- 4215. Official Board; Fairview Methodist Church; Grindstone, Pennsylvania

- 4216. Official Board; Quinsigamond Methodist Church; Worcester, Massachusetts
- 4217. Official Board; Salem Methodist Church; Westfield, Indiana
- 4218. Official Board; Livingston Methodist Church; Columbus, Ohio
- 4219. Perry S. White; First Methodist Church; Hutchinson, Kansas
- 4220. Official Board; Bowmansville Methodist Church; Bowmansville, New Jersey
- 4221. Official Board; Faith Methodist Church; Natchitoches, Louisiana (SC)
- 4222. Jeanette D. Hardin; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4223. William R. Hardin; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4224. Official Board; Merrilan Methodist Church; Merrilan, Wisconsin
- 4225. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Glendive, Montana
- 4226. Official Board; Moorefield Methodist Church; Moorefield, Kentucky
- 4227. Official Board; Pittsboro Methodist Church; Pittsboro, Indiana
- 4228. Official Board; Rosenwood Methodist Church; Chicago, Illinois
- 4229. Fred W. Decker; First Methodist Church; Corvallis, Oregon
- 4230. R. M. Montgomer; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4231. H. E. Baker; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
- 4232. Walter F. Palmer; Shinglehouse Methodist Church; Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania
- 4233. Official Board; Graham Methodist Church; Flint, Michigan
- 4234. Estell R. Casebier; Centertown Methodist Church; Centertown, Kentucky
- 4235. Workers' Council; First Methodist Church; Henderson, Kentucky
- 4236. Official Board; Bloomfield Methodist Church; Bloomfield, Indiana
- 4237. Ewing Werlein; First Methodist Church; Houston, Texas
- 4238. Donald F. McMahan; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 4239. Members of First Methodist Church; Dalton, New York
- 4240. Official Board; LaMulle Methodist Church; LaMulle, Illinois
- 4241. J. P. McClinton; First Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4242. Joe T. Gilbert; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4243. Official Board; McKenzie Methodist Church; McKenzie, North Dakota
- 4244. Earl H. Toy; First Methodist Church; Marble, Minnesota
- 4245. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Osceola, Iowa
- 4246. Official Board; Trinity Methodist Church; Highland Park, New Jersey
- 4247. G. J. Trotter; Delaware Annual Conference
- 4248. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Crowded Ways Methodist Church; Sioux City, Iowa
- 4249. Mrs. Joe Soffranko; First Methodist Church; East St. Louis, Illinois
- 4250. Ruth B. Looney; First Methodist Church; Matewan, West Virginia
- 4251. Official Board; Fairview Methodist Church; Clinton, Indiana
- 4252. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Trinity Methodist Church; Henrietta, Missouri
- 4253. Official Board; Madison Methodist Church; Madison, West Virginia
- 4254. Official Board; St. Andrews Church; Salisbury, Maryland

- 4255. Official Board; South Bristol Methodist Church; Bristol, Tennessee (SE)
- 4256. Mrs. Nellie L. Avery; Pleasant View Methodist Church; Humboldt, Nebraska
- 4257. Methodist Youth Fellowship; Keyes Methodist Church; Keyes, Oklahoma
- 4258. Official Board; Tye Methodist Church; Tye, Texas
- 4259. Wayne B. Nelson, Jr.; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4260. Official Board; Rockford Street Methodist Church; Mount Airy, North Carolina (SE)
- 4261. Leonard C. Russell; Troy Annual Conference
- 4262. Official Board; Tabernacle Methodist Church; Tabernacle; New Jersey
- 4263. Official Board; San Jon Methodist Church; San Jon, New Mexico
- 4264. Luke Storey; Pleasant Hill Methodist Church; Pleasant Hill, Oklahoma
- 4265. Official Board; Damascus Methodist Church; Damascus, Virginia
- 4266. George Bell; Wesley Methodist Church; Phillipsburg, New Jersey
- 4267. Official Board; Capitol Hill Methodist Church; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 4268. Official Board; Oakland Methodist Church; Oakland, Maine
- 4269. Official Board; Wesley Methodist Church; St. Joseph, Missouri
- 4270. Official Board; Golden Methodist Church; Golden, Illinois
- 4271. Official Board; Somerville Methodist Church; Somerville, Ohio
- 4272. Katharine M. Warner; First Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
- 4273. Official Board; Rankin Methodist Church; Rankin, Illinois
- 4274. Official Board; California Methodist Church; California, Pennsylvania

**MEMORIAL 4275 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS**

- 4275. Re-study Church And Sunday School Literature; Charles Lachman, Bala-Cynwyd Methodist Church; Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

**MEMORIALS 4276 AND 4277 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS AND HOMES**

- 4276. Homes For Aged In Low-income Brackets; Edwin K. Harris, Normal Heights Methodist Church; San Diego, California
- 4277. In Memory Of Mary Reed; North-East Ohio Annual Conference

**MEMORIAL 4278 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH**

- 4278. Eliminate Racial Segregation; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Burton Heights Methodist Church; Grand Rapids, Michigan

**MEMORIAL 4279 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON CONFERENCES**

- 4279. Clarification Of Names Of Annual Conferences; Henry Koestline, et al.; Western North Carolina Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 4280 AND 4281 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

- 4280. Harmonizing Programs; Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Board Of Evangelism
- 4281. Deepening Spiritual Life; Convention For Deepening The Spiritual Life Of The Methodist Church

MEMORIALS 4282 TO 4326, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

- 4282. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Adult Class, University Methodist Church; College Park, Maryland
- 4283. Limited Episcopacy; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Mt. Vernon, Texas
- 4284. Official Board; Whitakers Methodist Church; Whitakers, North Carolina (SE)
- 4285. Limited Episcopacy; Congregations of Elmgrove and Spencerport Methodist Churches; Spencerport, New York
- 4286. Tenure Of Pastors; Official Board, Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church; Greenville, North Carolina (SE)
- 4287. Right Of Approved Supply Pastors To Vote; C. H. Prouty, et al.; Nebraska Annual Conference
- 4288. Right Of Approved Supplies To Vote; H. H. Greene, T. R. Sumner; Lexington Annual Conference
- 4289. Limited Episcopacy; E. N. Crump, Homewood Methodist Church; Homewood, Oklahoma
- 4290. Limited Episcopacy; Bruce M. Cox; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 4291. Limited Episcopacy; Ellen P. Sayre; Letait Falls Methodist Church
- 4292. Limited Episcopacy; W. B. Metthew, et al., Alamo Heights Methodist Church; San Antonio, Texas
- 4293. Limited Episcopacy; V. A. Horney, Asbury Methodist Church; Logan, Kansas
- 4294. Status Of Women Church Workers; Official Board, Broadway Temple Methodist Church; New York, New York
- 4295. To Limit The Appointing Power Of A Bishop; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
- 4296. Rotation of Bishops; South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 4297. Creating Commission On Chaplains; New Hampshire Annual Conference
- 4298. Qualifying Local Preachers; Holston Annual Conference Cabinet
- 4299. Women Chaplains; Mrs. Fred D. Kay, Status of Women Secretary; Newark Annual Conference
- 4300. Women Chaplains; Mrs. Henry R. High, Status of Women Secretary; West Virginia Annual Conference
- 4301. Women Chaplains; Mrs. Hannah S. Patchin, Status of Women Secretary; Wyoming Annual Conference
- 4302. Tobacco Pledge; New York East Annual Conference
- 4303. Status Of Associate Pastors; Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4304. On Licensing Preachers; North Georgia Annual Conference
- 4305. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Woman's Division Of Christian Service
- 4306. On Located Men; Methodist Ministerial Association of Williamsport, Pennsylvania
- 4307. Voting Privileges For Supply Men; Charles Urbanski; Philadelphia Annual Conference

- 4308. Procedure In Locating Ministers; Harrisburg District Conference; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 4309. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 4310. Limitation Of Tenure Of Bishops; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 4311. Limitation Of Tenure Of Episcopacy; Joplin District Conference; Southwest Missouri Annual Conference
- 4312. Rotation Of Bishops; Florida Annual Conference (CJ)
- 4313. Laymen In The Cabinet; Chapin D. Foster, First Methodist Church; Tacoma, Washington
- 4314. Clergy Rights For Women; New York East Annual Conference
- 4315. Affecting Located Men; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
- 4316. Clergy Rights For Women; Kansas Annual Conference
- 4317. Licensing Preachers; Kansas Annual Conference
- 4318. Requirements For Becoming A Minister; Lew H. Zerr; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 4319. Located Men; West Palm Beach District Conference; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
- 4320. Appointments Of Bishops To Area; George F. Hubbard; North Indiana Annual Conference
- 4321. Clergy Rights For Women; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 4322. To Delete The Tobacco Pledge; Frank C. Hubbard; Rock River Annual Conference
- 4323. On Licensing Preachers; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 4324. Admission Of Women To Annual Conference; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 4325. The Tobacco Pledge; John I. Osborn; Illinois Annual Conference
- 4326. Legislative Changes Affecting Provisional Annual Conference; Wyoming Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 4327 TO 4351, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

- 4327. Retain Jurisdictional System; Character Builders' Class, First Methodist Church, W. A. Rutledge, et al.; New Albany, Mississippi (SE)
- 4328. Numbering Annual Conference Sessions; Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Of Conference Secretaries, Statisticians, And Treasurers
- 4329. Transfer Of Local Church From One Annual Conference To Another And From One Jurisdiction To Another; Leonard D. Slutz, Lay Delegate; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4330. Maintain Jurisdictional System; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Leesville, Louisiana (SC)
- 4331. Maintain Jurisdictional System; Official Board, St. Paul's Methodist Church; Christiansburg, Virginia
- 4332. Retention Of Jurisdictional System; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Ebenezer Methodist Church; Hemingway, South Carolina (SE)
- 4333. Abolish Racial Segregation; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Neumann, St. James Methodist Church; East Troy, Wisconsin
- 4334. Transfer From One Jurisdiction To Another; Roberta B. West; Chinook, Montana
- 4335. Maintain Present Form Of Jurisdictional System; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Homer, Louisiana (SC)

- 4336. Selling Or Mortgaging Property; W. F. Eding, Market St. Methodist Church; Louisville, Kentucky
- 4337. Annual Conference Autonomy On Integration; Edna Hutchen Circle, St. James Methodist Church; East Troy, Wisconsin
- 4338. Racial Segregation; Moses Mosley, Mason Memorial Methodist Church; Kansas City, Kansas
- 4339. Retain Jurisdictional System; Official Board, Choudrant Methodist Church; Choudrant, Louisiana (SC)
- 4340. Integration, 20-30 Club; Church Of St. Paul And St. Andrew; New York, New York
- 4341. Authority Of Official Board; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4342. Clarification Of Provisions For Electing Local Church Officials; Edwin L. Lord; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 4343. Music Committee, Local Church; Mrs. Robert Rosson, Springfield Methodist Church; Springfield, Tennessee (SE)
- 4344. Annual Conference Commission On Minimum Salary; Inman Moore, Jr.; Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
- 4345. Retain Present Jurisdictional Structure; Official Board, Baylis Chapel Methodist Church; Columbia, Mississippi (SE)
- 4346. Employed Treasurer Of Local Church Not A Member Of A Quarterly Conference; Lee F. Tuttle; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 4347. Representation Of Inter-Board Committee On Christian Vocations; Inter-Board Committee On Christian Vocations
- 4348. Additional Board Of Church Location For Large Districts; Frank S. Williams; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
- 4349. Abolition Of Central Jurisdiction; Joseph W. Thompson; Missouri Annual Conference
- 4350. Retention Of Jurisdictional Conference; Official Board, White Hall Methodist Church; Shongaloo, Louisiana (SC)
- 4351. Transfer Of Property; Official Board, Kenwood Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin

MEMORIALS 4352 TO 4355, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RITUALS AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

- 4352. Requesting An Official Denominational Marriage Manual For Use By Pastors In Pre-marital Counseling; Florida Annual Conference (SE) Committee On Family Life
- 4353. Change In Ritual For Reception Of Persons Into Membership; Samuel E. Carruth; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 4354. An Order When A New Church Is Organized; Commission On Worship And The Fine Arts
- 4355. Additional Vows For Membership; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 4356 TO 4361, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

- 4356. Clarification of Par. 708; James D. Foy; Washington Annual Conference
- 4357. Joint Meeting Of Council Of Bishops And Council of Secretaries; A. J. Newton, Texas Annual Conference (CJ)
- 4358. Successor To Bishop Archer; Malaya Annual Conference
- 4359. License Of Local Preachers; Nolan B. Harmon; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4360. Membership In Judicial Council; W. J. Smith; North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
- 4361. Extending Retirement Age Of Judicial Council Members To 74; Lee Roy Ussery; Montgomery, Alabama

MEMORIALS 4362 AND 4363 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

- 4362. Statistical Reports To Annual Conference; Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Of Conference Statisticians, Secretaries, And Treasurers
- 4363. Blanks And Forms; Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Of Conference Secretaries, Statisticians, And Treasurers; Roy J. Bond, Secretary

MEMORIAL 4364 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 4364. Joint Annual Meeting Of The Council Of Bishops And The Council Of Secretaries To Consider The Program Of The Methodist Church; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education

MEMORIALS 4365 TO 4379, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

- 4365. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, Wharton Methodist Church; Wharton, Ohio
- 4366. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, Peoples' Church; Woodland, Maine
- 4367. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Curtis L. McCoy, Trinity Methodist Church; Homewood, Alabama
- 4368. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Mrs. Curtis L. McCoy, Trinity Methodist Church; Homewood, Alabama
- 4369. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Robert McIntyre; Genesee Annual Conference
- 4370. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Commission On Missions, First Methodist Church; Mounds, Illinois
- 4371. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, Harmarville Methodist Church; Harmarville, Pennsylvania
- 4372. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Philip S. Harper, Trinity Methodist Church; Chicago, Illinois
- 4373. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Mrs. Gibson, Broadmeadow Methodist Church; Jackson, Mississippi (SE)
- 4374. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Stambaugh, Michigan
- 4375. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Ness City, Kansas
- 4376. Use Of Ministers Of Other Denominations As Approved Supply Pastors; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Superintendent Of The Williamsport District, L. A. Welliver; Superintendent Of The Altoona District; Herbert W. Glassco; Superintendent Of The Harrisburg District, F. LaMont Henninger; Superintendent Of The Sunbury District, C. F. Berkheimer
- 4377. Limited Tenure Of Episcopacy; Fred H. Shinn, Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 4378. Election Of Bishops; Fred H. Shinn; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 4379. Limitation Of Tenure Of Episcopacy; E. Lester Stanton, et. al.; Chicago, Illinois

MEMORIALS 4380 AND 4381 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 4380. Authority Over Building And Remodelling Programs, etc., And To Clarify Par. 157; Edward A. Smith, Lay Delegate; Detroit Annual Conference

4381. Appeals From Decisions Of District Board Of Church Location And Building; Edward A. Smith, Lay Delegate; Detroit Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 4382 TO 4420, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

4382. Voting Rights Of Accepted Supplies; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Duquesne, Pennsylvania
4383. Active Membership In The General Conference And Jurisdiction For All Chaplains On Active Duty; Lee A. Thigpen, Jr.; Texas Annual Conference (CJ)
4384. Pulpit Gowns; Edwin S. Dahl; New England Annual Conference
4385. Woman Member Of Commission On Chaplains; Emily M. Schwarz, Conference Secretary Status Of Women, WSCS; New England Southern Annual Conference
4386. Woman Member Of Commission On Chaplains; Isabella C. Streeter, Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire
4387. Commission On Chaplains; Quarterly Conference, Maplewood Methodist Church; Toledo, Ohio
4388. Tobacco Pledge; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
4389. Accreditation To Student Pastors To Administer The Sacraments; John H. Elwood, Racine; Ohio Annual Conference
4390. Bishop's Assistant; Portland Area Council
4391. Commission On Chaplains; George M. Cordner; New York Annual Conference
4392. Commission On Chaplains; Quarterly Conference, Maplewood Methodist Church; Toledo, Ohio
4393. Extra Duties For District Superintendents; Methodist Council Of Social Agencies, San Antonio District; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
4394. Well Organized Ministries; Warren G. Bailey, Covenant Methodist Church; Evanston, Illinois
4395. Change Of District Superintendent's Title; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
4396. Clarification Of Term: Completed Course Of Study; Holston Annual Conference Cabinet; Harrell Russell, Secretary
4397. Designating Proper Title For Minister; Roy T. Henwood; Wyoming Annual Conference
4398. Duties Of The Pastor; General Board Of Education
4399. Uniform Requirements For Approved Supplies; James E. Tate, et al.; Alabama Annual Conference
4400. Limitation Of Tenure Of Episcopacy; Official Board, Memorial Methodist Church; Spring Valley, Minnesota
4401. Duties Of District Superintendent; T. A. Coleman; North Alabama Annual Conference
4402. Commission To Study Requirements For The Ministry; National Conference Of Methodist Youth
4403. Limitation Of Term Of Episcopacy; E. S. Shannonhouse; McKeesport, Pennsylvania
4404. Limitation Of Term Of Episcopacy; D. E. Conrad; Lapel, Indiana
4405. Limited Episcopacy; Official Board, Reed City Methodist Church; Reed City, Michigan
4406. Supply Men And The Sacrament; Cleveland District Conference; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
4407. On Locating A Minister; New York Annual Conference
4408. Tobacco Pledge; New York Annual Conference
4409. Limited Episcopacy; Isaac E. Steyer, Rivesville Methodist Church; Rivesville, West Virginia

- 4410. Limitation Of Term Episcopacy; Mrs. F. G. Wallwork, Grace Methodist Church; Zanesville, Ohio
- 4411. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Arvilla G. Wass, Bay View Methodist Church; Gloucester, Massachusetts
- 4412. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, Spruce Street Methodist Church; Morgantown, West Virginia
- 4413. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Nelle Bradley, Grass Lake Methodist Church; Grass Lake, Michigan
- 4414. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, Epworth Methodist Church; Bluffton, Indiana
- 4415. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Bess G. Saxton, Fenwick Methodist Church; Fenwick, Michigan
- 4416. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, Tilton Methodist Church; Tilton, Illinois
- 4417. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; R. Ned Smith, Westminster Methodist Church; Westminster, Ohio
- 4418. Full Clergy Right For Women; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, First Methodist Church; Camden, New Jersey
- 4419. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Official Board, Mason Methodist Church; Mason, Illinois
- 4420. Limited Tenure Of Bishops; Mary M. Cox, DuQuoin Methodist Church; DuQuoin, Illinois

MEMORIALS 4421 TO 4435, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

- 4421. Continuance Of The Burma Annual Conference; Burma Annual Conference
- 4422. Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference To Become An Annual Conference; Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference
- 4423. Territory Of Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference; Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference
- 4424. A Bishop For The Africa Central Conference; Rhodesia Annual Conference
- 4425. A Bishop For The Southeastern Asia Central Conference; Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference
- 4426. Continuance Of The Northeastern Germany Annual Conference; Northeastern Germany Annual Conference
- 4427. An Additional Bishop For The Philippines Central Conference; Philippines Annual Conference
- 4428. Term Episcopacy; G. S. Nichols; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 4429. A Bishop For Southeastern Asia Central Conference; See 4429 and 4430
- 4430. Austria Mission To Become A Provisional Annual Conference; Kirchenprasidium And Field Committee
- 4431. Changing Name Of Stockholm Area; Executive Committee; Northern Europe Central Conference
- 4432. An Additional Bishop For The Philippines Central Conference Executive Committee; Philippines Central Conference
- 4433. Provisional Annual Conferences Overseas To Send Delegates To The General Conference; Philippines Annual Conference
- 4434. Continuance Of The Baltic-Slavic Annual Conference; Executive Committee; Northern Europe Central Conference
- 4435. Continuance Of The Denmark Annual Conference; Executive Committee; Northern Europe Central Conference

MEMORIALS 4436 TO 4454, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH

- 4436. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Russell

- M. Cooper, Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church; Minneapolis, Minnesota
4437. National Anthem; Wesley Foundation, Kenwood Branch; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
4438. National Anthem; Kappa Sigma Delta, Carroll College; Waukesha, Wisconsin
4439. Retain Present Conference Structure And Racial Pattern; Official Board And Membership, Baylis Chapel-Oloh Methodist Charge; Columbia, Mississippi (SE)
4440. National Anthem; Woman's Society Of Christian Service, Troy Center Methodist Church; Troy Center, Wisconsin
4441. Retention Of Central Jurisdiction; Official Board, Dubach Methodist Church; Dubach, Louisiana (SC)
4442. Commission On Christian Social Relations; Men's Class, Kenwood Methodist Church; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
4443. Study Commission On Racial Integration; Board of World Peace; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
4444. Study Of United Nations; Board Of World Peace; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
4445. Eliminate Segregation; Methodist Youth Fellowship; Bethany Methodist Church
4446. Keep Segregation; Mrs. D. R. Jeffords, Pisgah Methodist Church; Florence, South Carolina (SE)
4447. Atomic Testing; Board Of World Peace; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
4448. Disarmament And U.N. Charter Review; Ada Hanson, Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church; Minneapolis, Minnesota
4449. National Anthem; Wisconsin Methodist Student Movement
4450. Spiritual Welfare; Ellsworth Hartsfield; Florida Annual Conference (SE)
4451. World Peace; Asheville District Educational Conference; World Peace Committee Section
4452. Study Plan For Long-range Program; Board Of Lay Activities; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
4453. Quadrennial Program To Include Work Of Methodist Student Movement; Wisconsin Methodist Student Movement.
4454. Veterans' Civil Rights; W. B. West, Seabright Methodist Church; Seabright, New Jersey

MEMORIALS NUMBERS 4455 TO 4484, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE SUBJECT: FULL CLERGY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

4455. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Montana Annual Conference
4456. Woman's Society of Christian Service; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
4457. Wesleyan Service Guild; Norfolk District; Virginia Annual Conference
4458. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Shepard Methodist Church; Columbus, Ohio
4459. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Detroit Annual Conference
4460. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Detroit Annual Conference
4461. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. B. F. Littlejohn, Status of Women Secretary
4462. Commission On Deaconess Work
4463. Mrs. Myron Collins, First Methodist Church, Martinsville, West Virginia

- 4464. Official Board; Mantua Methodist Church; Mantua, Ohio
- 4465. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; State St. Methodist Church; Trenton, New Jersey
- 4466. Mrs. Nolan Sansom; All Souls Durrell Methodist Church; Bethlehem, New Hampshire
- 4467. Dorothy M. Osborne; Hollis Methodist Church; Hollis, New York
- 4468. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; First Methodist Church; Stoughton, Massachusetts
- 4469. Mrs. W. W. Mahany; Trinity Methodist Church; West Medford, Massachusetts
- 4470. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; State Road Methodist Church; Port Huron, Michigan
- 4471. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; First Methodist Church; Bellevue, Ohio
- 4472. Mrs. John O. Long, Jr.; Whitehall Methodist Church; Whitehall, Wisconsin
- 4473. Wesleyan Service Guild; Grace Methodist Church; Des Moines, Iowa
- 4474. Home Builders Class; Mantua Methodist Church; Mantua, Ohio
- 4475. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Centennial Methodist Church; Kansas City, Missouri
- 4476. Wesleyan Service Guild; Trinity Methodist Church; Albany, New York
- 4477. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; West Barrington Methodist Church; West Barrington, Massachusetts
- 4478. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Texas Annual Conference (SC)
- 4479. Mary And Martha Circle, Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Ardmore Methodist Church; Ardmore, Pennsylvania
- 4480. Detroit Annual Conference
- 4481. American Association Of Women Ministers
- 4482. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
- 4483. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Foundry Methodist Church; Washington, District of Columbia
- 4484. New York Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 4485 TO 4510, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

- 4485. Travelling Preachers Must Receive Appointment; Henry L. Lambdin, et al.; Newark Annual Conference
- 4486. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Nellie T. Jeffrey; Groton Methodist Church; Groton, Vermont
- 4487. Limitation Of Term Episcopacy; Official Board; Bluffs Methodist Church
- 4488. Limitation Of Tenure In Episcopacy; Howard T. Warner, Geneva Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
- 4489. Chaplains—Changes In The *Discipline*; Methodist Commission On Chaplains
- 4490. Chaplains—Changes In The *Discipline*; Methodist Commission On Chaplains
- 4491. Oppose Limited Episcopacy; Official Board, First Church, Ogallala, Nebraska
- 4492. Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure; Official Board, North Vassalboro Methodist Church; North Vassalboro, Maine
- 4493. Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure; Clair Kahl, First Methodist Church; Chokio, Minnesota

- 4494. Limitation Of Episcopal Tenure; In An Area; Irving Dreibrodt, et al.; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 4495. Use Of Tobacco By Ministers; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4496. Report Of Deaconesses; Deaconesses Board; Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 4497. Approved Supplies; Nolan B. Harmon; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4498. Corrective Legislation On Travelling Preachers; Nolan B. Harmon; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4499. Chaplains To Wear Uniform Of Church; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York
- 4500. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. Guy F. Burrill, Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire
- 4501. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Mrs. James D. Moore, Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire
- 4502. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Official Board, Buffalo Methodist Church; Buffalo, Wyoming
- 4503. Limitation Of Term Episcopacy; Mrs. H. P. Rabenstein, Geneva Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
- 4504. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Carol Gardner, Grace Methodist Church; Keene, New Hampshire
- 4505. Limited Episcopacy; Nelson A. Thomas; Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference
- 4506. Full Clergy Rights For Women; Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Troy Annual Conference
- 4507. Course Of Study For The Ministry; Georgia Harkness, et al.; Berkeley, California
- 4508. Limitation Of Term Episcopacy; Official Board, Solomon Methodist Church; Solomon, Kansas
- 4509. Limitation Of Term Episcopacy; Hector Franco; Colorado Annual Conference
- 4510. Limitation Of Term Episcopacy; Trustees, Forest Park Methodist Church; Fort Wayne, Indiana

MEMORIALS 4511 TO 4514, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- 4511. Endorsement Of Program And Election Of Directors Of Religion In American Life; Ralph W. Sockman; New York Annual Conference
- 4512. Endorsement Of Program And Nomination Of Directors Of Religion In American Life; Official Board, Teaneck Methodist Church; Teaneck, New Jersey
- 4513. Requirement of Baptism In Transfer Of Membership; Gordon B. Duncan, Belmont Methodist Church; Nashville, Tennessee
- 4514. Federal Union Of Churches; Association For A United Church Of America

MEMORIALS 4515 TO 4517, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

- 4515. Emphasis Of Spiritual Values; Official Board, Piedmont Church; Widemouth, Massachusetts
- 4516. Emphasis Of Spiritual Values; Sam E. Kreider, Oak Grove Church; Oak Grove, Missouri
- 4517. Emphasis Of Spiritual Values; W.S.C.S. Locust Church, Atholton Charge; Atholton, Maine

MEMORIALS 4518 TO 4526, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

- 4518. Christian Family; General Board Of Education
- 4519. Standards For Church Officials Not To Be Made Retroactive; William A. Korfhage; Minnesota Annual Conference
- 4520. Quadrennial Program—Local Church; North Texas Annual Conference
- 4521. Request For Tabulation Plan; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brown, Oak View Methodist Church; High Point, North Carolina
- 4522. Request For Tabulation Plan; Coy Brown, Jr., Oak View Methodist Church; High Point, North Carolina
- 4523. Church School Literature And Song Book For Youth; Mrs. Zella L. Stotmeister; Harrold, South Dakota
- 4524. Children's Day; Robert S. Clark, et al., First Methodist Church; Williamstown, Massachusetts
- 4525. Recruitment Of Ministry; Ohio Area Delegation
- 4526. Minimum Standards For Workers; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference

MEMORIALS 4527 AND 4528 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

- 4527. Pensions For Men Left Without Appointment To Attend School; North Iowa Annual Conference Cabinet and Executive Committees Of Board of Conference Claimants And Board Of Ministerial Training; Frank G. Bean, Secretary
- 4528. Personnel Policies For Lay Employees; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Glendale, California

MEMORIALS 4529 TO 4616, INCLUSIVE, AND FROM 4618 TO 4621 DEAL WITH "MINIMUM SALARY FOR MINISTERS" INCLUSIVE, AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 4529. Official Board; Trinity Methodist Church; Highland Park, New Jersey
- 4530. Earl R. Bull; Shawnee Methodist Church; Shawnee, Oklahoma
- 4531. Official Board; Line Methodist Church; Whitesville, Delaware
- 4532. Official Board; Plymouth Methodist Church; Plymouth, Ohio
- 4533. Official Board; Wissahickon Church; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 4534. Rev. T. H. Pickerill; Louisville Annual Conference
- 4535. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Milbank, South Dakota
- 4536. Official Board; Madison Methodist Church; Madison; West Virginia
- 4537. Official Board; The South Bristol Methodist Church; Bristol, Tennessee (Holston Annual Conference)
- 4538. Methodist Men; White Oak Church; Chattanooga, Tennessee (Holston Annual Conference)
- 4539. Official Board; Golden Methodist Church; Golden, Illinois
- 4540. Official Board; Trinity Methodist Church; Racine, Wisconsin
- 4541. Wayne B. Nelson, Jr.; Highland Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4542. C. R. Christian, et al.; First Methodist Church; Maysville, Oklahoma
- 4543. Official Board; Beech Grove Methodist Church; Beech Grove, Indiana
- 4544. Rev. Wayne S. Graham; North Alabama Annual Conference

- 4545. W. S. Warford; Columbus Methodist Church; Columbus, Illinois
- 4546. Ewing Werlein; First Methodist Church; Houston, Texas
- 4547. Joe T. Gilbert; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4548. Board Of Education; First Methodist Church; Chatfield, Minnesota
- 4549. Official Board; Simpson Methodist Church; Evansville, Indiana
- 4550. Mrs. Lewis Sheldon; Patriot Methodist Church; Patriot, Indiana
- 4551. Mrs. Joe Soffranks; First Methodist Church; East Saint Louis, Missouri
- 4552. Official Board; Fairview Methodist Church; Clinton, Indiana
- 4553. Official Board; Damascus Methodist Church; Damascus, Virginia
- 4554. Official Board; Oakland Methodist Church; Oakland, Maine
- 4555. H. C. Stockham; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4556. Official Board; Rankin Methodist Church; Rankin, Illinois
- 4557. E. C. Smith; North Georgia Annual Conference
- 4558. L. N. Shannon; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4559. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Venice, Illinois
- 4560. Official Board; Bowmansville Methodist Church; Bowmansville, New York
- 4561. Official Board; Calvary Methodist Church; Holly, Michigan
- 4562. C. S. Thompson; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4563. Official Board; Church Of All Nations; Sioux City, Iowa
- 4564. William R. Hardin; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4565. Jeanette D. Hardin; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4566. T. B. Noble; Canterbury-Mt. Brook Methodist Church; Mount Brook, Alabama
- 4567. G. J. Trotter; Maxie Methodist Church; Maxie, Mississippi
- 4568. Perry S. White; First Methodist Church; Hutchinson, Kansas
- 4569. C. Thomas Webb; Chrisney Methodist Church; Chrisney, Indiana
- 4570. Wilbur Purvis; Axtell Methodist Church; Axtell, Kansas
- 4571. Martha S. Berry; Decker Methodist Church; Decker, Indiana
- 4572. Leo Fletcher Ross; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 4573. Official Board; St. Andrews; Salisbury, Maryland
- 4574. Mrs. H. P. Rabenstein; Geneva Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
- 4575. Owen Bennett Holland; Rock Methodist Church; Tarrant, Alabama
- 4576. Trustees; Forest Park Methodist Church; Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 4577. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Poplar Bluff, Missouri
- 4578. Walter R. Lipsett; Plymouth Methodist Church; Buffalo, New York
- 4579. Official Board; The Jackson Center Methodist Church; Jackson Center, Ohio
- 4580. Robert Congdon; First Methodist Church; Duluth, Minnesota
- 4581. Official Board; First Methodist Church; DeSota, Missouri
- 4582. Official Board; Woodland Park Methodist Church; McDonald, Ohio

- 4583. Official Board; St. Paul's Methodist Church; Raymore, Missouri
- 4584. E. N. Crump; Trinity Methodist Church; Homewood, Alabama
- 4585. Official Board; Whitakers Methodist Church; Whitakers, North Carolina
- 4586. James H. Westbrook; North Texas Annual Conference
- 4587. The Congregations Of Elmgrove Community Methodist Church And First Methodist Church; Spencerport, New York
- 4588. Ellen P. Sayne; Letart Falls Charge Methodist Church; Racine, Wisconsin
- 4589. Gordon Sorensen; Lowell Methodist Church; Lowell, Wisconsin
- 4590. Official Board; Worthington Methodist Church; Worthington, Ohio
- 4591. Thomas D. Peterson; Windsor Methodist Church; Windsor, New Jersey
- 4592. Official Board; St. John's Methodist Church; Keyport, New Jersey
- 4593. Elmer N. Curnutt; The Methodist Church; Kanapolis, Kansas
- 4594. H. I. Hicks; Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 4995. Official Board; The Methodist Church; California
- 4596. W. L. Wumett; Amity Methodist Church; Amity, Pennsylvania
- 4597. Board of Trustees; Whitesville Methodist Church; Whitesville, New York
- 4598. Ruth Irwin; The Methodist Church; Cashion, Oklahoma
- 4599. Mrs. Zella Stotmeister; Harrold Methodist Church; Harrold, South Dakota
- 4600. Members of Piedmont Methodist Church; Widemouth, New Hampshire
- 4601. W.S.C.S.; John Wesley Methodist Church; McDaniel, Maryland
- 4602. Raymond Hawkins; The Methodist Church; Aliz, Arkansas
- 4603. Raymond Hawkins; The Methodist Church; Coal Hill, Arkansas
- 4604. Mrs. X. Ervin Green; The Methodist Church; Leonidas, Michigan
- 4605. E. M. Kramer; The Methodist Church; Fulton, Michigan
- 4606. Ethor Ganden; North Clayton Methodist Church; Clayton, Wisconsin
- 4607. Joy Dull; North Clayton Methodist Church; Clayton, Wisconsin
- 4608. S. E. Lightfoot; Indiana Annual Conference
- 4609. Official Board; Broad Street Methodist Church; Burlington, New Jersey
- 4610. Carl A. Fox; Wisconsin Annual Conference
- 4611. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Somerville, Ohio
- 4612. Official Board; Rockford Street Methodist Church; Mount Airy, North Carolina (SE)
- 4613. M.Y.F.; Keyes Methodist Church; Keyes, Oklahoma
- 4614. Official Board; White Memorial Methodist Church; Little Rock, Arkansas
- 4615. General Board; Locust Methodist Church, Atholton Charge.
- 4616. W. C. McWhorter; Court Street Methodist Church
- 4617. Against The General Conference Setting A Minimum Salary For Ministers; Congregation Of Polk Methodist Church; Polk, Pennsylvania
- 4618. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Kenneth D. Frazier; Ohio Annual Conference

- 4619. Joseph Dibley; Detroit Annual Conference
- 4620. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris; The Methodist Church; Louise, Mississippi (SE)
- 4621. Official Board; The Methodist Church; Tabernacle, New Jersey

MEMORIALS 4622 TO 4638, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 4622. Temporal Economy Authority To Borrow Money; The Quarterly Conference Of The Central Methodist Church; Evansville, Indiana
- 4623. Studies Of Functions Of Boards And Agencies Of The Methodist Church; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 4624. Program For Low Income Sections; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4625. Establishment Of School For Social Workers; The Local Board of Marcy Center; Chicago, Illinois
- 4626. Quadrennial Study Of Church Boards To Simplify And Correlate Activities; Board Of Lay Activities
- 4627. Long Range Planning; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4628. Creation Of Committee To Study Functions Of All Boards And Agencies; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Presidents, Methodist Conference On Christian Education
- 4629. Social Service; Rock River Annual Conference; Ray Bond, Secretary
- 4630. Financial Aid For St. George's Methodist Church; Official Board; Providence Avenue Methodist Church; Chester, Pennsylvania
- 4631. Minimum Salary For Pastors; David A. Harris; The Methodist Church; Tehula, Mississippi (SE)
- 4632. Financing Church Building; Board of Missions; Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference
- 4633. Creation Of A Program For Insured Church Mortgages; Paul Shearer et al.; Iowa-Des Moines Annual Conference
- 4634. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Board of Trustees, Union Methodist Church; Brookline, Pennsylvania
- 4635. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Frackville, Pennsylvania
- 4636. Financial Aid For St. George's Church; Official Board, Searles Methodist Church; Pottstown, Pennsylvania
- 4637. Office Of World Peace Located In Washington, District of Columbia; Board Of World Peace; Genesee Annual Conference
- 4638. Financial Support Of P.O.A.U.; Roanoke District; Virginia Annual Conference.

MEMORIALS 4639 TO 4720, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

- 4639. Tangible Assets Computation; W. Kenneth Haddock; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4640. Pastoral Relations Committee; District Superintendents Of North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 4641. Additional Lay Members Of Annual Conference; California-Nevada Annual Conference Delegation
- 4642. Notice Of Sale Of Property; W. Kenneth Haddock; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4643. Sale Of Church Property; W. Kenneth Haddock; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4644. Sale Of Church Property; John W. Downing, Lay Delegate; Peninsula Annual Conference

- 4645. Sale Of Church Property; John W. Downing, Lay Delegate; Peninsula Annual Conference
- 4646. Election Of Stewards; Lester W. Auman; New York East Annual Conference
- 4647. Membership Of Annual Conference Commission On World Service And Finance; Lester W. Auman; New York East Annual Conference
- 4648. Spanish Speaking Leadership; Ministers Of Rio Grande And Latin American Provisional, Annual Conferences; Ruben R. Saenz, Horacio Vargas, et al.
- 4649. Rating Of Reserve Delegates On Boards And Commissions; George G. Roseberry; Oregon Annual Conference
- 4650. Age Of Membership In Quarterly Conference; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4651. Uniting Church Commissions On Membership, Evangelism, And Missions; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4652. Segregation And Integration; Students At Garrett Biblical Institute; William Peckham, et al.
- 4653. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Mineral Springs; Mineral Springs, New York
- 4654. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Dorloo; Dorloo, New York
- 4655. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Twenty-fourth Street; Detroit, Michigan
- 4656. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Myrtle Hoffman; Lodge Pole, Nebraska
- 4657. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hupp, First Methodist Church; Fairmont, West Virginia
- 4658. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mrs. Bess Dresser, First Methodist Church; Center North Dakota
- 4659. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board; Huttonville, West Virginia
- 4660. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Ford, Trinity Methodist Church; Miami, Florida (SE)
- 4661. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Ralph Richardson; Killduff, Iowa
- 4662. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Curt Cook, First Methodist Church; Arlington, Nebraska
- 4663. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Trinity Church; Greensboro, North Carolina (SE)
- 4664. Minimum Salary For Ministers; W.S.C.S. New Hampton Church; New Hampton, Missouri
- 4665. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Gradyville Church; Gradyville, Kentucky
- 4666. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Pauline R. Butler, Uniontown; Uniontown, Ohio
- 4667. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Paul A. Evans, Willis Creek; Hyndman, Pennsylvania
- 4668. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Harold H. Wampler, Sr.; Clever, Missouri
- 4669. Minimum Salary For Ministers; G. S. Hicks; Ouinwood, West Virginia
- 4670. Minimum Salary For Ministers; R. W. Van Houten, First Methodist Church; Oakes, North Dakota
- 4671. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Curk Cook, Methodist Church, Arlington, Nebraska
- 4672. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Viola Mae Rainey, Needham Methodist Church; Needham, Indiana
- 4673. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Charles E. Schneeberger, Lenexa Methodist Church; Lenexa, Kansas

- 4674. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Sam E. Kreider, Oak Grove Methodist Church; Oak Grove, Michigan
- 4675. Minimum Salary For Ministers; R. Ned Smith, Westminster Methodist Church; Westminster, Missouri
- 4676. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, North Vassalbow Methodist Church; North Vassalbow, Maine
- 4677. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Florence Methodist Church; Florence, Kentucky
- 4678. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Methodist Church; Ness City, Kansas
- 4679. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Lloyd A. Phillips; Genesee Annual Conference
- 4680. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mary M. Cox, First Methodist; DuQuoin, Illinois
- 4681. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Bluffs Methodist Church; Bluffs, Illinois
- 4682. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Tilton Methodist Church; Tilton, Illinois
- 4683. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Peoples' Methodist Church; Woodland, Maine
- 4684. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Curtis Logan McCoy, Jr., Trinity Methodist Church; Homewood, Alabama
- 4685. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mrs. Curtis Logan McCoy, Jr., Trinity Methodist Church; Homewood, Alabama
- 4686. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Robert McIntyre; Southwest Texas Annual Conference
- 4687. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Mounds, Illinois
- 4688. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Harmarville, Methodist Church; Harmarville, Pennsylvania
- 4689. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Philip S. Harper, Trinity Methodist Church; Chicago, Illinois
- 4690. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Stambough, Michigan
- 4691. Adequate Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Bandana Methodist Church; Bandana, Kentucky
- 4692. Adequate Salary For Ministers; Fred W. Decker, First Methodist Church; Corvallis, Oregon
- 4693. Adequate Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Weldon Methodist Church; Weldon, Michigan
- 4694. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Ravenswood Methodist Church; Chicago, Illinois
- 4695. Minimum Salary For Ministers; J. R. McClesky, Pinehurst Methodist Church; Pinehurst, Georgia (SE)
- 4696. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Howard Fuller; Michigan Annual Conference
- 4697. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Rehobeth Methodist Church; Terrell, North Carolina (SE)
- 4698. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Ames Methodist Church; Ames, Iowa
- 4699. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Glendive, Montana
- 4700. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Logan Methodist Church; Logan, New Mexico
- 4701. Minimum Salary For Ministers; W.S.C.S., Trinity Methodist Church; Byesville, Ohio
- 4702. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Quinsigamond Methodist Church; Worcester, Massachusetts
- 4703. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, St. Pauls Methodist Church; State College, Pennsylvania

- 4704. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Loundes Methodist Church; Loundes, Missouri
- 4705. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Lay Activities Board, Centerton Methodist Church; Centerton, Arkansas
- 4706. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Carroll G. Warner, Jr.; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 4707. Minimum Salary For Ministers; J. E. Lackey Jr.; South Georgia Annual Conference
- 4708. Minimum Salary For Ministers; W.S.C.S., Spring Hill Methodist Church; Whigham, Georgia (SE)
- 4709. Minimum Salary For Ministers; W. C. Rhea, Chester Methodist Church; Chester, Nebraska
- 4710. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mrs. D. B. Millikin, Chester Methodist Church; Chester, Nebraska.
- 4711. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Neal Eickman, Chester Methodist Church; Chester, Nebraska
- 4712. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mrs. C. R. Plummer, First Methodist Church; Monrovia, California
- 4713. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Barbara Schafer, First Methodist Church; Washington, Indiana
- 4714. Minimum Salary For Ministers; W.S.C.S., First Methodist Church; Newman, Georgia (SE)
- 4715. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Jesse L. Brown, Cleo Methodist Church; Cleo Springs, Oklahoma
- 4716. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, First Methodist Church; Oakes, North Dakota
- 4717. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Wellington Methodist Church; Wellington, Illinois
- 4718. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Ladies Chapel; Greensberg, Kentucky
- 4719. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board, Reddick Methodist Church; Reddick, Illinois
- 4720. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Minnie L. Duncan, First Methodist Church; Clinton, Illinois

MEMORIALS 4721 TO 4766, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE TITLE, "EMPHASIS OF SPIRITUAL VALUES," AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

- 4721. Philip S. Harper; Trinity Methodist Church; Chicago, Illinois
- 4722. Official Board; Harmarville Methodist Church; Harmarville, Pennsylvania
- 4723. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Mounds, Illinois
- 4724. Curtis L. McCoy, Jr.; Trinity Methodist Church; Homewood, Alabama
- 4725. Official Board; Peoples Methodist Church; Woodland, Maine
- 4726. Official Board, Wharton Methodist Church; Wharton, Ohio
- 4727. R. Ned Smith; Westminster Methodist Church; Westminster, Ohio
- 4728. Official Board; Tilton Methodist Church; Tilton, Illinois
- 4729. William G. Gaver; Fenwick Methodist Church; Fenwick, Michigan
- 4730. Official Board; Epworth Methodist Church; Bluffton, Indiana
- 4731. Nelle Bradley; Grass Lake Methodist Church; Grass Lake, Michigan
- 4732. Mrs. F. G. Wallwork; Grace Methodist Church; Zanesville, Ohio

4733. Mrs. Richard A. Wass; Bay View Methodist Church; Gloucester, Massachusetts
4734. Official Board; Spruce St. Methodist Church; Morgantown, Florida (SE)
4735. Official Board; Macon Methodist Church; Macon, Illinois
4736. Mary M. Cox; First Methodist Church; DuQuoin, Illinois
4737. Robert McIntyre; Genesee Annual Conference
4738. Mrs. Curtis L. McCoy, Jr.; Trinity Methodist Church; Homewood, Alabama
4739. Mrs. Bob Gibson; Broadmeadow Methodist Church; Jackson, Mississippi (SE)
4740. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Stambaugh, Michigan
4741. Official Board; DePauw Memorial Methodist Church; New Albany, Indiana
4742. Official Board; North Vassalboro Methodist Church; North Vassalboro, Maine
4743. Official Board; Bluffs Methodist Church; Bluffs, Illinois
4744. Official Board; Mount Joy Methodist Church; Mount Joy, Pennsylvania
4745. Official Board; Turon Methodist Church; Turon, Kansas
4746. Lloyd A. Phillips; Michigan Annual Conference
4747. Official Board; Florence Methodist Church; Florence, Kentucky
4748. J. Phillip Moss; Gradyville Methodist Church; Gradyville, Kentucky
4749. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; New Hampton Methodist Church; New Hampton, Missouri
4750. Bess M. Murray; Clinton Methodist Church; Clinton, Illinois
4751. Official Board; Trinity Methodist Church; Greensboro, South Carolina (SE)
4752. Thornton R. Lobb
4753. Curt Cook; Arlington Methodist Church, Arlington, Nebraska
4754. Official Board; Killduff Methodist Church; Killduff, Iowa
4755. Luke Storey; Pleasant Hill Methodist Church; Pleasant Hill, Oklahoma
4756. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Fort; Trinity Methodist Church; Miami, Florida (SE)
4757. Official Board; Huttonsville Methodist Church; Huttonsville, West Virginia
4758. Official Board; Derwent Methodist Church; Derwent, Ohio
4759. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hupp; First Methodist Church; Fairmont, West Virginia
4760. Mrs. Bess Dresser; First Methodist Church; Center, North Dakota
4761. Myrtle Hoffman; Lodge Pole Methodist Church; Lodge Pole, Nebraska
4762. Official Board; Twenty-fourth Street Methodist Church; Detroit, Michigan
4763. Official Board; Dorloo Methodist Church; Dorloo, New York
4764. Minnie L. Duncan; First Methodist Church; Clinton, Illinois
4765. Official Board; Mineral Springs Methodist Church; Mineral Springs, New York
4766. J. Kenneth Hutcherson; Trinity Temple Methodist Church; Louisville, Kentucky
4767. Termination Of Preparatory Membership; George G. Roseberry; Oregon Annual Conference
4768. Affiliate Membership; Gordon B. Duncan; Assistant Editor Of *The Discipline*.

MEMORIAL 4769 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

4769. Travel Of Delegates From Abroad; Chester A. Smith, Peekskill Methodist Church; Peekskill, New York

MEMORIAL 4770 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

4770. Union With The African Methodist Church, The African Methodist Church Zion, And The Christian Methodist Church; H. Howard Fuller; Michigan Annual Conference.

MEMORIAL 4771 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

4771. Bishops On The Board Of Publication; John R. Wilkins; California-Nevada Annual Conference.

MEMORIALS 4772 TO 4815. THE TITLE: "MINIMUM SALARY FOR MINISTERS" AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

4772. C. H. Wetzel; St. Paul's Methodist Church; Houston, Texas
 4773. J. W. Thigpen; Riverside Methodist Church; Houston, Texas
 4774. Printis Spear; Ohio Annual Conference
 4775. Official Board; Pleasant City Methodist Church; Pleasant City, Ohio
 4776. Pastoral Relations Committee; St. Matthews Methodist Church; Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
 4777. Nola D. Yoder; First Methodist Church; Linton, Indiana
 4778. Official Board; Wesley Methodist Church; Wesley, Pennsylvania
 4779. Official Board; Washington Methodist Church; Washington, Pennsylvania
 4780. Official Board; Washington Methodist Church; Washington, Kentucky
 4781. C. F. Avey; New England Annual Conference
 4782. Official Board; Ducktown Methodist Church; Ducktown, Tennessee, see Holston Annual Conference
 4783. Lawrence Crawford; First Methodist Church; New London, Ohio
 4784. Official Board; Bentleyville Methodist Church; Bentleyville, Pennsylvania
 4785. Harry W. Colenso; Detroit Annual Conference
 4786. Omer Fletcher; Northwest Indiana Annual Conference
 4787. Mrs. A. B. Lehue; Bedford Methodist Church; Bedford, Kentucky
 4788. Official Board; Copan Methodist Church; Copan, Oklahoma
 4789. Jack H. Adamson; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
 4790. Official Board; Thomas Methodist Church; Thomas, West Virginia
 4791. Charles B. Wilson; Oklahoma Annual Conference
 4792. Eugene H. Farmer; Glasgow Methodist Church; Glasgow, Missouri
 4793. F. K. Clabough (no address given)
 4794. Official Board; Elsie Methodist Church; Elsie, Nebraska
 4795. Board of Stewards; Morrow Methodist Church; Morrow, Arkansas
 4796. Frank W. Ellis; Galloway Memorial Methodist Church; Jackson, Mississippi (SE)
 4797. Frank C. Heins; First Methodist Church; Laredo, Texas

- 4798. Official Board; Grindstone Methodist Church; Grindstone, Pennsylvania
- 4799. Official Board; Graham Methodist Church; Flint, Michigan
- 4800. Walter F. Palmer; Shinglehouse Methodist Church; Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania
- 4801. Official Board; Jackson's Chapel Methodist Church; Wingo, Kentucky
- 4802. R. M. Montgomery; Woodlawn Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4803. Official Board; West Bridgewater Methodist Church; West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania
- 4804. Charles B. Hogg; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 4805. H. W. Haining; First Methodist Church; Yazoo City, Mississippi (SE)
- 4806. T. R. Hicks; Govans Methodist Church; Baltimore, Maryland
- 4807. Official Board; Aspen Methodist Church; Aspen, Colorado
- 4808. Woman's Society of Christian Service; Huntingdon Circuit, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
- 4809. Official Board; Reed City Methodist Church; Reed City, Michigan
- 4810. A. L. Beatty; Indiana Annual Conference
- 4811. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Hiawassee Methodist Church; Hiawassee, Georgia (SE)
- 4812. Estell R. Casebier; Centertown Methodist Church; Centertown, Kentucky
- 4813. Methodist Men; First Methodist Church; White Hall, Illinois
- 4814. Herbert Stockham, Jr.; Highlands Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4815. Official Board; Mascot Methodist Church; Mascot, Tennessee (SE)

MEMORIALS 4816 TO 4832, INCLUSIVE, "LIMITATION OF TERM OF EPISCOPACY," AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- 4816. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Mounds, Illinois
- 4817. Official Board; Killduff Methodist Church; Killduff, Iowa
- 4818. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Ford; Trinity Methodist Church; Miami, Florida (SE)
- 4819. J. Kenneth Hutcherson; Trinity Temple Methodist Church; Louisville, Kentucky
- 4820. Edgar B. Purdy; Southern Illinois Annual Conference
- 4821. Official Board; Weldon Methodist Church; Weldon, Illinois
- 4822. James Boston; Adair Methodist Church; Adair, Oklahoma
- 4823. Official Board; St. Paul's Methodist Church; Raynor, Missouri
- 4824. Official Board; Woodland Park Methodist Church; McDonald, Ohio
- 4825. Owen Bennett Holland; Rock Methodist Church; Tarrant, Alabama
- 4826. Official Board; First Methodist Church; DeSoto, Missouri
- 4827. Robert Congdon; First Methodist Church; Duluth, Minnesota
- 4828. Official Board; Florence Methodist Church; Florence, Kentucky
- 4829. Lloyd A. Phillips; Michigan Annual Conference
- 4830. Official Board; Mount Joy Methodist Church; Mount Joy, Pennsylvania
- 4831. Official Board; Logan Methodist Church; Logan, New-Mexico
- 4832. Official Board; Burbank Methodist Church; Burbank, Ohio

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- 4833. Preachers Course Of Study; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4834. Course Of Study For Approved Supplies; C. H. LaRue; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 4835. Clarence H. LaRue; North-East Ohio Annual Conference
- 4836. Worldwide Prayer; Harry Denman, Executive Secretary; General Board Of Evangelism
- 4837. Terms Of Baptism; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4838. Terms Of Church Vows; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference
- 4839. Receiving Persons Into Church Membership; R. Odell Brown; Virginia Annual Conference

**MEMORIAL 4840 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS**

- 4840. Bishop And Annual Conference For Pakistan, To Be Included With North Africa In Central Conference; E.D.M. Shafi, Indus River Annual Conference

**MEMORIALS 4841 AND 4842 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH**

- 4841. Disarmament And United Nations Charter Review; Board Of World Peace; Genesee Annual Conference, Bernice C. Mahaley, Secretary
- 4842. Continuation Of Inter-Board Committee On Christian Social Relations; General Board Of World Peace; Charles F. Boss, Jr., Executive Secretary

**MEMORIAL 4843 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
CONFERENCES**

- 4843. Changes In Jurisdictional Conferences; Charles L. Swan, et al.; Michigan Annual Conference

**MEMORIALS 4844 TO 4868, INCLUSIVE, "MINIMUM SALARY FOR
MINISTERS," HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

- 4844. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Dell Rapids, South Dakota
- 4845. Franklin Hubbard; Rock River Annual Conference
- 4846. Robert O. Smith; Ohio Annual Conference
- 4847. Official Board; First Methodist Church; Stilwell, Oklahoma
- 4848. K. N. Calkin; First Methodist Church; Old Hickory, Tennessee; Holston Annual Conference
- 4849. Mrs. Charles Holcomb; Fort Gibson Methodist Church; Fort Gibson, Oklahoma
- 4850. Official Board; Evansville Methodist Church; Evansville, Tennessee; Holston Annual Conference
- 4851. Arthur Frary; Colorado Annual Conference
- 4852. Willis B. Hunting; First Methodist Church; Fenerville, Michigan
- 4853. D. E. Conrad; Lapel Methodist Church; Lapel, Indiana
- 4854. Official Boards; Churches On The Calvert City Charge; Memphis Annual Conference
- 4855. Official Board; Caretta Community Methodist Church; Caretta, West Virginia
- 4856. Official Board; Flatwoods Methodist Church; Flatwoods, West Virginia

- 4857. Clarence Hutchens; Byron Center Methodist Church; Byron Center, Michigan
- 4858. M. G. Lowman; Westwood Methodist Church; Cincinnati, Ohio
- 4859. Official Board; Holladay Methodist Church; Holladay, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
- 4860. Official Board; Heaven Methodist Church; Hot Springs, Arkansas
- 4861. H. C. Brewer; First Methodist Church; Mt. View, Arkansas
- 4862. Official Board; Sundance Methodist Church; Sundance, Wyoming
- 4863. Clay R. Smith; First Methodist Church; Hollywood, California
- 4864. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Second Methodist Church; Corbin, Kentucky
- 4865. Official Board; Solomon Methodist Church; Solomon, Kansas
- 4866. Official Board; Wassena Methodist Church; Wassena, Iowa
- 4867. Harry L. Carrier; First Methodist Church; Canton, Ohio
- 4868. Mrs. Grace L. Carrier; First Methodist Church; Canton, Ohio

**MEMORIALS 4869 TO 4928, INCLUSIVE, THE "LIMITATION OF
TERM EPISCOPACY," HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY**

- 4869. Official Board; Longview Methodist Church; Longview, Mississippi (SE)
- 4870. Official Board; Manitoc Methodist Church; Manitoc, Oklahoma
- 4871. Ethra Gander; North Clayton Methodist Church; Clayton, Wisconsin
- 4872. J. Philip Moss; Gradyville Methodist Church; Gradyville, Kentucky
- 4873. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Lebanon Methodist Church; Huntington Circuit, Memphis Annual Conference
- 4874. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris; Louise Methodist Church; Louise, Mississippi (SE)
- 4875. Joseph Dibley; Detroit Annual Conference
- 4876. Carroll G. Warner, Jr.; Baltimore Annual Conference
- 4877. Lay Activities Board; Centerton Methodist Church; Centerton, Arkansas
- 4878. O. B. Weaver; First Methodist Church; Cleo Springs, Oklahoma
- 4879. Neal Ereckman; Chester Methodist Church; Chester, Nebraska
- 4880. F. K. Clabough; Secretary (no address given)
- 4881. Mrs. C. R. Plummer; First Methodist Church; Monrovia, California
- 4882. Clarence R. Plummer; First Methodist Church; Monrovia, California
- 4883. B. C. McWhorter; Court Street Methodist Church; Hattiesburg, Mississippi (SE)
- 4884. Mrs. D. B. Millikin; Chester Methodist Church; Chester, Nebraska
- 4885. W. C. Rhea; Chester Methodist Church; Chester, Nebraska
- 4886. Woman's Society of Christian Service; Spring Hill Methodist Church; Whigham, Georgia (SE)
- 4887. J. E. Lackey, Jr.; Whigham Methodist Church; Whigham, Georgia (SE)
- 4888. G. S. Hicks; Quinwood Methodist Church; Quinwood, West Virginia
- 4889. Official Board; Coal Hill Methodist Church; Coal Hill, Arkansas
- 4890. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; New Hampton Methodist Church; New Hampton, Missouri

- 4891. Mrs. Bessie M. Murray; Clinton Methodist Church; Clinton, Illinois
- 4892. Official Board; Trinity Methodist Church; Greensboro, North Carolina (SE)
- 4893. Official Board; Mineral Springs Methodist Church; Cobleshill, New York
- 4894. Official Board; Dorloo Methodist Church; Dorloo, New York
- 4895. Minnie L. Duncan; First Methodist Church; Clinton, Illinois
- 4896. Official Board; Twenty-Fourth Street Methodist Church; Detroit, Michigan
- 4897. Myrtle Hoffman; Lodge Pole Methodist Church; Lodge Pole, Nebraska
- 4898. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hupp; First Methodist Church; Fairmont, West Virginia
- 4899. Mrs. Bess Dresser; First Methodist Church; Center, North Dakota
- 4900. Glen Dunbar, et al.; Rock River Annual Conference
- 4901. Official Board; Huttonsville Methodist Church; Huttonsville, West Virginia
- 4902. Church School; Ruby Methodist Church; Ruby, South Carolina (SE)
- 4903. J. B. Pfaff; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 4904. E. M. Kramer; Fulton Methodist Church; Fulton, Michigan
- 4905. Mrs. Ervin Green; Leonidas Methodist Church; Leonidas, Michigan
- 4906. Official Board; Alix Methodist Church; Alix, Arkansas
- 4907. H. W. Gandlin; St. John's Methodist Church; Anderson, South Carolina (SE)
- 4908. Mrs. C. F. Wandell; Coyle Methodist Church; Coyle, Oklahoma
- 4909. Harold H. Wampler, Sr.; Clever Methodist Church; Clever, Missouri
- 4910. Paul Evans; Wills Creek Methodist Church; Hyndman, Pennsylvania
- 4911. Pauline R. Butler; Uniontown Methodist Church; Uniontown, Ohio
- 4912. Official Board; Reddick Methodist Church; Reddick, Illinois
- 4913. Official Board, Ladies Chapel Methodist Church, Greensburg, Kentucky
- 4914. Official Board; Wellington Methodist Church; Wellington, Illinois
- 4915. Lillian Schaub; First Methodist Church; Oakes, North Dakota
- 4916. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; First Methodist Church; Newman, Georgia (SE)
- 4917. David M. Donnan; First Methodist Church; Rolla, Missouri
- 4918. Woman's Society Of Christian Service; John Wesley Methodist Church; McDaniel, Maryland
- 4919. Methodist Youth Fellowship; Needham Methodist Church; Needham, Indiana
- 4920. Woman's Society of Christian Service; Needham Methodist Church, Needham; Indiana
- 4921. Charles E. Schneeberger; Lenexa Methodist Church; Lenexa, Kansas
- 4922. Official Board; Needham Methodist Church; Needham, Indiana
- 4923. Official Board; Arlington Methodist Church; Arlington, Nebraska
- 4924. R. W. Van Houtes; First Methodist Church; Oakes, North Dakota
- 4925. Official Board; Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church; Clinton, Kentucky

- 4926. Official Board; Salem Methodist Church; Clinton, Kentucky
- 4927. Official Board; Jackson's Chapel; Wingo, Kentucky
- 4928. Curt Cook; First Methodist Church; Arlington, Nebraska

MEMORIALS 4929 TO 4976, INCLUSIVE, "MINIMUM SALARY FOR MINISTERS" HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 4929. Official Board; Tremont Methodist Church; Tremont Methodist Church; Tremont, Indiana
- 4930. Official Board; Black Mountain Methodist Church; Black Mountain, North Carolina (SE)
- 4931. Earl H. Toy; First Methodist Church; Marble, Minnesota
- 4932. Official Board; Merrillean Methodist Church; Merrillean, Wisconsin
- 4933. W.S.C.S.; Trinity Methodist Church; Henrietta, Missouri
- 4934. Ellis H. Dugger; First Methodist Church, Carterville, Ill.; Southern Illinois Annual Conference
- 4935. Official Board; Dalton First Methodist Church; Dalton, New York
- 4936. Official Board; LaMoelle Methodist Church; LaMoelle, Illinois
- 4937. J. P. McClendon; First Methodist Church; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4938. Official Board; Livingston Methodist Church; Columbus, Ohio
- 4939. Official Board; Second Methodist Church; Gloucester, New Jersey
- 4940. Raymond Hawkins; Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)
- 4941. Official Board; Parkway Methodist Church; Memphis, Tennessee, Memphis Annual Conference
- 4942. Official Board; Gates Methodist Church; Gates, Tennessee; Memphis Annual Conference
- 4943. Official Board; Olustee Methodist; Olustee, Oklahoma
- 4944. Ruth K. Dodsworth; Hyde Park Community Church; Cincinnati, Ohio
- 4945. Official Board; Stone Avenue Methodist Church; Monroe, Louisiana (SC)
- 4946. Mrs. Marjorie Cummings; East Lake Methodist; Birmingham, Alabama
- 4947. Official Board; Walker Chapel, Leon Charge; Robertsburg, West Virginia
- 4948. Board Of Stewards; Moniter Methodist Church; Moniter, Oklahoma
- 4949. George D. Rees; Trinity Methodist Church; Chicago, Illinois
- 4950. G. W. Hoffman; Kentucky Annual Conference
- 4951. Congregation; Steward Methodist Church; Steward, Illinois
- 4952. Official Board; Smyre Methodist Church; Gastonia, North Carolina (SE)
- 4953. Ray B. Bressler; The Rose Hill Methodist Church; Rose Hill, Kansas; Central Kansas Annual Conference
- 4954. Allen Wilson; Bellevue Methodist Church; Gadsden, Alabama
- 4955. Official Board; Bayliss Chapel, Oloh Methodist Church; Sumrall, Route No. 3, Mississippi (SE)
- 4956. Quarterly Conference; Otsego, Methodist Church; Otsego, Michigan
- 4957. Official Board; East Cambridge Methodist Church; Cambridge, Ohio
- 4958. MYF; Needham Methodist Church; Needham, Indiana
- 4959. W.S.C.S.; First Methodist Church; Keyes, Oklahoma
- 4960. Official Board; Bethel Methodist Church; Van Dyke, Michigan

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- 4961. Thornton R. Lobb—not given.
- 4962. Mrs. Nora Cox; Carbondale Methodist Church; Carbondale, Ohio
- 4963. Howard T. Warner; First Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
- 4964. Official Board; Aredale Methodist Church; Aredale, Iowa
- 4965. Official Board; Ayrshire Methodist Church; Ayrshire, Iowa
- 4966. E. B. Johnson; Trinity Methodist Church; Clio, Mississippi (SE)
- 4967. Mrs. Earl Seamands; Moorefield Charge; Moorefield, Kentucky
- 4968. Official Board; Salem Methodist Church; Westfield, Indiana
- 4969. T. E. Miller; First Methodist Church; Salem, Ohio
- 4970. Carrie E. Gage; Derby Methodist Church; Derby, Vermont
- 4971. Katharine M. Warner; First Methodist Church; Geneva, Ohio
- 4972. William F. Jackson; The Methodist Church; DuQuoin, Illinois
- 4973. Mrs. A. L. Heidelberg; Silver City Methodist Church; Silver City, Mississippi (SE)
- 4974. Donald C. Dalke; Pittsburgh Annual Conference
- 4975. W.S.C.S.; Needham Methodist Church; Needham, Indiana
- 4976. Official Board; Bethel Methodist Church; Cohortah, Michigan

MEMORIALS 4977 TO 4981, INCLUSIVE, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- 4977. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mrs. B. S. Reed, Silver City Methodist Church; Silver City, Mississippi (SE)
- 4978. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Official Board; Guyton Methodist Church; Guyton, Georgia (SE)
- 4949. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Russell L. Richardson; Whitestown Methodist Church; Whitestown, Indiana
- 4980. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Commission on Missions; First Methodist Church; Godfrey, Illinois
- 4981. Minimum Salary For Ministers; Mrs. W. E. Payne; West Hamlin Methodist Church; West Hamlin, West Virginia

MEMORIALS 4982 AND 4983, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- 4982. Limited Term For Episcopacy; Official Board; Mt. Vernon Methodist Church; J. A. Cline, President, Hartman, Arkansas
- 4983. Required Training For Ministers; Commission Of Executive Secretaries And Board Of Presidents. Methodist Conference On Christian Education; H. D. McGrath, Secretary

MEMORIAL 4984 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

- 4984. Emphasis Of Spiritual Values; Official Board; Mt. Vernon Methodist Church; J. A. Cline, President, Hartman, Arkansas

MEMORIALS 4985 AND 4986 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

- 4985. The Right Of Provisional Annual Conferences Of The Central Conferences To Send Ministerial And Lay Delegates To General Conference; Philippines Annual Conference, Jose L. Valencia, Secretary
- 4986. Allow The Central Conference Of Southeastern Asia To Elect A Bishop For That Area; Burma Annual Conference: George R. Beadon, Secretary

STEWART CLENDENIN, *Chairman*
BRUNNER M. HUNT, *Secretary*

11. SIFTING COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

Adopted May 2, 1956. See Journal, page 455.

M, 7; P, 7; F, 7; A, 0; N, 0

Chairman: Bruce L. Middaugh (Erie—NE).

Secretary: Lester L. Keyser (*) (Southwest Texas—SC).

Sifting Committee. There shall be a Committee of seven to whom shall be referred, without motion or debate, all questions, proposals, Resolutions, communications, or other matters not included in the regular business of The General Conference, as set forth in this Plan of Organization. This Committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by The Conference. If matters of the nature above described shall be introduced in open Conference without having been approved by this Committee, the Presiding Officer shall, as soon as he shall have discovered the character of the same, refer all such matters to this Committee without reading, and the same shall not be publicized in the *Daily Advocate* unless and until they have been approved and presented to The Conference by the Sifting Committee; *provided*, however, that should the Sifting Committee determine that any matter referred to it should not be brought before The Conference for consideration, then if a petition signed by twenty, or more, Members of The Conference shall be presented to The Conference requesting consideration, unless a two-thirds vote of the Members of The Conference present and voting shall refuse consideration, the matter shall be referred by the Sifting Committee to a Standing Committee of its choice.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (11) page 167, Journal. Editor)

Committee Personnel

Bosley, Harold A. (Rock River—NC)

James, D. Trigg, Sr. (Holston —SE)

Keyser, Lester L. (*) (Southwest Texas—SC)

Lane, Frank L. (*) (Texas—C)

Middaugh, Bruce L. (Erie—NE)

Thonger, William G. (Belgian—OS)

Young, Joe M. (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W)

REPORT NO. 1. SIFTING

Adopted Wednesday, May 2, 1956. See Journal, page 455.

Whereas, The Methodist Church has always been sensitive to humanitarian need and suffering; and

Whereas, Methodists have a Denominational Responsibility in the plight of thousands of Chinese refugees who have fled in recent years their homeland; and

Whereas, the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 in its present form has not brought adequate relief to this particular group;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That, The General Conference of The Methodist Church assembled at Minneapolis, Minnesota, respectfully requests the Congress of the United States at its present session to revise the above-mentioned legislation so as to make available at least 5,000 additional United States visas under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 for Chinese refugees residing in Hong Kong and other consular areas in the Far East.

Bishop, we have this Resolution that has come before the Committee. We present it to you and would like a second, and then I should like to ask Dr. Warfield to speak briefly to it.

BRUCE L. MIDDAGH, *Chairman*
LESTER L. KEYSER (*), *Secretary*

12. TELLERS

Secretary: Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia—SE).

Section A: Glen W. Frye (*) (Michigan—NC).

Section B: Richard W. Campbell (*) (Central Pennsylvania—NE).

Section C: M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington—C).

Section D: Dillon W. Throckmorton (California-Nevada—W).

(For complete personnel of Tellers, see Journal, page 29.)

Tellers. There shall be a Committee of Sixty, to act as Tellers for the purpose of reporting on Count Votes and Ballots ordered by The General Conference. The Tellers shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have Reserve Tellers in such number as The Council of Bishops may deem proper.

(See Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (12) page 168, Journal. Editor)

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ATTENTION IMPORTANT

REPORTS OF STANDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

All proposed deletions of Paragraphs in the 1952 *Discipline* are set forth in the Standing Legislative Committee Reports in *italic style type*.

All changes in legislation proposed in Committee meetings and adopted by the separate Standing Legislative Committees for presentation to The General Conference for its consideration of and action on, are set forth in the Reports in **Bold Face Type, Capitals and lower case**.

All amendments to the Reports, proposed by any Member of The General Conference, and accepted by the Chairman of the respective Standing Legislative Committees, no objection being raised by any Member of the Committee, or by any Member of The General Conference, appear in the Reports in **BOLD FACE TYPE, CAPITALS**.

All amendments to the Reports proposed by any member of The General Conference, and adopted by The General Conference, appear in **BOLD FACE TYPE, CAPITALS**.

Editor.

NO. 1. CONFERENCES

Chairman: C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE).

Vice-Chairman: Walter L. Hunt (*) (Wyoming—NE).

Secretary: James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia—C).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 43.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to The General, Jurisdictional, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences and Missions and the organization of the Local Church.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?)

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 78; F, 78; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR
TRANSFER OF CHURCHES OR ANNUAL CONFERENCES FROM
ONE JURISDICTION TO ANOTHER**

**MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2495, 2498, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2540,
3048, 3456, 3458, 3486, 3607, 3636**

**AMENDED, May 2, 1956, see Journal, Pages 458-460;
474-478.**

*Calendar No. 43. Adopted May 2, 1956, see Journal, Pages
457-469; 471-480.*

The Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by adding a new Article to be known as Article V of Division Two, Section VIII and to read as follows:

(a) A Local Church may transfer from one Annual Conference to another in which it is geographically located upon approval by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting in each of the following:

1. The Quarterly Conference of the Local Church.
2. A Church Conference of the Local Church.

3. Each of the two Annual Conferences involved.

The vote shall be certified by the Secretaries of the specified Conferences to the Bishops having supervision of the Annual Conferences involved, and upon their announcement of the required majorities the transfer shall immediately be effective.

(b) An Annual Conference may transfer from one Jurisdiction to another upon approval by:

1. The Annual Conference desiring transfer, by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting. The Secretary of the Conference shall certify the vote to the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction of which the Conference has been a part.
2. The remainder of the Jurisdiction from which transfer is to be made, by a 2/3 majority of the total of ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS present and voting. The vote shall be taken in the other Annual Conferences of the Jurisdiction and certified by their Secretaries to the College of Bishops which shall determine whether 2/3 of the total vote in the Jurisdiction is favorable.
3. The Jurisdiction to which transfer is to be made, by a 2/3 majority of the total of ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS present and voting. The vote shall be taken in the various Annual Conferences of the Jurisdiction and certified by their Secretaries to the College of Bishops which shall determine whether 2/3 of the total vote in the Jurisdiction is favorable.

THE VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF TRANSFER UNDER EITHER SUB-PARAGRAPH (A) OR (B) AND OF THE "ABOLITION OF THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION," UNDER SUB-PARAGRAPH (C), SHALL BE TAKEN BY EACH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT ITS FIRST SESSION AFTER THE MATTER IS SUBMITTED TO IT.

Upon announcement by the two Colleges of Bishops of the required majorities the transfer shall immediately be effective. Transfers under the provisions of this Article shall not be governed or restricted by other provisions of this Constitution relating to changes of boundaries of Conferences.

WHENEVER 25% OF THE LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED BY THIS PROCESS TO ANOTHER JURISDICTION OR JURISDICTIONS, THE BISHOP OF THE AREA FROM WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED SHALL BE TRANS-

FERRED TO THE JURISDICTION WHICH HAS RECEIVED THE LARGEST NUMBER BY SUCH TRANSFER, AND THE REPRESENTATION OF THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION ON THE BOARDS AND AGENCIES OF THE CHURCH SHALL THEREAFTER BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED.

(c) ABOLITION OF THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION

ARTICLE I OF DIVISION TWO SECTION VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH SHALL BE AMENDED BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF A NEW PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:

ABOLITION OF THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION: THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION SHALL BE ABOLISHED WHEN ALL OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES NOW COMPRISING IT HAVE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VOLUNTARY PROCEDURE OF ARTICLE V OF THIS SECTION. EACH REMAINING BISHOP OF THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION SHALL THEREUPON BE TRANSFERRED TO THE JURISDICTION TO WHICH THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF HIS AREA HAVE TRANSFERRED, AND THE CENTRAL JURISDICTION SHALL THEN BE DISSOLVED.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

(NOTE: The following action was taken by The General Conference, Wednesday Morning, May 2, 1956, relative to Report No. 1 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences. See Journal, page 480. Editor.)

Form of Constitutional Amendment Relating to Transfer of Churches or Annual Conferences—C. Cooper Bell—Adopted

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE), Chairman of the Standing Committee on Conferences, made the following statement:—

Mr. Chairman and Members of The Conference: Just a moment before we pass to No. 2. As we have it now, this is in the form of three Amendments. It occurs to us that it will help tremendously before the Annual Conferences to expedite this, if you will give your approval by letting the three be three Divisions of one Amendment to be sent down to be voted on in the Annual Conferences.

C. Cooper Bell (Virginia—SE) then moved that the form of the proposed Amendment No. 9 to the Constitution of The Methodist Church shall consist of the three divisions

(a), (b) and (c), as set forth in Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on Conferences, just adopt, being considered as the three divisions of one Amendment.

The motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

Just before adjournment of the morning session of Wednesday, May 2, 1956, the following announcement was made by the Secretary of The General Conference. See Journal, page 493.

Constitutional Amendments—Time of Voting—Lud H. Estes

Lud H. Estes (Memphis—SE), Secretary of The General Conference, made the following important announcement:—

“Some confusion has arisen in regard as to when the Constitutional Amendments will be available for the consideration of and action on by the Annual Conferences as many of the Annual Conferences will be meeting very shortly after the adjournment of The General Conference.

The Constitutional Amendments will be sent down in ample time and you are to take action on them after you have received the Amendments from the Secretary of The General Conference.”

REPORT NO. 2. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 78; F, 68; A, 8; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: COMMISSION TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND ACTION CONCERNING THE JURISDICTIONAL SYSTEM

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS., Bosley Resolution, Frazer Resolution and 2532, 2542, 3087, 3093, 3192, 3196, 3197, 3198, 3215,

3449, 3460, 3479, 3487, 3488, 3625, 3628

AMENDED, May 2, 1956, see Journal, Pages 482; 503.

Calendar No. 44. Adopted May 2, 1956, see Journal, Pages 481-486; 497-503.

The Committee recommends the following Resolution for adoption:

In response to the numerous Memorials and Resolutions before this General Conference requesting a study of the structure of the Jurisdictional System, and to implement the recommendations contained in the Episcopal Addresses of 1952 and 1956;

“In our world, our nation, and our Church, however, racial discrimination and segregation do exist. As sincere follow-

ers of our Lord it is our business to help free our world and our nation from these evils. But it is more immediately our imperative duty to confess our failure to achieve God's will in Methodism and then resolutely to set about achieving a Christian brotherhood in the Church that will be free from racial discrimination and segregation . . .

"The Union of the three branches of Methodism has strengthened our fellowship through understanding and united devotion to a common task. We believe that within the organizational framework of the United Church ARE to be found effective procedures for the development of Christian brotherhood.

"Notable advances have been made under our present organizational structure. However, seventeen eventful years have passed since the long-to-be-remembered day when three separate bodies of Methodism dedicated themselves to be one Church. New issues have arisen and new duties confront the Church.

"The Council of Bishops, therefore, recommends that a Commission large enough to be truly representative of all our people be constituted by this General Conference for the purpose of studying the Jurisdictional Structure of the Church, its philosophy and its effectiveness and that it report its findings with recommendations to the 1960 session of The General Conference. Through this medium we believe that a way can be charted to advance the Church steadily toward the fulfillment of the Christian imperative for racial relations."

We hereby recommend that The General Conference of 1956 **AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF** a "Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System."

A. This Commission shall be composed of one Minister and one Lay person from each Jurisdiction for each 500,000 church members or major fraction thereof, with a minimum of three Ministers and three Lay persons from each Jurisdiction. Members of the Commission shall be elected by this General Conference upon nomination by The Council of Bishops after consultation between the Bishops and the Chairmen of the Annual Conference Delegations within their respective Jurisdictions. Officers of the Commission shall be elected by the Commission from the above named and elected Members. The membership shall also include twelve Bishops, two from each Jurisdiction and twelve additional Laymen, two from each Jurisdiction, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Confer-

ence. There shall be a Convenor appointed by the Council of Bishops **WHO SHALL CONVENE THIS COMMISSION WITHIN SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.** Vacancies occurring during the Quadrennium shall be filled by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs.

B. The responsibilities and authority, of this Commission shall be as follows:

1. To make a thorough study of our Jurisdictional System, with special reference to its philosophy, its effectiveness, its weaknesses and its relationship to the future of The Methodist Church.
2. To carry on studies and conduct hearings in all the Jurisdictions on racial segregation in The Methodist Church and all other problems related to the Jurisdictional System.
3. To develop courses of action directed toward greater inter-racial brotherhood and the spirit of Christian love.
4. In the performance of its duties this Commission shall draw upon the resources of other Agencies of The Methodist Church to assist in such research.
5. To distribute to the churches such facts and information during the Quadrennium as may be deemed helpful to the work of this Commission and of value to the Church.
6. To report its findings and recommendations to The General Conference of 1960, and which Report shall be printed and distributed to the Delegates of said General Conference at least three months prior to the convening of The Conference.

C. That the Memorials and Resolutions presented to and/or adopted by this General Conference dealing with the Structure of the Jurisdictional System may be referred to this Commission.

D. It is recommended that this Legislation be referred to the Council on World Service and Finance for adequate financing for the work of this Commission during the Quadrennium of 1956-1960.

	Bishops	Laymen
NE— 8	2	2
SE—10	2	2
NC— 8	2	2
SC— 8	2	2
C— 6	2	2

W— 6	2	2
46	12	12=70

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 80; F, 79; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CHURCHES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 538 OF THE 1952 *Discipline*

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2468, 2526, 3205, 3445

Calendar No. 89. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 862.

Resolved That The General Conference approve the transfer of Mitchell Memorial Church of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, from the Washington Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction, to the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Northeastern Jurisdiction, as soon as all of the requirements of Paragraph 538 of the 1952 *Discipline* have been met, and

That such Enabling Act or Acts as may be necessary be adopted by this General Conference.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 78; F, 77; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CHURCHES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 538 OF THE 1952 *Discipline*

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3455

Calendar No. 90. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 862.

Resolved That The General Conference approve the transfer of Quayle Methodist Church of Salina, Kansas, and St. Mark's Methodist Church of Wichita, Kansas, from the Central West Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction, to the Central Kansas Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction, as soon as all of the requirements of Paragraph 538 of the 1952 *Discipline* have been met, and

That such Enabling Act or Acts as may be necessary be adopted by this General Conference.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 78; F, 77; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CHURCHES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 538 OF THE 1952 *Discipline*

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3476

Calendar No. 91. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 862.

Resolved That The General Conference approve the transfer of Scott Memorial Methodist Church, Denver, Colorado, from the Central West Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction to the Colorado Annual Conference, Western Jurisdiction, as soon as all of the requirements of Paragraph 538 of the 1952 *Discipline* have been met, and

That such Enabling Act or Acts as may be necessary be adopted by this General Conference.

• C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 70; F, 70; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL LAY MEMBERS IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL Nos. 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 3472

AMENDED May 7, 1956, see Journal Page 911.

Calendar No. 125. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 911.

The Committee recommends the following:

The Constitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by inserting in Section VII, Annual Conferences, Paragraph 21, Article 1, 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, after the first sentence, the following sentence, "EACH PASTORAL CHARGE SERVED BY MORE THAN ONE MINISTER IN FULL CONNECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO LAY MEMBERS." so that Paragraph

21 of the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, as amended, will read:—

“Section VII. Annual Conferences, Paragraph 21. Article 1. The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the traveling preachers in Full Connection with it, together with a Lay Member elected by each pastoral charge. **EACH PASTORAL CHARGE SERVED BY MORE THAN ONE MINISTER IN FULL CONNECTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO LAY MEMBERS.** The Lay Members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent Churches forming this union, of The Methodist Church.”

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 70; F, 70; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: UNIFYING WORK OF BOARDS OF WORLD PEACE,
TEMPERANCE, AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2491, 2502, 3483, 3484, 3587, 3592

*Calendar No. 126. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 913.*

The Committee recommends insertion of a new Paragraph in the “*Discipline*” to follow the present Paragraph 643, as follows:

“An Annual Conference may, if it so desires, unify into one Board of Christian Social Relations the functions and concerns of any two or all of the following Boards: Board of World Peace, Board of Temperance, and Board of Social and Economic Relations.”

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 49; F, 46; A, 3; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: EARLIER MEETING DATE FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL No. 3040

*Calendar No. 225. NOT ADOPTED. May 7, 1956. See
Journal, Pages 914; 934.*

Article II of Division Two, Section I (Par. 6) of the Con-

stitution of The Methodist Church shall be amended by substituting for the words "*in the month of April or May*" the following: **between January first and June first**, so that the Paragraph would then read:

Article II of Division Two, Section I (Par. 6). The General Conference shall meet **between January first and June first** once in four years, beginning with such year and at such place as shall be fixed by The Uniting Conference, and thereafter at such time and in such place as shall be determined by The General Conference or by its duly authorized Committees.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 9. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 60; F, 59; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN "COMMISSION ON FINANCE"

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3051, 3108

Calendar No. 226. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 917.

The Committee recommends changes to the following Paragraphs and Sub-paragraphs of the 1952 "*Discipline*":

(1) Par. 143. Amend by inserting a new Sub-paragraph to be numbered 8 reading as follows:

8. The Director of Stewardship who shall be a member of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance.

The Sub-paragraph presently numbered 8 to be renumbered 9 and sub-paragraph 9 to 10.

(2) Insert a new Paragraph on page 95 of the "*Discipline*" to be numbered 240 reading as follows:

Par. 240. In the cultivation and promotion of Christian Stewardship the Commission shall function under the leadership of its Director of Stewardship, and in harmony with the directives of the General Board of Lay Activities in accordance with Paragraphs 1520, 1522 and 1523.

The Paragraph presently numbered 240 to be renumbered 241, Paragraph 241 to be 242, Paragraph 242 to be 243, Paragraph 243 to be 244.

(3) Section VI on page 240 which now reads The Commission on Finance shall be changed to read "The Commission on Stewardship and Finance."

(4) Paragraph 239. Amend by deleting in lines 1 and 2 the words *Commission on Finance* and substituting the words **Commission on Stewardship and Finance**. Also in line 3 after the word "Board" add the words, **promote and cultivate Christian Stewardship**.

The Paragraph thus amended will read:

Par. 239. There shall be in every Local Church a Commission on **Stewardship and Finance** which shall, under the authority and direction of the Official Board **promote and cultivate Christian Stewardship** and promote and administer the financial program of the church. The Commission shall be composed of not fewer than three elective Members, and as many more as may be determined by the Quarterly Conference (Par. 144). In addition, the following shall be *ex-officio* Members: the Pastor, Church Lay Leader, Financial Secretary, Church Treasurer or Treasurers, **Director of Stewardship**, and Chairman of the Commission on Missions. **The Chairman of the Commission shall be elected annually by the Quarterly Conference**. The Commission shall elect a Secretary and such other Officers as it may determine.

(5) Par. 246. Delete Sub-paragraph presently numbered 2 which reads as follows:

The Committee on Christian Stewardship, which shall correlate and promote Stewardship in the Local Church, as planned and set forth by the General Board of Lay Activities. (Par. 1520-23.)

Sub-paragraphs presently numbered 3 to 14 shall be respectively renumbered 2 to 13 inclusive.

(6) Par. 1521. Delete the Paragraph which reads as follows:

1521. A Committee on Christian Stewardship for each Local Church may be elected annually by the Official Board. The Pastor and the Lay Leader shall be ex-officio Members of the Committee. The Committee shall correlate and promote Stewardship in the Local Church in harmony with the plans of the General Board. It shall report to the Official Board, and to the Quarterly Conference when so requested. (See Par. 246.2)

Paragraphs presently numbered 1522 and 1523 to be renumbered 1521 and 1522 respectively.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 57; F, 57; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRMEN BY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2503, 3036, 3043, 3052, 3080, 3219, 3474, 3475, 3614, 3057

Calendar No. 227. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 917.

The Committee recommends that the following changes be made in the 1952 "*Discipline*":

(1) Par. 143. After "Conference" in the first line insert **"preferably the fourth"** and after "annually" in the first line insert **"to serve from the beginning of the ensuing Conference year:"** so that the sentence when amended shall read: **"The Quarterly Conference, preferably the fourth, shall elect annually, to serve from the beginning of the ensuing year, the following Officers for the Pastoral Charge on nomination of the Committee on Nominations, or on nomination of the Pastor if there is no such Committee (Pars. 142.3, 145.1), unless otherwise provided in the "Discipline"; or it shall authorize the Annual Church Conference to elect such Officers, in which case it shall issue a call for an Annual Church Conference for that purpose (Par. 32, 197-200); provided that in no case shall the privilege of making nominations from the floor be denied.**

(2) Par. 143. After section 4 of this Paragraph insert a new Paragraph which shall read as follows:

5. The Chairman of the four Commissions: Membership and Evangelism, Education, Missions and Stewardship and Finance.

Renumber remaining sections of Paragraph 143.

(3) Par. 143.5. Delete this section 5 which reads as follows: *The Church-School Superintendents. (For the election of the Assistant and Divisional Superintendents of the Church School by the Quarterly Conference see Par. 229, Sec. 1b. See also Par. 362 Sec. 15e.)*

Insert the following for the deleted section:

6. The Church School Superintendent, Membership Cultivation Superintendent, and the Division Superintendents of the Church School(s). (See Pars. 229.1 and 362.15e.)

(4) Par. 221. Delete Section 2 which reads as follows: *"At the beginning of each Conference year the Pastor shall*

call together the Members of the Commission for organization. The Commission shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and such other Officers and Committees as may be determined."

Substitute for it the following:

At the beginning of each Conference year the Chairman, who was elected at the Fourth Quarterly Conference, shall call together the Members of the Commission for organization. The Commission shall elect a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and such other Officers and Committees as may be determined.

(5) Par. 224. Delete from the last sentence the words "*a Chairman*," so that it shall read:

The Commission shall elect annually from its membership a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and such other officers as it may determine.

(6) Par. 236. Delete from the last sentence the words "*a Chairman*," so that it shall read:

The Commission shall organize by electing annually a Secretary and such other Officers as it may determine.

(7) Par. 239. Delete from the last sentence the words "*a Chairman*," so that it shall read:

The Commission shall elect annually a Secretary and such other Officers as it may determine.

Also add at the end of Par. 144, the following sentence:

The Chairmen of all Commissions shall be elected, (upon the nominations of the Committee on Nominations or of the Official Board or Pastor, as above) at the same time the Members of the Commissions are elected.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 57; F, 56; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: LOCAL CHURCH COMMISSIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2467, 2500, 2501, 2523, 3035, 3053, 3065, 3092, 3111, 3448, 3462, 3469, 3473, 3482, 3588, 3611, 3622, and 3633.

Calendar No. 228. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 917; 934.

The Committee recommends the following:

(1) Paragraph 246-11, amend to rename "*The Committee on Social Life*," **The Committee on Social and Recreational Activities.**

(2) Amend Paragraph 219 as follows:

(a) Delete the first sentence which reads as follows: "*Four phases of activity are essential to the spiritual life and ministry of every Local Church: Evangelism, Education, Missions and Finance.*"

(b) Delete words beginning with "definite" in fifth line through and including the words "these four" in the sixth line, which reads as follows: "*definite provision is made for continuous participation in these four*"

Substitute the following words in their place: **There is set up a minimum structure for participating in four of the**

(c) After the word "Universal" in the sixth line delete the period "." add a comma and the words **Evangelism, Education, Missions, and Stewardship, and Finance.**

(d) Substitute the word "**phases**" in place of "*essentials*" for the second word in line nine.

(e) Delete the words "*Social and Recreational Activities*" beginning in line 17 and substitute the words **Christian Social Relations.**

(f) Add the words **Pastor and the** after the word "The" at the beginning of the last sentence beginning on line 22.

(g) Add the following sentence at the end of the Paragraph which would begin on line 23, **in addition to the minimum structure, the four mandatory Commissions, every Official Board should organize to carry out an effective program, such additional Committees (Paragraph 246) as may be needed to effect a broad coverage of the manifold interests of the church**

Paragraph 219 will then read as follows:

No Local Church, however small, is adequately and effectively organized unless **there is set up a minimum structure for participating in four of the** major concerns of the Church Universal, **Evangelism, Education, Missions, and Stewardship, and Finance.** To the Official Board, in co-operation with the Pastor, is especially committed the promotion and administration of these **phases** of the Church's life and ministry. It shall be the duty of the Board to give continuous leadership and oversight therein, through four Commissions, duly constituted, whose respective duties are herein-after defined (Paragraphs 220-43);

- (1) The Commission on Membership and Evangelism;
- (2) The Commission on Education;
- (3) The Commission on Missions;

(4) The Commission on **Stewardship and Finance**; provided that, when desired, a Commission on Worship and a Commission on *Christian Social Relations* may also be constituted for the promotion and supervision of these concerns of the Church. Each Commission shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference, or by the Board if the Quarterly Conference fails to do so, and shall be auxiliary to the Board. **The Pastor** and the Church Lay Leader shall be *ex-officio* Members of each Commission. **In addition to the minimum structure (the four mandatory Commissions), every Official Board should organize, to carry out an effective program, such additional Committees (Paragraph 246) as may be needed to effect a broad coverage of the manifold interests of the church.**

- (3) Delete Paragraph 145, 8, which reads as follows:

"The Committee on Social and Economic Relations, which shall co-operate with the General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference Boards of Social and Economic Relations."

(This Committee is being transferred to Paragraph 219 as an optional Commission.)

(4) Par. 246, 4, delete Sub-paragraph 4 which reads as follows: *"The Committee on Christian Vocations, which shall be composed of the Pastor, a Layman elected by the Quarterly Conference, a representative of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Superintendent of the Church School, and the Superintendent of the Youth Division. It shall co-operate with the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations. It shall be the duty of this Committee to see that the philosophy of Christian vocation and the opportunities in Church Vocations are regularly presented to the youth and adults of the church; to advise interested young people and adults of the necessary qualifications for all Church Vocations; and to give encouragement and guidance to candidates for the Pastoral Ministry, and other Church-related Vocations. The Committee shall report annually to the fall meeting of the Quarterly Conference and to the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations."* And make this Paragraph 145.8.

Renumber Paragraphs presently numbered 246.5 to 246.14 as 246.4 to 246.13.

- (5) In Chapter VI, "Official Board" add a new Section

VII following Paragraph 243, P. 97 which shall be titled "Optional Commissions."

Paragraph 244. Commission on Christian Social Relations. The Commission shall be composed of not less than three persons and as many more as the Quarterly Conference may determine. The Pastor, Church Lay Leader, Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Chairmen of Committees on Temperance, World Peace and Social and Economic Relations shall be *ex-officio* Members.

The Commission shall co-ordinate activities in the areas of Social and Economic Relations, Temperance, World Peace, and Community Co-operation.

The Chairman shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference. The Commission may elect a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and such other Officers as may be necessary.

Renumber the other Sections of Chapter VI.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 50; F, 38; A, 12; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: A PLANNING MEETING OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3629

Calendar No. 229. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 918.

The Committee recommends the following change in the 1952 *Discipline*.

Paragraph 215.6, following "the church"; in line 3, add the following:

To devote at least one full meeting each year, either a regular or a called meeting, to plan carefully the Total Program of the Local Church, and to decide what further can be done to make the program in the Local Church more effective.

The amended Sub-paragraph will then read:

Under the direction of the Pastor, to plan and approve the program and work of the Local Church; to promote the spiritual and temporal interests of the church; to devote at least one full meeting each year, either a regular or a called meeting, to plan carefully the Total Program of the

Local Church, and to decide what further can be done to make the Program of the Local Church more effective; to discharge faithfully any and all duties and responsibilities committed to the Board by the Quarterly Conference or by the law of the Church; to take such action as it may determine to be for the well-being and progress of the church; provided that all such actions shall be in harmony with the provisions of the "Discipline."

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 50; F, 50; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF STEWARDS TO FILL VACANCIES
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4646

*Calendar No. 230. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 918.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in the 1952 *Discipline*.

Chapter VI, Part II, Paragraph 208, line 16, after "election" insert the sentence **vacancies may be filled by the Quarterly Conference, in special or regular session; and under no circumstances shall Stewards be elected by the Official Board.** The Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 208. Stewards shall be persons of genuine Christian character who love the church and are competent to administer its affairs. The elective Stewards shall be not less than eighteen years of age and shall be elected annually by the Quarterly Conference at the regular session next preceding the regular session of the Annual Conference, on nomination of the Committee on Nominations (P. 145, S. 1), or of the Pastor if the Quarterly Conference does not constitute such Committee; or they may be elected by the Members of the Local Church eighteen years of age and older at a Church Conference called for that purpose as may be arranged by the Quarterly Conference (P. 199). Stewards-elect shall take office at the beginning of the Conference year following their election; *provided* that in cases where a Steward is elected to fill a vacancy in the Board he shall take office immediately after election. **Vacancies may be filled by the Quarterly Conference, in special or regular session; and under no circumstances shall Stewards be elected by the Official Board.** Each Local Church shall be entitled to

not fewer than three or more than thirty-five Stewards, exclusive of *ex-officio* and honorary Stewards; *provided* that in churches of more than five hundred members one Steward may be elected for each thirty additional members.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 58; F, 58; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3646; 4342

Calendar No. 231. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 918.

The Committee recommends the following changes in the 1952 *Discipline*.

Chapter VI, Part II, Paragraph 212, line 3, after "Treasurers (P. 242)," delete the word "*and*." In line 4, after "leader" (P. 262)," insert the words, **and, where desired, a Membership Secretary**, so that this Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Par. 212. The Board shall be organized annually by the election of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer or Treasurers (P. 242), a Church Lay Leader (P. 262), **and, where desired, a Membership Secretary**. These officers shall be elected by the members of the Board on the nomination of a Committee on Nominations. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 58; F, 52; A, 5; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3465, 3466

Calendar No. 232. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 918.

The Committee recommends the following changes in the 1952 *Discipline*.

Chapter V, Paragraph 196, Page 78, lines 3 and 4, delete the words "*The Pastor shall call such Conference and*

shall be its Chairman" and in their place substitute the following words:

The Pastor, or the Quarterly Conference, or the District Superintendent may call such a Conference and the Pastor or District Superintendent or Church Lay Leader may be the Chairman.

Also add the following words to the end of the Paragraph:

Provided, however, that not less than ten days' notice of and the main purpose for such meeting shall have been given in writing to the Members of the church or from the pulpit or in a weekly bulletin of the church.

So that the amended Paragraph reads as follows:

There may be a Church Conference of any Local Church, composed of the Members of such church who are eighteen years of age or over. **The Pastor, or the Quarterly Conference, or the District Superintendent may call such a Conference and the Pastor or District Superintendent or Church Lay Leader may be the Chairman.** The Conference shall elect a Secretary whose minutes shall be reviewed by the Committee on Records and made a part of the Quarterly Conference Records. The Conference may review the work of the church and adopt plans for the promotion of various phases of the church's work, subject to the limitations of the *Discipline*, *provided, however, that not less than ten days' notice of and the main purpose for such meeting shall be given in writing to the Members of the church or from the pulpit or in a weekly bulletin of the church.*

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: TENURE OF OFFICE ON BOARDS, ETC.

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3650

Calendar No. 233. WITHDRAWN May 7, 1956. See Journal Page 918.

The Committee recommends that Paragraph 1104 of the 1952 *Discipline* be amended by changing the word "*eight*" to *twelve* in line 3 of said Paragraph and deleting the words *and shall not be retroactive* appearing at the end of the Paragraph so that the amended Paragraph shall read as follows:

Par. 1104. Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or Council, except The Council of Bishops and The Judicial Council, shall be limited to **twelve** consecutive years; *provided*, however, that this limitation shall take effect from The General Conference of 1952.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT ON REPRESENTATION OF THE
BOARDS IN GENERAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3070

*Calendar No. 234. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 919.*

The Committee recommends that:

Paragraph 501.2 of the 1952 *Discipline* be amended by adding at the end of said section the following: "This provision shall be limited to one Secretary for each Board with the exception that in cases where the work of a Board is divided into Divisions by the *Discipline* and the Board elects separate Executive Secretaries for each of its Divisions, then each Division shall be entitled to be represented. In the event a Board by formal action shall request that it be represented by an Associate Secretary rather than by the regularly elected General Secretary, such request may be granted"; so that Paragraph 501.2 shall read:

Paragraph 501.2. General Secretaries of the General Boards of the Church who are not elected members of The General Conference shall have the privilege of the floor on matters affecting the interests of their Boards, but without vote and at the expense of their respective Boards. This provision shall be limited to one Secretary for each Board with the exception that in cases where the work of a Board is divided into Divisions by the *Discipline* and the Board elects separate General Secretaries for each of its Divisions, then each Division shall be entitled to be represented. In the event a Board by formal action shall request that it be represented by an Associate Secretary rather than by the regularly elected General Secretary, such request may be granted.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

**SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE ON
CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4842

*Calendar No. 235. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 919.*

Subject matter of Memorial 4842 was covered in Report No. 2 of the Co-ordinating Council, adopted by The General Conference.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 49; F, 49; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON LOCAL CHURCH

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3220, 3221, 3447, 3618, 3621

*Calendar No. 236. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 919.*

The Committee recommends, that:

Par. 1320, page 331, 1952 *Discipline* be amended by adding at the end of the Paragraph these words, "Board of Missions through the General Section of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and any other General Board or Agency for which The General Conference may hereafter provide a Commission in the Local Church"; so that the Paragraph when amended shall read:

Paragraph 1320. There shall be an Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church, whose function shall be to act as the Co-ordinator of the Policies and Activities of its Boards, namely: the Board of Education and its Divisions, the Board of Evangelism, and the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Missions through the General Section of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and any other General Board or Agency for which The General Conference may hereafter provide a Commission in the Local Church.

Paragraph 1321, page 311, reading as follows, is deleted:

¶ 1321. *The membership of the Commission shall be com-*

posed of eighteen persons—six from each of the three Boards, consisting of the Chairman and five other persons from its Executive Committee elected by each Board.

Substitute the following:—

The membership of the Commission shall be composed of six members from each of the said Boards, consisting of the Chairman and five other persons from its Executive Committee elected by each Board.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 65; F, 65; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: CHALLENGE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3031

Calendar No. 237. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 919.

Subject matter of Memorial 3031 was covered in the Quadrennial Program adopted by The Conference.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 62; F, 43; A, 18, N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF BISHOPS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3471

Calendar No. 238. Adopted, May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 919.

This is substitute for Memorial No. 3471.

The Committee recommends that Paragraph 532 of the 1952 *Discipline* be amended by adding the words "as to assignments" after the word "recommendation" in the next to the last line so that the sentence will read

"The Committee shall report their recommendations as to assignments to the Jurisdictional Conference for final action.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 22. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3617

Calendar No. 239. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 920.

The Committee recommends the following: In Paragraph 1541 for the words "*young people under twenty-five years of age,*" substitute the words **young people twenty-three years of age or under, nominated by the Council of the Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship.**"

Add to the Paragraph at its close the following sentence: **"Among the Officers elected shall be a Chairman of the Board who shall be responsible for direction of the Program of Temperance in the Annual Conference."**

Add to Paragraph 1542 the following:

"with proper consideration of the need for an active, Methodist program of Alcohol-Narcotic Education in the churches of the Annual Conference. It is recommended that at least 50% of the Budget of the Annual Conference Board of Temperance be used for this purpose."

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman;*

JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 23. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 45; F, 45; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: YOUTH MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3290

Calendar No. 240. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 920.

The Committee recommends the following: Amend paragraph 1541 by substituting for the words, "*two of whom shall be young people under twenty-five years of age,*" the words: **"two of whom shall be young people twenty-three years of age or under, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Program Area of Christian Citizenship of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship."**

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman;*

JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 24. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 45; F, 45, A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3470

Calendar No. 241. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 920.

The Committee recommends the insertion of a new Paragraph immediately after Paragraph 643, as follows: **There may be in any Annual Conference an Annual Conference or Inter-Board Council, composed of representatives of all Conference Boards and Commissions, the Bishop and his Cabinet, other Administrative Officers, and other Agencies as the Conference may determine, for the purpose of correlating the planning and promotion of the Program of the Church."**

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 25. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP OF INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3627

Calendar No. 242. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 920.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the privilege requested, that of a Methodist Minister who is an Institutional Chaplain transferring his Conference membership to the Annual Conference in which the institution is located, is already provided for in Par. 431, Section 7, and Par. 432, Section 4, of the 1952 *Discipline*.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 26. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 50; F, 49; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR MISSIONARY MINISTER

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3612

Calendar No. 243. Adopted and Referred to the Commission

on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, May 7, 1956.

See Journal, Pages 920; 942.

The Committee recommends the following:

Paragraph 1192 add to section 1 the following: "A Missionary Minister who so desires may maintain membership without annuity claim in the Annual Conference from which they are sent, while at the same time exercising active relationships to the Annual Conference on the field during the periods they are in Missionary service."

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;

JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 27. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 44; F, 43; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 4647

Calendar No. 244. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 921.

The Committee recommends the following: Amend Paragraph 791 by changing the word "*members*" in lines 7 and 9 to the word "**persons**."

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;

JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 28. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 48; F, 33; A, 15; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: FORM FOR THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2935

Calendar No. 255. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 921.

The Committee recommends that Paragraph 651 of the *Discipline* be revised to read as follows:

Par. 651. The business of the Annual Conference shall be to inquire:

I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (Par. 630, Sec. 3 and Par. 803): Secretary? Statistician? Treasurer?

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? (Par. 625.)

3. a) What Officers handling funds of the Conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? (Par. 637, Sec. b) Have the books of said Officers or persons been audited? (Par. 637, Sec. 3.)

4. Have the Boards, Commissions, or Committees been appointed or elected? (Par. 630.) a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? b) Committee on Conference Relations? c) District Committees on Ministerial Qualifications? d) Committee of Investigation? e) District Boards of Location and Building? f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? g) Commission on World Service and Finance? h) Town and Country Commission? i) Conference Deaconess Board? j) Conference Board of Missions? k) Conference Board of Education? l) Conference Board of Temperance? m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? o) Conference Board of Evangelism? p) Board of Pensions? q) Commission on Christian Vocations? r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? s) Committee Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? t) Conference Advance Committee? u) Other Committees, Commissions, or Boards?

5. Have the Secretaries, Treasurers, and Statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? (Par. 637, Sec. 2.)

6. What is the report of the Statistician?

7. What is the report of the Treasurer?

8. What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts?

9. What is the schedule for Minimum Support for Pastors? (Par. 826.)

10. What is the Plan and what are the Approved Claims for the support of the District Superintendents for the ensuing year? (Par. 801-2.)

11. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants?

12. What are the Apportionments transmitted by the Council on World Service and Finance to this Conference: a) For World Service? b) For Episcopal Fund? c) For General Administration Fund? d) For Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund? e) What is the percentage di-

vision between World Service and Annual Conference Benevolences for the current year: World Service? Annual Conference?

13. What amount is apportioned to this Conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund?

14. What are the Reports, recommendations, and the Plans of the Boards of the Conference: a) What is the Report of the Board of Pensions, and what appropriations for Conference Claimants are reported and approved? (Par. 1623.) b) What is the Report of the Conference Board of Missions of disbursements of Missionary Aid within the Conference? (Par. 1295-99.) c) What is the Report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (Par. 791-809.) d) What is the Report of the Commission on Christian Vocations? (Par. 643.) e) What are the other Reports?

15. What Methodist Institutions or Organizations are approved by the Conference for Annuity Responsibility? (Par. 1618-2c, 11.)

16. What date is determined for Golden Cross Enrollment? (Par. 1569.)

17. a) Who is Conference Lay Leader? (Par. 1504.) b) What is his Report? c) Who are District and Associate District Lay Leaders? (Par. 1509.)

II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

18. Are all the Ministerial Members of the Conference blameless in their life and official administration?

19. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? (Par. 931.)

20. Approved Supply Pastors: a) Who are the Approved Supply Pastors? (Par. 315.) b) What Approved Supply Pastors now under Full-time Appointment are taking the Conference Course of Study: (1) in the First Year? (2) In the Second Year? (3) In the Third Year? (4) In the Fourth Year? c) What Approved Supply Pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of Full-time Service during the past year? (Par. 1631.)

21. What Preachers, coming from other Evangelical Churches, have had their Orders recognized? (Par. 411.) a) As Local Deacons? b) As Local Elders?

22. Who have been received from other Evangelical churches as Traveling Preachers? a) As Members on Trial: Deacons? Elders? b) As members in Full Connection: Deacons? Elders?

23. Who are Received On Trial: a) In studies of the First Year? b) In studies of the Third Year under the Seminary Rule? c) Exempt from Course of Study under the Seminary Rule?

24. Who are Continued on Trial: a) Continued in studies of the First Year? b) Advanced to studies of the Second Year? c) Continued in studies of the Second Year? d) Exempt from Course of Study under the Seminary Rule?

25. Who on Trial are Discontinued?

26. Who are Admitted into Full Connection?

27. What Full Members are in studies: a) Of the Third Year? b) Of the Fourth Year?

28. What Full Members have failed to complete the Studies: (Par. 346) a) Of the Third Year? b) Of the Fourth year?

29. What Full Members have completed the studies of the Fourth Year?

30. Who have been elected Deacons: a) As Local Preachers? b) As Members on Trial in the Course of Study? c) Under the Seminary Rule? d) Under the Missionary Rule?

31. Who have been ordained Deacons?

32. Who have been elected Elders: a) As Local Preachers? b) As Local Deacons who have been Received on Trial? c) As Conference Members in the Course of Study? d) Under the Seminary Rule? e) Under the Missionary Rule?

33. Who have been ordained Elders?

34. Relative to accommodation Transfers: a) For Ordinations? b) For Reception on Trial? c) For Reception into Full Membership?

35. Who are Readmitted: a) As Deacons? b) As Elders?

36. What Retired Members have been made Effective?

37. Who have been received by Transfer?

38. Who have been Transferred out?

39. Who have had their Conference Membership terminated: a) By Voluntary Location? b) By Involuntary Location? c) By Withdrawal? d) By Judicial Procedure (expelled)?

40. Deceased: a) What Ministerial Members have died

during the year? b) What Deaconesses have died during the year? c) What Supply Pastors have died during the year?

41. Who are Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (Par. 365.)

42. Who are granted Sabbatical Leave? (Par. 364.)

43. What Ministerial Members have been Retired: a) This year? b) Previously?

44. What Approved Supply Pastors have been Retired: a) This year? b) Previously?

45. Who are left without Appointment to attend school?

46. What is the number of: a) General Information: Pastoral Charges? Approved Supply Pastors? Received on Trial? Received into Full Connection? Transfers in? Transfers out? On Sabbatical Leave? Received from other Evangelical Churches? Readmitted? Discontinued? Withdrawn? Expelled? Located? Deceased? Local preachers? Number of women under Episcopal Appointment? Number of Retired men serving as Supply Pastors? Number of District Parsonages? (Total value; indebtedness?) Number of Charges transferred from Central Jurisdiction: Previously; Membership. This year: Membership. b) Ministers: 1) On Trial: (a) As Pastors? (b) Under Special Appointment? (c) Left without Appointment to attend school? Total on Trial? 2) In Full Connection: (a) Effective: As Pastors and District Superintendents? Under Special Appointment? Left without Appointment to attend school? On Sabbatical Leave? (1) Total Effective? (b) Retired? (c) Supernumerary? c) Total of all Ministers?

47. What other personal notation should be made?

(Note:—See Report No. 3 Temporal Economy, page 1732. Editor)

III. Concluding Business

48. What are the detailed objectives of this Conference for the coming year?

49. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

50. Is there any other business?

51. Where are the Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 29. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: JURISDICTIONS: ABOLITION, AMEND PAR. 538,
STUDY COMMISSION, INTEGRATION, JURISDICTIONAL SYSTEM,
RETENTION, SEGREGATION, TRANSFER OF CHURCHES, MISCEL-
LANEOUS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. See listing

*Calendar No. 256. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 921.*

The Memorials listed below by serial numbers have been carefully studied by the Committee on Conferences. It is recommended by the Committee that all of these Memorials be referred to the 1956-60 Quadrennial Commission to Study and Recommend Action on the Jurisdictional System.

Abolition of Central Jurisdiction: 2490, 2492, 2496, 2497, 2524, 2533, 3078, 3081, 3094, 3095, 3096, 3097, 3098, 3454, 3459, 3461, 3582, 3598, 3604, 3605, 3609, 3610, 3637, 4349, 4441.

Amend Paragraph 538: 2495, 3458, 3607, 3636.

Commission to Study: 3197, 3201, 3449, 3460, 3479, 3487, 3488, 3625, 3628.

Integration: 2493, 2494, 2525, 3034, 3071, 3087, 3093, 3192, 3193, 3194, 3195, 3198, 3450, 3451, 3452, 3583, 3590, 3634, 3635, 3642, 4340, 4443, 4652.

Jurisdictional System: 2480, 2532, 2542, 3050, 3082, 3215, 3315, 3457, 3581, 3596, 3597.

Retention of Jurisdictional System: 2463, 2464, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2528, 2536, 2539, 2541, 3038, 3083, 3085, 3105, 3106, 3107, 3109, 3211, 3217, 3599, 3606, 3620, 3630, 3639, 3640, 3641, 3651, 3652, 3653, 4327, 4330, 4331, 4332, 4335, 4339, 4345, 4350, 4439.

Segregation: 3084, 4333, 4338.

Transfer of Churches: 2498, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2540, 3048, 3218, 3453, 3463, 3456, 3486, 3594, 3657, 4329, 4334.

Miscellaneous: 3044, 3061, 3322, 3608, 3644, 3654, 4351, 4428, 4843.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 30. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 57; F, 42; A, 13; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: RATIO OF REPRESENTATION OF DELEGATES TO
GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. See Report

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 928, 929.

*Calendar No. 257. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Pages 922-927; 934.*

Referred to Committee on Conferences from the floor of
The General Conference, having been presented by the Com-
mittee of Chairmen.

Upon consideration of the motion presented on the floor
of The Conference by Nolan B. Harmon and referred by The
Conference to the Committee, and in an effort to guard
against the election of more Delegates to the 1960 General
Conference than permitted by Div. II of Sec. I, Art. I, of
the Constitution *Discipline* Par. 53, we recommend that in
Par. 501 of the *Discipline* the word "seventy" in the first
sentence shall be changed to "seventy-five" so that the sen-
tence shall read:

"The General Conference shall be composed of one min-
isterial member for every **seventy-five** Ministerial Members
of each Annual Conference and one additional member for
a majority fraction thereof and an equal number of Lay
Members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot and by a
majority vote," **IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ENLARGE THE LIMITATION OF THE GENERAL CON-
FERENCE IS NOT RATIFIED BY THE ANNUAL CON-
FERENCES.**

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman;*

JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 31. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 80; F, 79; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CHURCHES TO ANNUAL CONFER-
ENCES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS UNDER PAR. 538 OF THE
1952 "*Discipline*"

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2526

*Calendar No. 258. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 931.*

Concurrence same as Report No. 3, Calendar No. 89, page
377, *Daily Christian Advocate.*

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman;*

JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 32. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 80; F, 79; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CHURCHES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS UNDER PAR. 538 OF THE 1952 "Discipline"

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3477

Calendar No. 259. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 931.

Concurrence same as Report No. 3, Calendar No. 89, page 377, *Daily Christian Advocate*.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 33. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: FULL PARTICIPATION IN CENTRAL JURISDICTION BY LIBERIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2465

Calendar No. 260. Referred to The Judicial Council, May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 931.

The Committee recommends that The General Conference refer this Memorial to The Judicial Council for decision.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 34. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: CREATION OF NEW EPISCOPAL AREA IN THE NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3046

Calendar No. 261. Referred to Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 932.

The Committee recommends that this Memorial be referred to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 35. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

**SUBJECT: DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF PROVISIONAL
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3468

*Calendar No. 262. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 932.*

In order to provide practical, efficient and more economical administration in a Provisional Annual Conference the Committee recommends: to amend Par. 608 of the *Discipline*, 1952, by eliminating the words "*where there are two or more Districts*" and adding the words "**providing he is a member of the said Provisional Annual Conference,**" so that the sentence shall read:

"The Superintendent may also be District Superintendent, **providing he is a member of the said Provisional Annual Conference.**"

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman;*
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 36. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 49; F, 29; A, 19; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

**SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION ON INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE ON
CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4347

*Calendar No. 263. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 932.*

The Committee recommends concurrence with the following amendment to Chap. VII, Sec. VI, Par. 1415.2 (page 358), of the 1952 *Discipline*.

Delete the last five lines at the bottom of the page, which read "*one representative of the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, one representative of the Board of World Peace, one representative of the Board of Lay Activities, and one representative of the Board of Evangelism, to be selected by their respective Agencies,* and substitute the following: "**one representative each from the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, the Board of World Peace,**

the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Temperance, the Commission on Chaplains, and the Board of Evangelism, to be selected by their respective Agencies"; so that the Paragraph shall read:

Par. 1415.2. The Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations shall be composed of three Bishops, to be selected by The Council of Bishops; four representatives of the Board of Missions, four representatives of the Board of Education, two representatives of the Board of Hospitals and Homes; **one representative each from the Association of Methodist Theological Schools, the Board of World Peace, the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Temperance, the Commission on Chaplains, and the Board of Evangelism, to be selected by their respective Agencies;** the Directors of the Section on Ministerial Education; and the Secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;

JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 37. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 49; F, 39; A, 10; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION FOR
LARGE DISTRICTS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4348

*Calendar No. 264. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 932.*

The Committee recommends revision of Paragraph 704 of the 1952 *Discipline* by adding to the first sentence of the Paragraph the following words: *provided that in Districts of great geographical extent, an additional Board may be so elected.*

The amended Paragraph 704, first sentence, shall read:

There shall be in each District of an Annual Conference a District Board of Church Location and Building consisting of the District Superintendent, three Ministers, and three Laymen nominated by the District Superintendent and elected annually by the Annual Conference, *provided that in Districts of great geographical extent, an additional Board may be so elected.*

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;

JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 38. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 51; F, 51; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: HARMONIZING LEGISLATION ON ELECTING DELEGATES TO JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3212

Calendar No. 265. REFERRED to the Commission to Study and Recommend Action Concerning the Jurisdictional System, May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 933.

The Committee concurs in the recommendation to delete Paragraphs 523 and to substitute for them a new Paragraph 523 which is stated hereinafter.

The Paragraphs to be deleted are:

Paragraph 523. The Ministerial Delegates shall be elected by ballot by the Ministerial Members of the Annual Conferences; provided that such Delegates shall have been traveling preachers in The Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election, and shall be in Full Connection with the Annual Conference electing them when elected and at the time of holding The General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Paragraph 524. The Lay Delegates shall be elected by ballot by the Lay Members of the Annual Conference; provided that such Delegates shall be at least twenty-five years of age, and shall have been members of The Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election, and shall be Members thereof within the Annual Conference electing them.

The new Paragraph shall be as follows:

Paragraph 523. The Ministerial and Lay Delegates and Reserves to the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be elected by ballot in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. (Pars. 23-25.)

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman;*
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 39. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 51; F, 51; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: PASTOR'S REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2764, 2766, 4362, 4363

Calendar No. 266. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 933.

The Committee recommends that these Reports be re-

ferred to the Committee on Statistical Forms.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 40. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: CHANGE OF RULE IN HANDBOOK REGARDING
MEMORIALS RELATING TO STRUCTURE AND SUPERVISION OF
CENTRAL AND PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. See Report

*Calendar No. 267. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 933.*

Referred to the Committee on Conferences by Eugene L. Smith, Bishop W. Angie Smith and Leon T. Moore.

Your Committee recommends approval of the request of Eugene L. Smith, General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, and of Bishop W. Angie Smith and Leon T. Moore, respectively Chairman and Secretary of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas, to delete the words "*Central, Provisional Central*," found in line three of (1) Conferences, Handbook For Delegates, 1956, page 198, so that the paragraph as amended, will read,

(1) Conferences. To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to The General, Jurisdictional, Annual, Provisional Annual, District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences, and Missions, and the organization of the Local Church.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 41. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: NAME OF DETROIT AREA

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3207

*Calendar No. 268. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 933.*

No action required.

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 42. CONFERENCES

M, 87; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. See List

*Calendar No. 270. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 933.*

The Committee moves non-Concurrence on the following Memorials: 2499, 2506, 2518, 2527, 2529, 2534, 2538, 2683, 2759, 2803, 2929, 2946, 2961, 3037, 3039, 3042, 3049, 3058, 3060, 3062, 3064, 3066, 3069, 3072, 3073, 3074, 3075, 3076, 3077, 3086, 3089, 3090, 3099, 3103, 3142, 3191, 3208, 3209, 3210, 3213, 3214, 3216, 3446, 3478, 3481, 3486, 3490, 3595, 3600, 3602, 3603, 3623, 3624, 3629, 3638, 3645, 3646, 3649, 3658, 3694, 4336, 4341, 4342, 4343, 4346, 4496, 4639, 4640, 4642, 4643, 4645, 4650, 4651.

(There may be others)

C. COOPER BELL, *Chairman*;
JAMES P. BRAWLEY (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 2. EDUCATION

Chairman: J. Earl Moreland (*) (Virginia—SE).

Vice-Chairman: M. LaFayette Harris (Lexington—C).

Secretary: Dennis V. Snapp (*) (Kentucky—SE)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 45.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Education and to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 68; F, 68; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: GENERAL AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE TELEVISION,
RADIO AND FILM COMMISSIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2878, 3238

AMENDED May 4, 1956. See Journal, page 653

*Calendar No. 19. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 652.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter XVIII of the 1952 *Discipline* as requested by the Radio and Film Commission:

In Par. 1590. 1. after the word the delete *a* and insert the words **an incorporated television**. After *Church* add a new sentence as follows: **The headquarters of the Commission shall be in Nashville, Tennessee**, so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 1590. 1. There shall be **an incorporated Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church. The Headquarters of the Commission shall be in Nashville, Tennessee.**

Delete Par. 1591:

¶ 1591. *There may be a Conference Radio and Film Commission in the Annual Conference, appointed by the presiding Bishop and Cabinet, which, in co-operation with the Program Boards and Agencies in the Conference, shall have for its purpose the promotion, use, and production of mass communications media, including radio, television, and audio-visual education materials. The Commission shall be composed of one person from each District, who shall also act as District Director of Television, Radio, and Audio-visual education. The Commission shall be related to the General Radio and Film Commission and to Jurisdictional and Area Organizations which have responsibility in this field. The Commission shall organize by electing a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. It may request funds from the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.*

and substitute the following:

Par. 1591. *There shall be a Conference Television, Radio and Film Commission in each Annual Conference. The Commission, in co-operation with the Program Boards and Agencies in the Conference, shall have for its purpose the promotion, use, and production of mass communications media, including radio, television, and audio-visual education materials and the training of selected persons in the Local Churches for effective use of these materials.*

The Commission shall be composed of one District Superintendent designated by the Bishop; five persons whose experience and training qualify them for this service, elected by the Annual Conference; three members of the Conference Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, including the Executive Officer appointed by the Commission; the Executive Officers of the Conference Boards of Education, Missions, and Evangelism; the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and the Conference Lay Leader.

*Any member of the General Television, Radio and Film Commission or of a Jurisdictional Television, Radio and Film Commission residing in or holding membership in the Annual Conference shall be an *ex-officio* Member.*

The Commission shall be related to the General Television, Radio and Film Commission and to Jurisdictional and Area Organizations which have responsibility in this field. The Commission shall organize by electing a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. It may request funds from the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

There may be in each Jurisdiction a Jurisdictional Tele-

vision, Radio and Film Commission auxiliary to the General Television, Radio and Film Commission.

Where desired, the Officers of the Annual Conference Television, Radio and Film Commissions within an Episcopal Area may, at the request of the Bishop, function as the Area Television, Radio and Film Commission.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 75; F, 74; A, 1; N, 0

AMENDED May 4, 1956. See Journal, Pages 654; 659.

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1956

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3356

*Calendar No. 29. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Pages 654-661.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter VII, Section II, 1952 *Discipline*, Pars. 1351-1359, pages 338-341. Change Par. 1351, Sub-paragraph 1, as follows: After "higher" in the first sentence delete *theological*. At the beginning of the next sentence change *It* to **The Division**; after "relationship to all" insert **Educational Institutions affiliated with The Methodist Church** and add a colon; after "Wesley Foundations" delete *affiliated with The Methodist Church* and insert **in the United States**. After "it may" delete *act* and insert **serve**; delete *Educational Institutions in the United States, its territories and dependencies, owned or supervised by the several Agencies of The Methodist Church* and insert **several Agencies of the Church owning or administering Educational Institutions**.

Make no change in Sub-paragraph 2.

In Sub-paragraph 3 change *two* to **three**; change *Sections* to **Departments**; after the colon delete *the Section of*, after "Higher Education" delete *and the Section of*, and after "Ministerial Education" insert **and College and University Religious Life**. The second sentence in Sub-paragraph 1 of Par. 1352 shall become the second sentence in Sub-paragraph 3 of Par. 1351 with the following changes: omit *To this end it shall organize and maintain two Sections*, and insert **It shall**; omit **for their operation, and**.

Par. 1351 as amended will read:

Par. 1351. 1. There shall be a Division of Educational Institutions, which shall represent The Methodist Church in all activities connected with secondary, higher, and ministerial education. The **Division** shall have an advisory relationship to all **Educational Institutions affiliated with The Methodist Church**; universities, colleges, schools, theological schools, and Wesley Foundations **in the United States**. Upon request it may serve in an advisory capacity to the **several Agencies of the Church owning or administering Educational Institutions**.

2. The principal objectives of the Division shall be: (a) to develop an educational plan and purpose which shall definitely relate the Educational Institutions of the Church to the Church; (b) to foster within these Institutions the highest educational standards and soundest business practices; and (c) to create and maintain an atmosphere in the Institutions conducive to the development of a Christian philosophy of life to the end that all members of the college and university communities may possess a knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith, and that students may emerge from their educational experiences prepared to witness to the Gospel in every area of life.

3. The Division shall operate through **three** constituent **Departments**: Secondary and Higher Education, Ministerial Education, and **College and University, Religious Life**. It shall engage personnel, appoint such Commissions and Committees and adopt such regulations as necessary for the discharge of its responsibilities.

In Paragraph 1352 add a colon after "Institutions" and transfer the figure "1." from the beginning of the Paragraph to a new Sub-paragraph beginning with the words "shall devise" and ending with "the Church." Delete the second sentence beginning with the words *To this end*.

Insert as Sub-paragraph 2 the following: **Shall elect, upon nomination of the General Secretary, Directors for each of the Departments, and such other Staff Members as are needed for the operation of the Division.**

Change Sub-paragraph 2 to Sub-paragraph 3 and omit *The Board through this Division*.

Change Sub-paragraph 3 to Sub-paragraph 4 and delete *The Board through this Division*; after "shall" omit *have* and substitute **maintain**; after "financial support" change the period to a comma, delete *It shall* and add the word **and**; after "In-service Programs" delete *for* and add **of education for Preachers including Local Preachers and Approved**; delete *and for persons engaged in the regular Ministry*.

Change Sub-paragraph 4 to Sub-paragraph 5 and delete *The Board through this Division.*

Par. 1352 as amended will read as follows:

Par. 1352. Subject to the approval of the Board of Education, the Division of Educational Institutions:

1. Shall devise ways and means to aid the Educational Institutions of the Church.

2. **Shall elect, upon nomination of the General Secretary, Directors for each of the Departments, and such other Staff Members as are needed for the operation of the Division.**

3. May establish and conduct schools in the United States in communities in which facilities for education are not adequately provided.

4. Shall **maintain** an advisory relationship to the theological schools in the planning of their educational programs and in the development of their financial support, **and develop and conduct In-Service Programs of Education for Preachers including Local Preachers and Approved Supply Pastors.**

5. Shall promote the religious training and activities of students at Institutions of The Methodist Church and of Methodist students at tax-supported and other institutions not related to The Methodist Church.

In Paragraph 1353 at the end of Sub-paragraph 1 after "may adopt" insert **and may appropriate available funds toward the support of Educational Institutions related to The Methodist Church.**

In Sub-paragraph 2 omit the entire first sentence which reads as follows, "*The Division shall give attention to the financial needs of the Institutions related to it and from funds available may make appropriations toward their support.*" Transpose "the Division" to the beginning of the second sentence, adding a comma thereafter; after "actual current" insert **financial**. Delete the entire last sentence beginning *In no case shall the Division aid an Institution which announces a change in its classification until the University Senate shall have approved a new classification.* Add (See Par. 1391.)

Make no change in Sub-paragraph 3.

In Sub-paragraph 4 of Paragraph 1353 delete *that the appropriation of Annual Conference funds shall be made only to* and insert **concerned with the appropriation of Conference Funds**; after "those" delete *approved*.

In Sub-paragraph 5 of Paragraph 1353 change the word *purpose* in the first sentence to **purposes**.

In Sub-paragraph 6 of Par. 1353 insert after "to sever" the words **or to modify**; at the end of the sentence after "with the Church" add **or violate the terms of any grant of new capital funds made by The Methodist Church.**

Par. 1353 as amended will read as follows:

Par. 1353. 1. The Division shall disburse such funds as are approved by the Board for the maintenance and promotion of the work committed to it under such rules as the Board may adopt **and may appropriate available funds toward the support of Educational Institutions related to The Methodist Church.**

2. **The Division**, in making appropriations for the support of Educational Institutions, shall give due consideration to the actual current **financial** needs of such Institutions as shown in carefully prepared Reports presented by them on forms provided by the Division. Appropriations to Institutions from funds at the disposal of the Division shall not debar those Institutions from soliciting aid from their supporting Conferences or from other sources. (**See Paragraph 1391.**)

3. The Division shall co-operate with The General and Annual Conferences in their efforts to provide the Institutions related to them adequate financial income for the operation of Accredited Educational Programs.

4. The Division shall recommend to Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Education **concerned with the appropriation of Conference Funds** those Institutions whose educational and religious aims and programs are in active accord with the policies of the Church as expressed in the *Discipline* and through special General Conference enactments. (**See Par. 1385.**)

5. The Division shall have power to administer under the rules and regulations of the Board any and all Funds, Gifts, and Bequests which have been or may be committed to the Board for the **purposes** of the Division; and subject to the approval of the Board, it may solicit or create Special Funds for its projects. The purposes for which the Funds are given and accepted shall be sacredly observed.

6. The Division may take such action as necessary to protect or recover the investment which it or an Annual Conference has made in capital funds to any Institution founded, organized, developed, or assisted under the direction or with the co-operation of The Methodist Church, should any such Institution discontinue operation or move to sever **or to modify** its connection with the Church **or violate the terms**

of any such grant of new capital funds made by The Methodist Church.

Insert as Sub-paragraph 1 of Paragraph 1354 the following sentence: **The Division shall, in co-operation with the University Senate, study population growth and trends and make recommendations to the Annual Conferences concerning the need for new Institutions of learning and the discontinuance, relocation, and merger of existing Institutions.**

Change Sub-paragraph 1 of Par. 1354 to Sub-paragraph 2. After "No Institution hereafter established or acquired shall" insert the words **be qualified for classification as a Methodist Institution or**; delete *and the University Senate shall have approved its proposed classification before the project was undertaken*, and insert at the end of the Sub-paragraph (See Par. 1391 and 1367.)

Change Sub-paragraph 2 of Paragraph 1354 to Sub-paragraph 3. In the first sentence change *No* to **An**; delete *an Annual Appropriation* and insert **Appropriations**. Delete *shall* and insert **which**; change *incur* to **incurs**. Delete the period in the next sentence and delete *Any such Institution failing to observe this regulation*, thus making one sentence.

Par. 1354 as amended will read as follows:

Par. 1354. 1. **The Division shall, in co-operation with the University Senate, study population growth and trends and make recommendations to the Annual Conferences concerning the need for new Institutions of learning and the discontinuance, relocation, and merger of existing Institutions.**

2. **No Institution hereafter established or acquired shall be qualified for classification as a Methodist institution or be aided by the Division unless the Division shall have been consulted and shall have approved the expenditures involved in the establishment or acquisition of such Institution. (See Par. 1391 and 1367.)**

3. **An Institution receiving Appropriations from the Division which incurs debt obligations—bonded or otherwise—for expansion programs without first submitting its proposed plans to the Division for consideration and counsel relinquishes its right to appropriations until the debt so incurred is liquidated.**

Paragraph 1355 shall be Sub-paragraph 1 of Paragraph 1355. Delete *the special problems of the Educational Institutions and effective operation of*; delete *further integrating* and insert **maximum integration of; after "Educational Institutions" change *with* to **within**; insert after "the Church's" the word **entire**.**

Par. 1356 shall be Sub-paragraph 2 of Paragraph 1355. Omit the entire first sentence. Begin the second sentence with **The Division** and insert a comma; after "the Annual Conferences" insert **and the Pastors of Local Churches** and delete *under the leadership of the Pastors it*; after "the contribution of" delete *Christian education* and insert **our Educational Institutions**; change *it has* to **the Institutions have**.

The third sentence of Paragraph 1356 shall be Sub-paragraph 3 of Par. 1355. The first word *It* shall be changed to **The Division**; delete *the special days*; insert a period after "Methodist Student Day" and delete *referred to in*. Insert the word **See** before "Par. 233" and enclose the remaining part of the sentence in parenthesis.

Par. 1355 as amended will read thus:

Par. 1355. 1. The Division, through such Officers, Committees, and Commissions as it may deem necessary, shall provide for the co-operative study of plans **for maximum integration** of the work of our Educational Institutions **within** the Church's **entire Program** of Christian education.

2. **The Division**, in co-operation with the Annual Conferences **and the Pastors of Local Churches**, shall bring to the attention of our members the contribution of **our Educational Institutions** to the life and character of youth, and the place **the Institutions have** in the preservation and propagation of Christianity.

3. The Division shall be responsible for promoting Race Relations Sunday, and Methodist Student Day. (See Par. 233, Sections 3 and 4, and Par. 1350.)

Make no change in Paragraph 1357.

In Par. 1358 delete *Student Loan and Scholarship Fund and other Funds established* and substitute **Student Loan Fund, the National Methodist Scholarship Fund, and other Grants and Bequests made to the Division**.

Par. 1358 as amended will read:

Par. 1358. The Division shall promote and administer **the Student Loan Fund, the National Methodist Scholarship Fund, and other Grants and Bequests made to the Division** for the aid of students in accordance with regulations recommended by the Division and adopted by the General Board of Education.

The first two sentences of Paragraph 1359 shall become Sub-paragraph 1 of Paragraph 1359. In the first sentence after "except those Institutions" insert **now**. The last sentence of Paragraph 1359 shall be rewritten as follows and

shall become Sub-paragraph 2 in Paragraph 1359. Delete *Special effort shall be made to secure permanent endowments for schools under the direction of the Division; and* and insert **The Division shall encourage such schools to secure adequate endowments for their support and maintenance.** Begin a new sentence with "whenever"; after "Whenever the" insert **General**; and after "Board" insert **of Education**; after "adequate and" delete *that their* and substitute **the**; after "perpetuated" delete *the schools* and insert **for Christian education under Methodist auspices and control**, it; delete *the* after "on"; change *be transferred* to **transfer the schools**; after "Boards of Trustees" add **under such conditions as the General Board of Education may prescribe including right of reversion to the General Board of Education.**

Par. 1359 as amended will read:

Par. 1359. 1. The Division shall be the Agency of the Board in administering Institutions for Christian education among Negroes, except those Institutions **now** owned by other Agencies. The Division shall have authority to recommend to the Board plans by which schools sponsored by it may co-operate with or may unite with schools of other Denominations or under independent control, provided the interests of The Methodist Church are adequately protected.

2. **The Division shall encourage such schools to secure adequate endowments for their support and maintenance.** Whenever the **General Board of Education** is assured that their support will be adequate and the property will be conserved and perpetuated **for Christian education under the auspices and control of The Methodist Church** it may, on the recommendation of the Division, **transfer the schools to Boards of Trustees under such conditions as the General Board of Education may prescribe including right of reversion to the General Board of Education.**

The following changes are recommended in Part VII, Chapter VII, Sect. III, 1952 *Discipline*, Pars. 1363-1370, pages 341-344.

In the heading of Section III change *Section* to **Department**, so that the heading as amended will read: **Department of Secondary and Higher Education.**

Delete Paragraph 1363:

¶ 1363. *In the Division of Educational Institutions there shall be a Section of Secondary and Higher Education. The membership of this Section may be divided into two Departments, the one to have primary supervision over the work with Institutions of Secondary and Higher education and*

the other over the work with students at college and university campuses.

and substitute an entirely new Paragraph so that Paragraph 1363 will read as follows:

Par. 1363. The Department of Secondary and Higher Education shall have primary responsibility for the work of the Division as described in Paragraphs 1352-59 insofar as they relate to schools, colleges, and universities.

Delete Paragraph 1364.

¶ **1364.** *The Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions shall be the Director of the Section and shall have the administrative responsibility for it. He shall have charge of the relationship of the Section to colleges, universities, and other Educational Institutions of The Methodist Church, except the theological schools. The Division shall elect, upon nomination of the Executive Secretary, an Associate Director whose primary responsibility shall be the work of The Methodist Church for students at college and university campuses, including the Wesley Foundation Program (¶¶ 1367-68).*

Change Par. 1365 to Par. 1364. Change **Section** to **Division**. This Paragraph as amended will read:

Par. 1364. In its work with students the **Division**, in cooperation with Annual Conferences shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To organize and maintain Wesley Foundations at State and independent Institutions.
2. To assist Methodist Institutions of Higher Education in their religious activities.
3. To study the religious needs of students, assist in evangelistic work among students, and enlist suitable candidates for full-time religious vocations.

Change Par. 1366 to Par. 1365. Delete *Campus-Church Relations Committee, or a Wesley Foundation Board of Directors (Par. 1368, No. 2)*, and insert **Governing Body for the Student Work**; change the period to a comma and add **as follows**: Delete the entire second sentence beginning *Qualifications for membership*.

Insert the following which shall be designated Sub-Paragraph 1: **For the Wesley Foundations, there shall be a Board of Directors as described in Paragraph 1367, sub-paragraph 2.**

The following shall be Sub-paragraph 2 of Paragraph 1365: **For the Methodist Institution of Higher Learning,**

there shall be a Campus-Church Relations Committee (or Executive Committee on Religious Life). Qualifications for membership shall be determined by the Institution in consultation with the Division.

The following shall be Sub-paragraph 3 of Paragraph 1365: For other Institutions, there shall be a Campus-Church Relations Committee nominated by a local Methodist body and elected by the Annual Conference Board of Education.

Par. 1365 as amended shall read:

Par. 1365. There shall be a **Governing Body** for the **Student Work** in every college community where The Methodist Church is at work, as follows:

1. For the Wesley Foundations, there shall be a Board of Directors as described in Paragraph 1367, Section 2.

2. For the Methodist Institution of Higher Learning, there shall be a Campus-Church Relations Committee (or Executive Committee on Religious Life). Qualifications for membership shall be determined by the Institution in consultation with the Division.

3. For other Institutions, there shall be a Campus-Church Relations Committee nominated by a local Methodist body and elected by the Annual Conference Board of Education.

The first sentence of Paragraph 1367 shall become the first sentence of Paragraph 1366. After "A Wesley Foundation is" insert **the organized educational ministry of**; after "The Methodist Church" delete *at work*. Add the following sentences: **The character of this ministry shall be defined by the Division of Educational Institutions. Every Wesley Foundation shall be related in organization and program to The Methodist Church or churches in the immediate vicinity of the college or university community.** Transfer the balance of the Paragraph to the new Par. 1368.

Par. 1366 as amended will read:

Par. 1366. A Wesley Foundation is **the organized educational ministry of The Methodist Church at a State or independent college or university. The character of this ministry shall be defined by the Division of Educational Institutions. Every Wesley Foundation shall be related in organization and program to The Methodist Church or churches in the immediate vicinity of the college or university community.**

Change Paragraph 1368 to Paragraph 1367. In the first sentence of Sub-paragraph 1 change *Section* to **Division**; in the second sentence change *Section* to **Division**; in the third sentence change *Section* to **Division**. Sub-paragraph 2 remains unchanged.

Par. 1367 as amended will read:

Par. 1367. 1. The **Division** shall appoint a Commission on Standards for Wesley Foundations, which shall be the standardizing agency for all student work related to The Methodist Church at State and independent campuses in the United States. It shall be composed of six members of the **Division** and five persons, not members of the Board of Education, who are actively engaged in Wesley Foundation work, and who are fitted by training and experience to establish standards and evaluate the educational, religious, and financial program of Wesley Foundations. This Commission shall report to the **Division** the Wesley Foundations which meet the standards established by the Commission and therefore qualify for financial support from the General Board of Education and the Annual Conferences.

2. A Wesley Foundation, to be approved by the Commission on Standards for Wesley Foundations, shall have a Board of Directors composed of members from the local campus-church community and Members at Large representing the interests of the Annual Conference or Conferences. Board members shall be elected by the Annual Conference or Conferences on nomination of the Conference Board or Boards of Education. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the direction and administration of the foundation in accordance with the policies and standards established by the Conference Board or Boards and the General Board of Education.

Par. 1367 (with the exception of the first sentence) shall become Par. 1368. After "of Methodist students the" change *Section* to **Division**; after "conditions approved by the" change *Department* to **Division**; in the three following sentences, wherever the word *Section* appears it should be changed to **Division**.

Par. 1368 as amended will read:

Par. 1368. To fulfill its responsibility for the religious training and activities of Methodist students the **Division** may make appropriations for the maintenance of approved Wesley Foundations (under conditions approved by the **Division**) and other Organizations with similar purposes in the United States, which have been established or which may hereafter be established. The **Division** shall revise annually a list of approved Wesley Foundations which have met its requirements. A Wesley Foundation or other religious program in a Methodist or non-Methodist institution receiving financial aid shall submit annually Reports of its work and financial operations on forms provided by the

Division. Appropriations made by the Division toward the maintenance of religious work at any given Institution shall not preclude the solicitation of additional funds from supporting Conferences.

In the first sentence of Paragraph 1369 change *Section* to **Division**; in the second sentence change *Section* to **Division**; in the third sentence change *Section* to **Division**.

Par. 1369 as amended will read:

Par. 1369. In carrying out its responsibility for the operation and maintenance of religious work among Methodist students enrolled in institutions of higher education, the **Division** shall relate campus Christian Organizations on Methodist campuses, Wesley Foundations at State and independent colleges and universities, and such other Organizations as may be developed, to the Inter-Collegiate Christian movement known as the Methodist Student Movement. There shall be such State or similar Area Units, Regional and National, as the **Division** shall see fit to maintain. The **Division** shall publish such materials as are necessary to develop this work.

In the first sentence of Par. 1370 after "a given state" insert **or region**; at the end of the same sentence delete *in the State*. In the second sentence of Par. 1370 delete *Section of Secondary and Higher Education* and insert **Division of Educational Institutions**. Add this sentence: **The Inter-Conference Commission MAY elect a State or Regional Director of Student Work whose duties and responsibilities shall be determined by the Commission in co-operation with the Executive Secretaries of the Annual Conference Boards of Education involved.**

Par. 1370 as amended will read as follows:

Par. 1370. The Boards of Education of the Annual Conferences of a given State **or region** shall create at the beginning of each quadrennium an Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious Work to co-ordinate all inter-collegiate work of the Methodist Student Movement and to give general oversight to Student Work at the Institutions of Higher Learning. It shall have such powers and responsibilities as the Conference Boards of Education, in consultation with the **Division of Educational Institutions** shall delegate to it. **The Inter-Conference Commission MAY elect a State or Regional Director of Student Work whose duties and responsibilities shall be determined by the Commission in co-operation with the Executive Secretaries of the Annual Conference Boards of Education involved.**

The following change is recommended by the Committee in Part III, Chapter VI, Paragraph 432, Sub-paragraph 4, pages 136-137: That the words **Ministers of the Methodist Student Movement** be added to the Appointments listed in Paragraph 432, Sub-paragraph 4.

The following changes are recommended in Part VII, Chapter VII, Section X, Paragraph 1448, pages 368-369. In line 1 change *Executive* to **General**. After "to the Methodist Schools" delete *and*, and insert after "colleges" the words **and universities**.

After "schools and colleges within the Conference" insert **through the Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious work assist in supporting the Wesley Foundations and co-ordinating the Inter-collegiate Program of the Methodist Student Movement within the State or similar area**; Omit that part of Par. 1448 beginning in the fifth sentence with *District Superintendent relative to nominations* and continuing to the end of the Paragraph. After "consult with the" substitute **Inter-conference Commission relative to the duties of the State Student Director and his role on the Conference Staff; and with the District Superintendent relative to nominations for the District**.

Par. 1448 as amended will read:

Par. 1448. The General Secretary shall have responsibility for the general oversight and promotion of all the work of the Board and for the direction and supervision of its salaried and volunteer workers. He shall give leadership and direction to the Program of Christian Education in the Local Churches; give active co-operation to the Methodist schools, colleges and universities within the Conference; **through the Inter-Conference Commission on Student Religious Work assist in supporting the Wesley Foundations and co-ordinating the Inter-collegiate Program of the Methodist Student Movement within the State or similar area**; and help to integrate the work of Christian education as undertaken by the Local Church and by the schools and colleges. On nomination of the General Secretary, such other salaried and volunteer workers as the Board may deem necessary shall be elected annually. In the case of the Conference Directors of Youth Work the nomination shall be made after consultation with the responsible Officers of Conference Youth Organizations under the direction of the Conference Board of Education. The General Secretary shall consult with the **Inter-Conference Commission relative to the duties of the State Student Director and his role on the Conference Staff; and with the District Superintendent relative to nominations for the District**.

The following changes are recommended by the Committee in Part V, Chapter VII, Section IV, 1952 *Discipline*, Par. 1372-1380, pages 344-347.

In the first sentence of Par. 1372, Sub-paragraph 1, change *Section* to **Department**; delete *provide for* and insert **oversee**. At the beginning of the second sentence change *Section* to **Department**. In the third sentence delete *have authority to*; after "faculties of" delete *Methodist* and insert **the**; this third sentence shall then become the last sentence of Sub-paragraph 1 of Par. 1372. In the fourth sentence of Par. 1372, Sub-paragraph 1, delete *also have authority to*, after "select from the" delete *Association of*; after "six" delete *of its members* and insert **representatives to serve**; delete the rest of the sentence beginning with *to consider with it the fiscal affairs* and substitute **on all matters pertaining to the theological schools**; this then becomes the third sentence of Sub-paragraph 1. Insert thereafter the following new sentence: **The representatives, however, shall not participate in the allocation of Appropriations for theological schools.**

In the first sentence of Sub-paragraph 2 of Par. 1372, change *Executive* to **General**; after "a Director" insert **of theological education**; after "who shall" insert **be responsible for that part of the Program of the Division dealing with the educational preparation of men for the Traveling Ministry except those who are entering the Annual Conferences through the Courses of Study. (See Par. 323.)** Before "serve as a liaison officer" insert the words **He shall**; before "Methodist theological schools" insert **the**; combine the remainder of the first sentence and the entire second sentence to make one sentence by deleting *He* and inserting **and**; delete *and maintaining the relationship with and among Methodist theological schools*.

In Sub-paragraph 3 of Par. 1372 change *Executive* to **General** after "a Director" insert **of In-Service Training**; after "who shall" insert **supervise the**; delete *have primary responsibility for the Program of In-Service Training, including the supervision of the Conference*; change *Course* to **Courses**; after "of study" insert **for non-seminary candidates (See Par. 323, Sub-paragraph 3) for the Traveling Ministry, for Approved Supply Pastors, and for Local Preachers.** Delete *and the* and make a new sentence inserting the words **He shall also be responsible for Approved Supply**; delete *in Annual Conferences in the United States, its territories and dependencies*, before "Correspondence Courses" insert **all**; after "Correspondence Courses" insert **for Min-**

isterial Training in the Courses of Study. Delete (*See Par. 1375-76.*)

Insert at the beginning of Sub-paragraph 4 of Par. 1372 **The Department shall be responsible;** after "ministry" change the comma to a period; delete the remainder of the sentence. Insert the following: (*See Pars. 301-413, under Part III—The Ministry.*) **The responsibilities of the Department of Ministerial Education shall further include ministerial recruiting in co-operation with the Commission on Christian Vocations, the educational preparation of men for the Ministry, relationships with the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in all matters pertaining to procedures and records, and Selective Service exemption, schools and programs of continuing education and inspiration for the Ministerial Members of the Annual Conferences, and Inter-Denominational relationships such as the Committee on the Ministry of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. These matters shall be the responsibility of both the Director of Theological Education and the Director of In-Service Training in co-operation with the General Secretary of the Division.**

Par. 1372 as amended will read:

Par. 1372. 1. In the Division of Educational Institutions there shall be a **Department** of Ministerial Education, which shall **oversee** the training of the Ministry of the Church. The **Department** shall be composed of twelve persons, six Bishops and six Ministers, selected from the Membership of the Division. The Division shall select from the Methodist theological schools **six representatives to serve as advisory members on all matters pertaining to the theological schools. The representatives, however, shall not participate in the allocation of Appropriations for theological schools.** The Division shall select six Advisory Members from the faculties of the theological schools to assist in preparing the prescribed Courses of Study.

2. The Division shall elect, upon nomination of the General Secretary, a **Director of Theological Education** who shall **be responsible for that part of the Program of the Division dealing with the educational preparation of men for the Traveling ministry, except those who are entering the Annual Conferences through the Courses of Study. (See Par. 323.)** He shall serve as a liaison officer between the Division and the Methodist theological schools **and shall be responsible for promoting theological education in the Church.**

3. The Division shall elect, upon nomination of the General Secretary, a **Director of In-Service Training** who shall **super-**

vise the Courses of Study for non-seminary candidates (See Par. 323, Sub-paragraph 3) for the Traveling Ministry, for Approved Supply Pastors, and for Local Preachers. He shall also be responsible for Approved Supply Pastors' Schools and all Correspondence Courses for Ministerial Training in the Courses of Study.

4. The Department shall be responsible for educational standards for the Ministry. (See Pars. 301-413, under Part III—The Ministry.) The responsibilities of the Department of Ministerial Education shall further include ministerial recruiting in co-operation with the Commission on Christian Vocations, the educational preparation of men for the Ministry, relationships with the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in all matters pertaining to procedures and records, and Selective Service exemption, schools and programs of continuing education and inspiration for the Ministerial Members of the Annual Conferences, and Inter-Denominational Relationships such as the Committee on the Ministry of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. These matters shall be the responsibility of both the Director of Theological Education and the Director of In-Service Training in Co-operation with the General Secretary of the Division.

Par. 1374 shall become the first sentence of Par. 1373. In this sentence change *Section* to **Department**; after "Church" change the comma to a period and delete *the amount to be determined by the authoritative body*.

The first sentence of Paragraph 1373 shall become the second sentence of that Paragraph. Change *an item* to **items**; change *amount* to **amounts**; after "allocated for" insert **ministerial education**, delete *Methodist theological schools and the In-Service Training Program*. Delete *It shall have the further responsibility of recommending to the Council on World Service and Finance the distribution of such funds among the schools of theology related to The Methodist Church and accredited by the University Senate*.

Par. 1373 as amended shall read:

Par. 1373. The work of the **Department** of Ministerial Education shall be supported from the General Benevolences of the Church. The Division of Educational Institutions shall recommend to the Council on World Service and Finance, as **items** apart from its own Budget, the **amounts** of financial support which should be allocated for **Ministerial Education**.

In the first sentence of Par. 1375 change *Section* to **Department**; delete *to be pursued by those applying*; after "license to preach" delete the comma and *for Orders as Local*

Preachers; after "and" insert **the requirements**; after "Admission on Trial" change the comma to a semicolon and delete *respectively*; after "also a" insert **four-year**; after "of Study" delete the remainder of the sentence beginning *extending through four years* and substitute **for candidates for the Traveling Ministry under the provisions of Paragraph 321, Sub-paragraph 3, and Paragraph 323, Sub-paragraph 2 for the Approved Supply Pastor and for Orders as Local Preachers**. Delete (*See Par. 2041-55*). In the second sentence of Par. 1375 change *graduate* to **advanced** and *undergraduate* to **Conference**.

Par. 1375 as amended will read:

Par. 1375. The **Department** of Ministerial Education shall prescribe the Courses of Study for License to Preach and the requirements for Admission on Trial; also a **four-year** Course of Study for candidates for the Traveling Ministry under the provisions of Paragraph 321, Sub-paragraph 3, and Paragraph 323, Sub-paragraph 2 for the Approved Supply Pastor and for Orders as Local Preachers. It shall recommend courses of reading and also provide **advanced** Correspondence Courses of Study for Preachers who have finished their **Conference** Courses of Study.

In the first sentence of Sub-paragraph 1 of Par. 1376 change *Section* to **Department**; delete *in the field of In-Service Training*. In the second sentence delete *short-term schools for ministers, which shall be known as*; after "Pastors' Schools" delete the period and insert **which shall be of two kinds: a. Short-term schools to provide Programs of inspiration and**; after "instruction for all Ministers" delete *and where advisable shall*; insert a semicolon and **b. Schools which**; after "offer work in the" delete *curriculum of the*; after "Courses of Study" insert a period and delete *for undergraduate and Approved Supply Pastors*. Delete *Within an Annual Conference the administration of these Courses of Study, which shall require extensive written work in addition to instruction in a Pastors' School, shall be under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications*.

Delete the entire Sub-paragraph 2 of Par. 1376.

2. *When so agreed by the Section and the Boards involved, the supervision of this work may be delegated to a Correspondence School. All such Correspondence Schools shall be related to one of our established schools of theology. The Director of each Correspondence School shall be elected quadrennially by the Section, on nomination of the faculty of the related school of theology. The Assisting Staff shall*

be chosen by the Director from the active members of the faculty of the school.

and substitute the following:

2. All work in the Course of Study for those Admitted under Paragraph 321, Sub-paragraph 3, and Paragraph 323, Sub-paragraph 2 and for Administering the Sacraments under the provisions of Paragraph 308, shall be taken under the direction of the Department of Ministerial Education either in an approved Pastors' School or through correspondence **IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.**

Par. 1376 as amended will read:

Par. 1376. 1. The **Department** shall have a direct relationship with the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. (See Par. 639-42.) It shall co-operate with these and other Conference Boards in organizing, financing, and conducting Pastors' Schools which shall be of two kinds: **a. Short-term schools to provide Programs of inspiration and instruction for all Ministers; b. Schools which offer work in the Courses of Study.**

2. All work in the Course of Study for those Admitted under Paragraph 321, Sub-paragraph 3, and Paragraph 323, Sub-paragraph 3, and for Administering the Sacraments under the provisions of Paragraph 308, shall be taken under the direction of the Department of Ministerial Education in either an Approved Pastors' School or through correspondence **IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.**

In Sub-paragraph 1 of Par. 1377 change *Section* to **Department.**

In Sub-paragraph 2 of Par. 1377 change *Section* to **Department of Ministerial Education**; delete *in co-operation with the theological schools*; after "shall continue" insert **the.**

Par. 1377 as amended will read:

Par. 1377. 1. The **Department** of Ministerial Education, the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, and the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall co-operate in the development of effective methods of selective recruiting for the Ministry. The Boards shall exercise control over the numbers to be enlisted in order to provide an adequate supply of trained Ministers.

2. The **Department of Ministerial Education** shall continue the study of the Ministry, and report on the subject to each General Conference.

Let the first two sentences of Par. 1378 become subparagraph 1 of Par. 1378. Insert thereafter (**See Paragraph 1353, Sub-paragraph 2.**). Delete the next sentence: *Furthermore, in case the support from this source is inadequate, each school shall have the right to appeal to the Jurisdictional Conference in which it is located and to the Annual Conferences composing that Jurisdiction for additional support.*

At the beginning of the next sentence before "For the purpose" insert **The Division of Educational Institutions**. This sentence shall become the first sentence of Sub-paragraph 2 of Paragraph 1378. After "theological schools of the Church" delete the *Division of Educational Institutions*. Make the following sentence the second sentence of Sub-paragraph 2 in Par. 1378; change the comma to a period and delete *after an adequate presentation of the needs of these Institutions by a representative of the schools of theology.*

The last sentence of Paragraph 1378 shall become subparagraph 3 of Paragraph 1378. After "to the University Senate for" insert **prior**; after "approval" insert a period and delete *and consent of both the Senate and the Division*. Insert (**See Paragraph 1392.**).

Paragraph 1378 as amended shall read:

Par. 1378. 1. The theological schools of the Church are established and maintained for training Ministers. They exist for the benefit of the whole Church, and their support shall be provided by the Church as a part of its General Benevolent giving. (**See Paragraph 1353, Sub-paragraph 2.**)

2. **The Division of Educational Institutions** for the purpose of carrying out the provision for the better support of the theological schools of the Church, in consultation with the Administrative Officers of these schools, shall establish Budget askings for their adequate support. The amount necessary for such support shall be added as a separate item in the Annual askings of the General Board of Education from the Benevolence Funds as determined by the authoritative body.

3. No theological school or department of theology in a college or university shall be established without first submitting its proposed organization and classification to the University Senate for **prior** approval. (**See Paragraph 1392.**)

Make no change in Paragraph 1379.

Delete the entire Paragraph 1380.

¶ 1380. 1. *In the admission of young men to Annual Conferences, The General Conference recognizes that our theological schools necessarily exercise a considerable influence. It therefore recommends to these schools that, before admitting any candidate for the ministry into their student body, they inquire fully into his personal character and his promise of usefulness. It further recommends that they carefully consider his progress in his studies and his personal development, to determine whether he is a proper person to be continued in the preparation for the ministry. Such as are not suited for the work should not be permitted to continue in the degree course.*

2. *It is recommended to theological schools that they require of Methodist applicants for Admission a License to Preach, also a letter of approval from the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Conference in which they reside.*

and substitute a new Paragraph so that Paragraph 1380 as changed will read as follows:

Par. 1380. **The Methodist theological schools share with the Annual Conference Boards of Ministerial Training and Qualifications the responsibility for the selection and education of young men for Admission to the Annual Conferences.**

1. It is recommended therefore that the theological schools, before admitting a candidate for the Methodist ministry as a divinity student, (a.) shall inquire into the candidate's personal character and promise of usefulness in the ministry, (b.) shall require satisfactory evidence of his having been licensed to preach, and (c.) a letter of recommendation from the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Annual Conference in which he resides.

2. It is further recommended that when a candidate for the Methodist ministry has been admitted to a theological school, the school shall give careful attention to his progress in his studies and his personal and religious development to determine whether he should be continued in his preparation for the ministry. When a candidate's progress is adjudged to be unsatisfactory, he should not be permitted to continue.

Notification of the termination of his relationship in the seminary shall be given by the school to the Registrar of the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications where his Conference Relations are recorded.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: SECTION OF THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS DEALING
WITH EDUCATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3345

*Calendar No. 37. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 661.*

The Committee voted approval of the section of the Episcopal Address dealing with Education.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 93; F, 87; A, 3; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3565

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 936; 937; 943.
*Calendar No. 38. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages
936-940; 943-945.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part III, Chapter VI:

In line three of Paragraph 224, Page 86, strike out the words, *Assistant Superintendent* for and after the word "cultivation" insert the word **Superintendent**; in line 6 of Paragraph 224 after the words "if any" insert the words, **MINISTER of Music, if any**, and in line 7 of Paragraph 224 after the word "service" insert the words **Methodist Men**, in the third line from the end of this paragraph, delete the words, *a Chairman*, so that the Paragraph when thus amended shall read:

Paragraph 224. The following persons are by virtue of their offices, members of the Commission on Education: the Pastor, Church-School Superintendent, Division Superintendents, Membership Cultivation **Superintendent**, Director of Christian Education (or Educational Assistant) if any, **MINISTER of Music, if any**, and Church-School Secretary. The Woman's Society of Christian Service, **Methodist Men**, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship shall elect one representative each to membership in the Commission on Educa-

tion. In addition, Members at Large, the number to be determined by the Quarterly Conference, may be elected upon nomination of the Committee on Nominations or the Pastor after consultation with the Church-School Superintendent and the Chairman of the Commission on Education. The Commission shall elect annually from its membership a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and such other Officers as it may determine.

At the end of section 3 of Paragraph 225, add the following words: It shall also be responsible for supervising the selection and use of audio-visual materials in the Church School and the training of Officers, teachers and other workers in the use of these materials. The Commission is charged with responsibility to see that audio-visual materials used in the Church School are in harmony with the criteria for such material of the General Board of Education.

Immediately following Paragraph 228, insert a new Paragraph to read as follows:

Para. —. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of the Children's Division and the Pastor, and when the needs of the children and the facilities and resources of the church warrant it, the Commission on Education of a Local Church, with the approval of the Official Board, may provide for a through-the-week nursery school and or kindergarten as a part of the Church School. The Commission on Education shall be responsible for the election of teachers, for the policies, program, and curriculum of such a School and for determining the conditions under which the children will be enrolled.

The Commission on Education shall recommend to the Commission on Finance of the Local Church a statement of financial needs for such a School, including teachers' salaries, materials, and equipment. It shall also recommend provision for the physical safety of the children in accordance with the laws of the community governing such matters.

The Commission on Education shall determine a schedule of payments by parents for such service to their children.

The Commission on Education shall receive regular Reports from the Director of the through-the-week nursery school and or kindergarten and keep permanent records of the work of the school, the leadership, and all financial matters connected with the School.

Delete Paragraph 229.

¶ 229. *Great care should be exercised in the selection of the teachers, officers, and other workers in the Church*

School. They shall be elected annually prior to the beginning of the Church-School year in the following manner:

1. The Quarterly Conference shall elect: (a) the Church-School Superintendent (§ 143 § 5); (b) the Assistant Superintendent for Membership Cultivation, and the three Divisional Superintendents, all to be nominated by the Church-School Superintendent-elect; (c) a Director of Christian Education or Educational Assistant, if desired (§§ 143 § 7, 234).

2. Each class or group concerned shall elect: (a) Youth Officers in the Youth Division; (b) Officers in the Adult Division, and (c) the teachers of Adult classes after consultation with the Church-School Superintendent. Teachers of Adult classes shall be subject to confirmation by the Commission on Education.

3. The Commission on Education shall elect all teachers, officers, and workers not otherwise provided for, on nomination of the Church-School Superintendent in consultation with the Pastor, the Director of Christian education, and the Divisional Superintendents.

4. Upon recommendation of the Pastor, the Quarterly Conference shall have power to remove from office for unsatisfactory service, habitual neglect, or improper conduct, Officers elected or confirmed by Quarterly Conference.

and in its place insert the following:

Paragraph 229. Great care shall be exercised in the selection of teachers, Officers, and other workers in the Church School. They shall be elected annually in the following manner:

1. The Quarterly Conference shall elect, to serve from the beginning of the ensuing Conference year, **OR CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR:** (a) the Church School Superintendent (Par. 143.5); (b) the Membership Cultivation Superintendent and the three Divisional Superintendents, all to be nominated by the Church School Superintendent-elect with the approval of the Pastor in consultation with the Director of Christian Education; (c) a Director of Christian Education or Educational Assistant, if desired (Par. 143.7, 234). Vacancies in the interim between Quarterly Conferences shall be filled by the Commission on Education, the Pastor concurring, subject to confirmation by the Quarterly Conference.

2. Each class or group concerned shall elect, prior to the beginning of the Church School year or as need may arise: (a) Youth Officers in the Youth Division; (b) Officers in the

Adult Division, and (c) the Teachers of Adult Classes after consultation with the Church School Superintendent. Teachers of Adult Classes shall be subject to confirmation by the Commission on Education.

3. The Commission on Education shall elect, prior to the beginning of the Church School year, all Teachers, Officers, and workers not otherwise provided for on nomination of the Church-School Superintendent with the approval of the Pastor, the Director of Christian Education, and the Divisional Superintendents.

4. Upon recommendation of the Pastor, the Quarterly Conference shall have power to remove from office for unsatisfactory service, habitual neglect, or improper conduct, Officers elected or confirmed by Quarterly Conference.

In the first sentence of Paragraph 230-1, insert the following words: . . . **provided older young people approaching adulthood shall be grouped either in the Youth Division or the Adult Division on the basis of their maturity, interests, needs, and social grouping in the community.**

The Paragraph as amended shall read:

Par. 230-1. The Church School shall organize in three Divisions: Children's Division, from birth through eleven years; Youth Division (Methodist Youth Fellowship), from twelve through twenty-three years, **provided older young people approaching adulthood shall be grouped either in the youth division or the adult division on the basis of their maturity, interests, needs, and social grouping in the community;** Adult Division . . . and so on to the end of the Paragraph.

At the end of Paragraph 230 on page 90 insert a new item 9 as follows:

Par. 230-9. The Commission on Education may organize a Committee on Family Life composed of the following persons: the Superintendents of the three Divisions of the Church School, two other members of the Commission on Education, one representative each of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Young Adult Fellowship, Methodist Men, and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, and others chosen because of their special skill and concern for the Christian family. It shall recommend to the Commission on Education plans for the Family Life Education Program in the Local Church and assist in carrying out the recommendations contained in Paragraph 2021. This Committee shall be responsible to the Commission on Education and shall report

to its regular meetings. In the small church one person might be designated by the Commission as Director of the Family Life Program instead of appointing a Committee.

10. (OPTIONAL FOR LARGER CHURCHES)

"The Commission on Education may organize a Committee on Fellowship and Recreational Life composed of representatives of the Children's, Youth and Adult Divisions and such other members as may be determined by the Commission on Education. It shall recommend plans to the Commission on Education for a comprehensive Program of Recreation. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to supervise the Program of Recreation. In the small church the Commission on Education may designate a Director of Recreation instead of appointing a Committee."

Paragraph 233, section 4, delete last eight words, *in our Methodist Colleges through the Wesley Foundations*, so that the Section as amended shall read:

4. Methodist Student Day shall be observed annually in every Local Church, preferably the second Sunday in June. If not on that date, it shall be observed on some other Sunday designated by the Annual Conference or the Commission on Education of the Local Church. On this day emphasis shall be given to the work of higher education in church-related Institutions. An offering shall be received for the support of the National Methodist Scholarships and the Student Loan Fund for Methodist students.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. EDUCATION

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Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: INTER-BOARD AND JOINT COMMITTEES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3516

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Page 945.*

The Committee recommends the following changes relative to Inter-Board and Joint Committees:

Paragraph 1283, page 323, change the title of this Committee from "The Joint Committee on *Religious* Education in Foreign Fields" to "The Joint Committee on **Christian** Education in Foreign Fields."

In Paragraph 1412, section 2, page 357, delete the word *Religious* in this title and in its place substitute the word **Christian** so that the title of this Committee shall be "The Joint Committee on **Christian** Education in Foreign Fields."

Amend Paragraph 1288 as follows:

In line 2, insert after the word "elected" the word **quadrennially**; in line 13, delete the words *Secretary and his Departmental workers*, and in their place insert, **Executive Secretary and the members of the Staff**; in line 18, after the word "quadrennium," insert the words **the Staff and**; in line 20, omit the word *said*; so that the entire Paragraph when amended shall read:

Par. 1288. There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Committee who shall be elected **quadrennially** by the Board of Education, on nomination of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, and shall be confirmed by the Board of Missions. He shall be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Education with Staff relationship to the Division of the Local Church. He shall likewise be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Missions, having Staff relationship to the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation. The Committee shall have a Budget provided for its work by the two Boards upon such ratio as they may decide. In Missionary Education the **Executive Secretary and the Members of the Staff** shall be the representatives equally of the Board of Missions and of the Board of Education. During the period between The General Conference and the organization of the new Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education for the coming quadrennium, **the Staff** and those Members who have served on the Committee during the past quadrennium, shall continue to function until the new Committee is organized.

The Committee recommends that since the Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church (see Paragraphs 1320-1323, inclusive) is responsible for the correlation of the Program of the Board of Education, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Lay Activities, and prospectively of the Board of Missions, Paragraphs Nos. 1417, 1418 and 1524 as they appear in the 1952 *Discipline*, which were designed to accomplish the same purpose, be deleted. They read as follows:—

¶ 1417. *For the purpose of effective co-operation in matters of common interest among the Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, and the Board of Missions there shall be an Inter-Board Committee composed of three repre-*

sentatives from each Board, as follows: the Executive Secretaries of the Division of the Local Church and of the Editorial Division and one other Member to be chosen by the Board of Education; the Executive Secretary and two other Members to be chosen by the Board of Lay Activities; and the two Executive Secretaries and one other Member to be chosen by the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions. This Committee shall develop a Unified Program of Education in Christian stewardship and means of co-operation in other matters of common interest committed to it.

¶ 1418. There shall be a Joint Committee between the Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism for the purpose of giving consideration to matters of common interest, to avoid duplicating programs, to correlate activities wherever advisable, and to make recommendations to these Boards. The Committee shall be composed of three Members of each Board, the Executive Secretaries of the Board of Education, and the Executive Secretary and two other Staff Members of the Board of Evangelism. It shall elect a Chairman and Secretary from its members and shall meet annually.

¶ 1524. There shall be an Inter-Board Committee representing the Board of Missions, the Board of Education, and the Board of Lay Activities. (See ¶ 1417.)

J. EARL MORELAND (*), Chairman;
D. V. SNAPP (*), Secretary.

REPORT NO. 6. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2979; 2980

*Calendar No. 40. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 945*

The Committee voted to receive the Reports of (1) the Board of Education and (2) the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education as contained in the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of the Boards and Commissions.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), Chairman;
D. V. SNAPP (*), Secretary.

REPORT NO. 7. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 93; F, 87; A, 3; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S DAY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2910, 3228, 3252

*Calendar No. 55. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 945.*

The Memorials listed in this Report are in support of the present legislation on Children's Day. The Committee recommends concurrence.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 80; F, 80; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH TO SECTION I,

CHAPTER VII, ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3536

*Calendar No. 56. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 946.*

The Committee recommends that immediately above Section I of Chapter VII, page 332, there be inserted the following:

Purpose

Par. 1324. Christian Education has its roots in the nature of the Christian Gospel itself. Jesus is most frequently called Master or Teacher, and He is the authority in our Church's Program of Christian nurture. His Great Commission is to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always . . ." The purpose of Christian Education is to learn, to teach, and to use His Way by which persons of all ages are related to God as Father and to all men as brothers.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 74; F, 73; A, 0; N, 1

AMENDED, Monday May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 946.

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: GENERAL AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARDS OF
EDUCATION**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3517

*Calendar No. 57. Amended May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page
946. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 946.*

The Committee on Education recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter VII.

Insert a new Paragraph immediately following Paragraph 1398 as follows:

Par. —. The Division shall prepare standards for all types of camping, including standards for camp sites and other physical aspects of camping and standards for the Program, leadership, and curriculum for use in Methodist camps, including Day Camps.

At the end of Paragraph 1400, page 352, add the following sentence: **The Division, shall also co-operate with the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians**, so that the Paragraph when revised shall read:

Par. 1400. The Division shall have authority to co-operate with the Jurisdictional and Conference Boards of Education, the Editorial Division, and other Agencies in the promotion and holding of a meeting to be known as the Methodist Conference on Christian Education. **The Division shall also co-operate with the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.**

In Par. 1406, section 1, delete the second sentence of this section beginning with the word "It" at the end of the fourth line:

It shall be composed of the Presidents of Conference Youth Organizations, the Conference Directors of Youth Work, the Conference Directors of Intermediate Work, the Staff of the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church, one half the Youth Members of the Boards and other Agencies of the Church, and the Staff related to Youth Work of other Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church.

and in its place insert the following:

"It shall be composed of the Presidents of each Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Organization; one half the Youth Members of the Boards and other Agencies of the

Church; representatives from the Commission to the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement; the Staff of the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church; the Staff of the Department of Youth Publications of the Editorial Division; the Staff related to Local Church Youth Work of other Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church; six Conference Directors of Youth Work, one from each Jurisdiction, elected by the Conference Directors of Youth Work of that Jurisdiction for a two-year term, this election to take place during the biennial Methodist Conference on Christian Education, so that the Section when thus amended shall read:

Par. 1406.1. There shall be a National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission for the purpose of fellowship, evaluation, and program planning in the Areas that relate to general Youth Work, particularly in the Local Church. It shall be composed of the Presidents of each Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship Organization; one half the Youth Members of the Boards and other Agencies of the Church; representatives from the Commission to the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement; the Staff of the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church; the Staff of the Department of Youth Publications of the Editorial Division; the Staff related to Local Church Youth Work of other Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church; six Conference Directors of Youth Work, one from each Jurisdiction, elected by the Conference Directors of Youth Work of that Jurisdiction for a two-year term, this election to take place during the biennial Methodist Conference on Christian Education.

In section 3 of Par. 1406, after the word "Church," end of the fourth line of this Section, insert the words **the Department of Youth Publications of the Editorial Division**, so that Section 3 when amended shall read:

3. Each Commission shall have power to make recommendations to all groups, Agencies and Boards in the Church which have work with youth, particularly to the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church, **the Department of Youth Publications of the Editorial Division**, and the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Division of Educational Institutions.

Delete Par. 1442, page 366.

¶ 1442. *The Conference Board shall be auxiliary to the Jurisdictional Board and shall co-operate with it and with the General Board in advancing the interests of Christian*

Education. It shall help to secure statistics and other information concerning the colleges and local churches within its borders; to develop support for Educational Institutions, Pastors' Schools, Wesley Foundations and similar work in Methodist colleges, and for the entire Program of Christian Education in the local churches; and to promote intelligent use of the literature of the General Board. It shall hold at least one meeting annually in which the Jurisdictional Board may have representation.

and in its place substitute the following:

Par. 1442. The Board shall be responsible for developing and promoting a Conference Program of Christian Education which will provide guidance and help for all the Agencies of Christian Education within the bounds of the Conference such as: the Commission on Education in Local Churches and the Agencies of Christian Education related to it. (See Pars. 226, 228); Leadership Training Schools; Bible Conferences; Camps; Assemblies; Institutes and other Educational Agencies and all Institutions of Higher Education which are related to the Conference; Wesley Foundations and the Methodist Student Movement. The Board should be incorporated under the laws of the State (or all of the States) within whose bounds the Annual Conference is located. The Board may receive gifts for its work. It may hold title to property for use in its work such as, offices for its headquarters, camp sites and buildings, office and camp equipment, audio-visual equipment, automobiles for use of its Staff and other equipment necessary for the successful prosecution of its work. It shall report to its session of the Annual Conference on the legal and financial status and physical condition of all such property.

Change the number of item 3 of Par. 1443, page 367, to 4, and insert a new item 3 as follows:

(3) of one certified Director of Christian Education employed in a Local Church within the bounds of the Annual Conference.

Insert a new Paragraph to follow Par. 1451, as follows:

Par. —. The Conference Board of Education may constitute a Conference Committee on Family Life to be composed of the following persons: two members of the Conference Board of Education; the General Secretary of the Conference Board of Education and the Conference Directors of Children's, Youth, and Adult Work; the President of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship; the Conference

Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Lay Leader, and one District Superintendent selected by the Cabinet. Special resource persons may be added as the Committee may determine.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to study the forces which affect family life within the Conference and recommend to the Board of Education Program Plans to strengthen family life. The Committee shall be administratively related to the Conference Board of Education and shall report to it annually.

In the fourth line of Par. 1454, Section 1, after the parenthesis, add and **MINISTERS of Music (Par. 1397)**. Delete the second and third sentences beginning, **In discharging this duty . . .** and ending . . . **serve on the Committee**, and insert the following: **The Conference Board shall set up a Committee or Committees on Directors of Christian Education and MINISTERS of Music whose duties shall be (a) to review the credentials of candidates for the offices of Director of Christian Education and of MINISTER of Music and make recommendations to the Board for certification; and (b) to recommend to the Board plans for institutes, conferences and other occasions for fellowship and training for Directors of Christian Education and Educational Assistants, and for MINISTERS of Music and others responsible for music in the the Local Church. Whenever possible one or more Directors of Christian Education and MINISTERS of Music should serve on this Committee, so that Section 1, as amended, shall read:**

Par. 1454.1. It shall be the duty of the Conference Board of Education to determine whether applicants meet the standards of the General Board of Education for Directors of Christian Education (Pars. 234, 1397) and **MINISTERS of Music (Par. 1397)**, and to certify and keep a record of those who do. **The Conference Board shall set up a Committee or Committees on Directors of Christian Education and MINISTERS of Music whose duties shall be, (a) to review the credentials of candidates for the offices of Director of Christian Education and of MINISTER of Music and make recommendations to the Board for certification in harmony with Paragraph 1397; and (b) to recommend to the Board plans for institutes, conferences and other occasions for fellowship and training for Directors of Christian Education and Educational Assistants, and for MINISTERS of Music and others responsible for music in the Local Church.**

Whenever possible one or more Directors of Christian Education and MINISTERS of Music shall serve on this Committee. The Directors shall furnish information for purposes of review and approval of status annually to the Conference Board upon blanks provided by the General Board.

Sec. 2 of Par. 1454 remains unchanged.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: INTER-BOARD COMMISSION ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3556; 3574

Calendar No. 92. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 946.

The Committee on Education recommends that in the last line of Par. 1320 on page 331 the word *and* be deleted, and that the following words be added at the end of the Paragraph: **The Board of Missions, through the General Section of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and any other Board or Agency represented by a Commission in the Local Church. No Church-wide Program affecting the Local Church School shall be instituted before clearance has been made through this Inter-Board Commission, so that the Paragraph when thus amended shall read:**

Par. 1320. There shall be an Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church whose function shall be to act as the coordinator of the policies and activities of the Boards; namely, the Board of Education and its Divisions, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Lay Activities, **the Board of Missions, through the General Section of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and any other Board or Agency represented by a Commission in the Local Church. No Church-wide Program affecting the Local Church shall be instituted before clearance has been made through the Inter-Board Commission.**

Delete Par. 1321, page 331, 52.

¶ **1321.** *The membership of the Commission shall be composed of eighteen persons—six from each of the three Boards, consisting of the Chairman and five other persons from its Executive Committee elected by each Board.*

And in its place substitute the following:

Par 1321. The membership of the Commission shall be elected by the respective Boards or Agencies as follows: The Chairman, two Laymen, and two Ministers by the Board of Education; the Chairman, two Laymen, and two Ministers by the Board of Evangelism; the Chairman, two Laymen and two Ministers by the Board of Missions through its Joint Section of Education and Cultivation; the Chairman and four Members by the Board of Lay Activities, and the Chairman and one Member by any other Board or Agency represented.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: CORRECTION IN PARAGRAPH 1156

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3569

*Calendar No. 93. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 947.*

The Committee on Education recommends that the following editorial change be made in Par. 1156, page 279. In the third line from the bottom of this page delete the words *the Committee on*, so that the first sentence of the Paragraph as amended shall read:

Par. 1156. The Editor of Church-School Publications and the Chairman of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education shall have the right to sit with the Board of Publication for the consideration of matters pertaining to the joint interests of the Board of Publication and the Board of Education and shall have the privilege of the floor, without vote.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 63; F, 63; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: FUNCTION OF THE DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3537

*Calendar No. 94. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 947.*

The Committee recommends that in Par. 1396, page 350,

there be inserted following the word "lead" in the last line on the page the following words: **to commitment to Christ and to membership in the Church**, so that the first sentence of the Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Par. 1396. The Division of the Local Church shall develop a comprehensive and unified Program of Christian Education which shall lead to **commitment to Christ and to membership in the Church**; to a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the Christian religion, and the Christian Church.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;

D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 72; F, 72; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3552

Calendar No. 95. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 947.

The Committee recommends the changes in Part VII, Chapter VII, Section V, 1952 "*Discipline*," Paragraphs 1382-1392, pages 347-350. In Paragraph 1382 transpose the words "in the United States" to the end of the sentence after "The Methodist Church," so that Paragraph 1382 as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1382. The University Senate shall be the accrediting and standardizing agency for all the Educational Institutions related to The Methodist Church in the United States.

Make no change in Paragraph 1383.

In the first sentence of Paragraph 1384 change the last word in the sentence, *policy*, to **Institutions**.

In the second sentence delete "*report to the Board*" and insert "**prepare and publish**"; after "a proper classification" delete "*for each*" and insert "**of all**"; change *Institution* to **Institutions**; change "*is*" to "**are**"; after "The Methodist Church" change the comma to a period. Begin a new sentence by inserting before "and on the basis" the words: "**Such classification shall comprise the Official Senate List of Educational Institutions related to the Church**"; after "basis of this" change "*report*" to "**list**"; after "Division of Educational Institutions" delete "*shall prepare its official lists*"

of *Institutions and*"; change "administration" to "work," so that Paragraph 1384 as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1384. The Senate shall establish and assist in maintaining standards for the Educational Institutions related to The Methodist Church in the United States and shall sustain an advisory relation to the General Board of Education in matters of Educational Institutions. It shall **prepare and publish** annually a proper classification of all Educational Institutions in the United States which are related to The Methodist Church. Such classification shall comprise the **Official Senate List of Educational Institutions related to the Church**, and on the basis of this list, the Division of Educational Institutions shall be governed in its work.

In Paragraph 1385 omit parenthesis enclosing the words "claiming or adjudged to be"; after "shall report to the" delete *Division its* and insert **sponsoring Board or Agency through the Division of Educational Institutions**; after "whether or not the" change *requirements* to standards.

Paragraph 1385 as amended will read:

Paragraph 1385. The Senate shall investigate, as conditions may warrant or require, the personnel, scholastic requirements, resources, and procedure of any designated Educational Institution claiming or adjudged to be related to The Methodist Church and shall report to the **sponsoring Board or Agency through the Division of Educational Institutions** decisions as to whether or not the standards and educational and religious services of the institution are such as to justify its official recognition and continued financial support by the Church.

In the first sentence of Paragraph 1386 after "as needed shall make" delete "*to them, to the Conference Boards of Education or other Boards concerned and to the General Board of Education*"; at the end of the sentence insert "**to the sponsoring Board or Agency of the Church through the Division of Educational Institutions, to the Conference Boards of Education, or to other Constituent Bodies.**"

In the second sentence after "complying with" change "*the*" to "**said**"; delete "*for the improvement of its educational and religious services*"; change "*it* to **the Institution**"; delete "*financial*"; change "*General Board of Education*" to "**Division of Educational Institutions**"; after "related Board" insert "**or Agency,**" so that Paragraph 1386 as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1386. The Senate shall act as consultant and counselor on all educational matters to all Educational Institutions related to the Church and as needed shall make recommendations leading to their improvement or accreditation to the sponsoring Board or Agency of the Church through the Division of Educational Institutions, to the Conference Boards of Education, or to other Constituent Bodies. Failure of any Educational Institution to make reasonable progress in complying with said recommendations of the Senate may render the Institution ineligible for further support by the Division of Educational Institutions, or by its related Board or Agency, Annual Conference, or Conferences.

In Paragraph 1387 after "Conference Board of Education" insert "**or Board of Trustees of an institution**" and delete "*the quality and standards of,*" so that Paragraph 1387 as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1387. The Senate as the accrediting agent for all Educational Institutions of the Church may investigate, on its own initiative or at the written request of any General Board of the Church or Conference Board of Education **or Board of Trustees of an Institution** the educational work of an Institution related to said Board, and shall report to the Board concerned its recommendations as to what specific changes or improvements should be made.

Divide the second sentence of Paragraph 1388 by changing the comma after "of the Senate" to a period. Delete "*and*" and begin a new sentence with "**He,**" so that Paragraph 1388 as amended will read:

Paragraph 1388. The Senate shall elect its own presiding Officer and may appoint such Committees and may delegate to them such powers as are incident to its work. The General Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions shall be the General Secretary of the Senate. **He** shall convene the Senate at the beginning of each quadrennium for organization. Thereafter the Senate shall meet annually at such time and place as it may determine. Special meetings may be called on the written request of five members or at the discretion of the presiding Officer and the General Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions.

Make no change in Paragraph 1389.

In Paragraph 1390 delete from the list of classes of Institutions number four, *Schools of religion for lay workers*, and number five, *other professional schools*, thus making

"Junior colleges" become number four, "Secondary schools" number five, and "Training Schools for religious workers" number six; insert as number seven **Other schools**. Delete the entire remainder of the Paragraph and substitute the following: **It shall be the duty of the General Secretary of the Senate to secure from each Educational Institution related to The Methodist Church such information as may be needed by the Senate for an understanding of the status, work, and progress of the Institution. This information shall be supplied on forms, approved by the Senate, so that Paragraph 1390 as amended will read:**

Paragraph 1390. Educational institutions in the United States related to The Methodist Church are classified as follows:

1. Universities
2. Colleges of liberal arts
3. Schools of theology
4. Junior colleges
5. Secondary schools
6. Training Schools for religious workers
7. Other schools

It shall be the duty of the General Secretary of the Senate to secure from each Educational Institution related to The Methodist Church such information as may be needed by the Senate for an understanding of the status, work, and progress of the institution. This information shall be supplied on forms approved by the Senate.

Delete Paragraph 1391.

*** 1391.** *The General Board of Education shall publish annually a list of all Educational Institutions related to The Methodist Church, classified by the University Senate in accordance with the provisions in * 1390. Institutions so listed are regarded as related to The Methodist Church for purposes of appropriations by the General Board of Education and Conference Boards of Education of The Methodist Church.*

Change Paragraph 1392 to Paragraph 1391. Insert as the first sentence the following: **The University Senate may, in co-operation with the Division of Educational Institutions, study population growth and trends and consider recommendations to the Annual Conferences concerning the need for new institutions of learning, and the discontinuance, re-**

location, and merger of existing institutions. Let the present Paragraph 1392 become the second sentence of the new Paragraph 1391. Insert as the third sentence the following: **In no case shall the Division aid an Institution which announces a change in its classification until the University Senate shall have approved the new classification,** so that Paragraph 1392 as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1391. **The University Senate may, in co-operation with the Division of Educational Institutions, study population growth and trends and consider recommendations to the Annual Conferences concerning the need for new institutions of learning, and the discontinuance, relocation, and merger of existing Institutions.** No Educational Institution or foundation of The Methodist Church shall hereafter be established until its plans and organization shall have been approved by the University Senate and the Division of Educational Institutions; and no Annual or Provisional Annual Conference in the United States shall acquire, or affiliate with, through any Board or Society, a school, college, university, or other Educational Institution unless the approval of the Division and the Senate shall have been previously obtained and unless, in the judgment of the Division, there is reasonable assurance of financial support sufficient to equip and maintain the Institution in the classification approved for it by the University Senate. **In no case shall the Division aid an Institution which announces a change in its classification until the University Senate shall have approved the new classification.**

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 66; F, 66; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE AND QUADRENNIAL
EMPHASES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. FROM THE COMMITTEE

*Calendar No. 96. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 947.*

The Committee recommends that the following statement, with appropriate Paragraph number, be included among the Miscellaneous Resolutions in the 1956 *Discipline*.

Church School Literature and Quadrennial Emphasis
Our Church School Literature serves the Church in ways

vital to its life and work, and therefore it should be used in every Church School.

The increasing effectiveness of our Literature is indicated by the fact that during the last quadrennium there has been an increased circulation of 780,000, so that the present average circulation is 6,800,000.

Some of the values of our Literature are as follows:

1. It nurtures the spiritual life and character.
2. It confronts men and society with the need of redemption through Christ Jesus.
3. It challenges to commitment to Christ and to the practice of His Spirit and teachings in everyday life.
4. It sets forth the historic Christian faith as understood and proclaimed by Methodism.
5. It requires extensive use of the Bible as the source of our faith and practice.
6. It undergirds all Church-wide Programs authorized by The General Conference.
7. It makes provision for every age group in every type of church.
8. Its effectiveness depends upon consecrated teachers willing to study faithfully and to seek training.

Its use will be an effective instrument in the promotion of the emphases of the coming quadrennium.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 70; F, 70; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: EMPHASIS ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE
NEXT QUADRENNIUM

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2556, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2887, 2888,
3236, 3260

*Calendar No. 97. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 948.*

The Memorials listed above ask for Special Emphasis upon Higher Education during the next quadrennium and for increased support for our Church-related colleges and universities. The Committee recommends concurrence, with recognition of the fact that The General Conference in

adopting the Quadrennial Program has already indicated its agreement with the intent of these Memorials.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

**SUBJECT: GENERAL COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE AND
NATIONAL FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE**

**MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2552, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2889, 2894,
3224, 3248, 3562, 3579**

AMENDED Monday, May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 948.

*Calendar No. 98. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 948.*

The First National Conference on Family Life was one of the most significant projects in the teaching and preaching endeavor of The Advance. The General Conference of 1952 made provision for a Committee on Family Life related administratively to the General Board of Education. The Second National Conference on Family Life, made possible by this action of The General Conference, was held in Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1954, with nearly three thousand persons in attendance. This was a major project of this Committee. Under Bishop Werner's leadership the Committee will make its Report to The General Conference.

The Committee on Education recommends that The General Conference make provision for the continuance of this Committee, to be known as The General Committee on Family Life of The Methodist Church and related administratively to the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education.

The Committee further recommends that it be the responsibility of the General Committee on Family Life to cooperate with the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education in promoting activities of a creative nature that can be most efficiently engaged in by the Boards working together, including the planning of National, Regional, and/or Area Conferences on Family Life.

It is recommended that the General Committee on Family Life be composed as follows: four Bishops appointed by The Council of Bishops, one of whom shall be designated to serve as Chairman; three Ministers and three Laymen appointed by The Council of Bishops; and the following selected by their respective Agencies: five Staff Members from the Divi-

sion of the Local Church of the Board of Education; two Staff Members of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education; two Staff Members, **WITHOUT OBJECTION**, of the Board of Evangelism; one Staff Member each from the Board of Lay Activities, the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, the Board of Temperance, the Television, Radio and Film Commission, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and The Methodist Publishing House; three Ministers and three Laymen selected by the Committee.

We recommend that this Program be financed by the General Administrative Fund to the amount of \$8,750 annually.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 65; F, 64; A, 0; N, 0

Amended May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 949.

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH
MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3527, 3528

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 949.

Calendar No. 99. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 949.

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter VII, Par. 1404.

In line 4 of Section 2 of Par. 1404, after the words "eight students at large," insert **the Council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth**. In line 7 after the words "Directors of Youth Work" delete *elected by the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission* and substitute the following: **One from each Jurisdiction, elected by the Conference Directors of Youth Work of that Jurisdiction for a two-year term, the election to take place during the biennial Methodist Conference on Christian Education.** In the fourth line from the end of the Section following the words "Student Work" insert the following: **Members of the Staff of the Department of Youth Publications of the Editorial Division,** and delete the word, *representatives*. In the last line of the Section delete the words *other General Boards*, and substitute the following: **The following: Board of Temperance, Board of World Peace, Board of Evangelism, Board of Social and Economic Relations, Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations AND COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS: all Youth Members of the General Boards and Commissions of**

the Church, so that the Section as amended shall read as follows:

Par. 1404.2. The members of the National Conference of Methodist Youth shall consist of the Presidents of Annual Conference Youth Organizations and the Presidents of State Student Organizations, eight Students at Large, **the Council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth**, six State Directors of Methodist Student Work elected by the National Methodist Student Commission, and six Conference Directors of Youth Work, **one from each Jurisdiction, elected by the Conference Directors of Youth Work of that Jurisdiction for a two-year term, the election to take place during the biennial Methodist Conference on Christian Education.** The following shall be *ex-officio* members of the National Conference: members of the Staff of the Division of the Local Church who have responsibility for Youth Work; members of the Staff of the Division of Educational Institutions who are responsible for Student Work; **members of the Staff of the Department of Youth Publications of the Editorial Division;** four of the Staff of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions; one Staff member from each of the following: Board of Temperance, Board of World Peace, Board of Evangelism, Board of Social and Economic Relations, Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, **AND COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS:** all Youth Members of the General Boards and Commissions of the Church.

At the end of the first sentence of Section 3 of the same Paragraph delete *and*, and *the* following the word "Secretary" add **and a Financial Secretary**, so that the sentence as amended shall read:

Par. 1404.3. The National Conference shall meet annually and shall elect from its membership a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, **and a Financial Secretary.**

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 54; F, 54; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: TITLE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. FROM THE COMMITTEE

Calendar No. 136. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 950.

The Committee recommends that if The General Confer-

ence adopts the recommendation of the Council on World Service and Finance regarding the titles to be used by the Boards and Agencies of the Church, the title "Executive Secretary" now used in the *Discipline* to designate the chief Executive Officer of each of the three Divisions of the General Board of Education be changed wherever it occurs to "General Secretary."

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 63; F, 63; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: MEMORIALS COVERED BY PREVIOUS ACTION OF THE
COMMITTEE OR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3320, 3526, 3530, 3540, 4520

*Calendar No. 137. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 950.*

The Committee voted concurrence on the Memorials listed above, but makes no special recommendation regarding them, since all had been covered in actions taken before they came to the Committee.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

*Calendar No. 138. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 950.*

The Committee recommends reference of the Memorials listed below as follows:

To the National Association of Methodist Schools and Colleges: 3520, 3538, 3539, 3564.

To the Television, Radio and Film Commission: 2911, 3227, 3250.

To the Council on World Service and Finance: 2555, 3244, 3557, 3570.

To the Editorial Division of the Board of Education: 2567, 2893, 2907, 2908, 3235, 3251, 3254, 3264.

To the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board

of Education: 2545, 2559, 2903, 2913, 3259, 3551, 3563, 3575, 3576, 4525. All these have to do with the location of new theological schools.

To the Division of the Local Church the following Memorials having to do with Church School Report Forms: 2551, 2912, 2918, 3237, 3239, 3240, 3241, 3242, 3243, 3245, 3249, 3518, 3523, 3525, 3535, 3543, 3568, 3572, 3573.

To the Board of Education Memorials on miscellaneous subjects as follows: 2550, 2546, 2566, 2623, 2901, 2909, 2916, 3255, 3519, 3521, 3548, 3549, 3554, 3567, 3672, 4275.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: EXPANDED PROGRAM OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 139. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 951.

The Committee recommends concurrence with the Memorials listed below, all of which advocate an Expanded Program of Theological Education. By its adoption of the Report of the Study Commission on Theological Education The General Conference has already indicated its agreement with the purpose of these Memorials.

The numbers are: 2548, 2549, 2553, 2554, 2573, 2574-2597 inclusive, 2880, 2884, 2885, 2886, 2890, 2891, 2892, 2896, 2897, 2899, 2900, 2915, 2917, 3222, 3223, 3232, 3234, 3247, 3261, 3545, 3561.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 22. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 60; F, 60; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2797, 3705, 3727, 4352

Calendar No. 205. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 951.

The Committee recommends that the Memorials listed in this Report be referred as follows:

No. 2797—to the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education.

No. 3705—to the Board of Missions.

No. 3727—to the Editorial Division of the Board of Education.

No. 4352—to the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 23. EDUCATION

M, 93; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26 to May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF NON-CONCURRENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 215. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 951.

The Committee voted non-concurrence on the Memorials listed as follows: 2211 to 2461, inclusive; 2543, 2544, 2547, 2560, 2565, 2568, 2569, 2599, 2876, 2877, 2881, 2882, 2883, 2895, 2898, 2902, 2904, 2905, 2906, 2914, 3225, 3226, 3230, 3231, 3233, 3253, 3256, 3263, 3265, 3524, 3531 to 3534, inclusive; 3541, 3542, 3544, 3546, 3547, 3550, 3553, 3555, 3558, 3559, 3560, 3566, 3577, 3578, 3580, 4519, 4521, 4522, 4523, 4524, 4526.

In many cases the Committee was in sympathy with the intent of the Memorials, but because they dealt with administrative rather than legislative matters, or because the matters under consideration were already being cared for by some Agency of the Church, non-concurrence was voted.

J. EARL MORELAND (*), *Chairman*;
D. V. SNAPP (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 3. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

Chairman—William S. Evans (Memphis—SE)

Vice-Chairman—F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE)

Secretary—Prince A. Taylor, Jr. (North Carolina—C)

(For a complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, page 40.)

There shall be a Committee of seven charged with the responsibility of preparing and presenting for adoption by The Conference such Enabling Acts and Legal Forms, as may be needed in the continuing process of unifying the interests and agencies of the Church.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis of the Report. For Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN ASIA CONFERENCE ELECTION
OF BISHOPS

*Calendar No. 154. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 883.*

The Southern Asia Central Conference is authorized to elect one or more Bishops for that Central Conference, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than five effective Bishops resident in that field at any one time during the quadrennium, except as provided in Par. 602, Sec. 4.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman;*

PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 2. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: AFRICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE ELECTION
OF BISHOPS

*Calendar No. 155. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 884.*

The Africa Central Conference is authorized to elect one

Bishop for that Central Conference, provided that by such election there shall not be more than two effective Bishops resident in that field at any one time during the quadrennium. (See Par. 602, Section 2.)

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: SOUTHEASTERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE
ELECTION OF BISHOPS

Calendar No. 156. WITHDRAWN May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 883.

The Southeastern Asia Central Conference is authorized to elect one Bishop for that Central Conference, *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than one effective Bishop resident in that field at any one time during the quadrennium.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE,
ADDITIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 157. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 884.

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto the Southern Asia Central Conference is authorized to increase by one the number of Annual Conferences in that Central Conference during the quadrennium.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CHINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE ELECTION
OF BISHOPS

Calendar No. 158. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 884.

The China Central Conference is authorized to elect one

or more Bishops for China; provided that by such election there shall not be more than four effective Bishops resident in that field at any one time during the quadrennium.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN CENTRAL CONFERENCE AND
ELECTION OF BISHOPS

*Calendar No. 159. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 884.*

Upon full compliance with all the provision of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Latin America Central Conference is authorized to conduct a Central Conference with privileges and powers as provided under Central Conference legislation; *provided* that it shall have at least a total of twenty Ministerial Delegates and twenty Lay Delegates on the regular basis of registration. And further:

The Latin America Central Conference is authorized to elect two Bishops for Latin America; *provided* that by such election there shall not be more than two effective Bishops in that field at any one time during the quadrennium.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF BELGIUM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 160. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 884.*

Authority is hereby given whereby the Belgium Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF BALTIC-SLAVIC PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 161. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 885.

Authority is hereby given whereby the Baltic and Slavic Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to continue as a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF NORTHEAST GERMANY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 162. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 885.

Authority is hereby given whereby the Northeast Germany Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1960; and further that the Northeast Germany Annual Conference may change its boundaries if necessary.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 163. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 885.

Authority is hereby given whereby the Czechoslovakia Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF BURMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 164. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 885.*

Authority is hereby given whereby the Burma Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF POLISH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 165. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 886.*

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Polish Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

**SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF MINDANAO ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

*Calendar No. 166. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 886.*

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Mindanao Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF SARAWAK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 167. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 886.*

Upon full compliance with all of the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Sarawak Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

**SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF SIND BALUCHISTAN ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

*Calendar No. 168. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 886.*

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Sind Baluchistan Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to be organized into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

**SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF KALGAN PROVISIONAL ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

*Calendar No. 169. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 886.*

Authority is hereby given whereby the Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference in the China Central Conference may continue as a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF PATAGONIA PROVISIONAL
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 170. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 887.*

Upon full compliance with all of the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto the Patagonia Provisional Annual Conference in Argentina may be organized into a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960 with a minimum of six Ministerial Members.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF AUSTRIA PROVISIONAL ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 171. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 887.*

Upon full compliance with all of the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto the Austria Mission is authorized to be organized into a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960 with a minimum of six Ministerial Members.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF DENMARK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Calendar No. 172. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 887.*

Authority is hereby given whereby the Denmark Annual Conference may continue as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF SUMATRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 173. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 887.

Upon full compliance with all the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to organize into an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;

PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF TAIWAN AND HONG KONG PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 174. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 887.

Upon full compliance with the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Taiwan Mission and the Hong Kong Mission are authorized to become organized into a Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960 *provided* together they have a minimum of nine Ministerial Members.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;

PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 22. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

AMENDED Monday, May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 888

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: DIVISION OF TAIWAN-HONG KONG PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 175. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 888.

Upon full compliance with all of the provisions of the *Discipline* of 1956 relating thereto, the Taiwan-Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference is authorized to be organized into the Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference and the Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960, *provided* they have a minimum of six Ministerial Members.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;

PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 23. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF WYOMING STATE CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2516

*Calendar No. 222. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 888.*

Upon full compliance with the provisions of the 1956 *Discipline* relating thereto, the Wyoming State Conference is authorized to continue as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960; subject, however, to the approval of the Western Jurisdictional Conference with the recommendation that the Wyoming State Conference work out a plan of merging with some adjacent Conference during the quadrennium.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 24. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

**SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF TENNESSEE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE, CENTRAL JURISDICTION**

MEMORIALS: SERIAL Nos. 3204, 3444

*Calendar No. 223. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 888.*

Authority is hereby granted to the Tennessee Conference of the Central Jurisdiction to continue as an Annual Conference for the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 25. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 6; F, 6; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 4, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2531

*Calendar No. 224. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 889.*

Authority is hereby granted to the Idaho Annual Conference to continue as an Annual Conference during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 26. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 5, 1956

SUBJECT: JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS AND THE COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES TO CONSIDER THE PROGRAM OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Calendar No. 249. Adopted and Referred May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 889.

The Committee refers the following Memorial to The Council of Bishops:

"There shall be a Joint Annual Meeting of The Council of Bishops and the Council of Secretaries, called by the President of The Council of Bishops for the purpose of considering the Program of The Methodist Church."

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 27. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 5, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF CUBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Calendar No. 250. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 890.

Authority is hereby granted to the Cuba Annual Conference to continue as an Annual Conference with less than fifty Members during the quadrennium ending in 1960.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 28. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 5, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF MITCHELL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Calendar No. 251. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 890.

Upon full compliance with the requirements of Par. 538 of the 1952 *Discipline*, authority is hereby granted for the transfer of Mitchell Memorial Church of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, from the Washington Annual Conference, Central

Jurisdiction, to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, Northeastern Jurisdiction.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 29. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 5, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF QUAYLE METHODIST CHURCH, SALINA, KANSAS, AND ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH, WICHITA, KANSAS

Calendar No. 252. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 890.

Upon full compliance with all of the requirements of par. 538 of the 1952 *Discipline*, authority is hereby granted for the transfer of Quayle Methodist Church of Salina, Kansas, and St. Mark's Methodist Church of Wichita, Kansas, from the Central West Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction, to the Central Kansas Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 30. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

M, 7; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 5, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF SCOTT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, DENVER, COLORADO; SCOTT'S METHODIST CHURCH, PUEBLO, COLORADO; AND PEOPLES' METHODIST CHURCH, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Calendar No. 253. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 890.

Upon full compliance with all of the requirements of Par. 538 of the 1952 *Discipline*, authority is hereby granted for the transfer of Scott Memorial Church, Denver, Colorado, Scott's Methodist Church, Pueblo, Colorado, Peoples' Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, from the Central West Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction, to the Colorado Annual Conference, Western Jurisdiction.

WILLIAM S. EVANS, *Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 31. ENABLING ACTS AND LEGAL FORMS

Presented for No. 3 withdrawn previously

M, 5; P, 5; F, 5; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 7, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUANCE OF CENTRAL CONFERENCES; ANNUAL OR PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF CENTRAL CONFERENCES

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 889.

Any Central Conference, Annual or Provisional Annual Conference of any Central Conference, not already provided for in the Enabling Acts approved by this General Conference, is hereby authorized to continue during the quadrennium 1956-1960, even though it may fall below the necessary Disciplinary requirements.

(Signed) F. MURRAY BENSON, *Vice-Chairman*;
PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary*

NO. 4. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Chairman: Ernest W. Peterson (*) (Oregon—W)

Vice-Chairman: Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W)

Secretary: Thurman B. Morris (North Indiana—NC)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 40.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, to the interests and activities which by the law of the Church are made the concern of this Board, and to all the eleemosynary work and responsibility of the Church not comprehended in the responsibility of any other Legislative Committee.

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REPORT NO. 1. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 20; F, 20; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE FORD FOUNDATION GRANTS TO METHODIST HOSPITALS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. See Report

Calendar No. 1. Adopted April 28, 1956. See Journal, Page 331.

Whereas, The Ford Foundation has demonstrated an outstanding benevolent spirit through the gift of Special Grants to the 73 hospitals affiliated with the General Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, and:

Whereas, the monetary value of these gifts—in addition to the limitless intangible worth—is in the amount of \$7,462,700, and;

Whereas, in accordance with the stipulations accompanying these grants, they will be used for expansion and development of maximum services to humanity in our Methodist Hospitals, and;

Whereas, the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The

Methodist Church in 1949 established the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy in recognition of outstanding gifts or service given to Methodist hospitals, homes for aged, homes for children, and homes for youth; Now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church:

I. That this official body of The Methodist Church express its gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Ford Foundation for this humanitarian service, assuring the Ford Foundation that this act of philanthropic giving will serve as an impetus for extended health services of our Methodist Church.

II. That it is recommended that the Ford Foundation be given membership in The Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, the Honor Society of the Healing and Helping Hand, by the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church.

III. That this inclusive Resolution be a part of the official records of The General Conference, and be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

IV. That a copy of this Resolution and the indicated citation be presented to the Ford Foundation by the President of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

ERNEST W. PETERSON (*), *Chairman*;
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 20; F, 20; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2815, 2818, 2813

*Calendar No. 20. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 826.*

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following Resolution and the incorporation of the same in the Appendix of the *Discipline*.

"In His ministry Jesus not only taught and preached the Gospel, He exemplified it by healing the sick and helping the needy. The New Testament (Matt. 9:35) states that 'Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every sickness.' Among the instructions which He gave the seventy, as he sent them forth, were these: 'Preach the Kingdom . . . Heal the sick . . . Freely ye have received, freely give.' In the Parable of the Good Samaritan He

pointed out that one's love of God is incomplete until it finds expression in relieving human distress.

"John Wesley, founder of Methodism, insisted that our Christian faith, if it is to be vital, must include compassionate service to our needy fellowmen.

"In the light of Jesus' many admonitions and examples and their re-emphasis by John Wesley, The Methodist Church affirms that God has laid upon His people the obligation to care for the sick, the aged, and children in distress and that to accomplish this purpose, hospitals and homes should be established and supported by the Church.

"The Church has a divine mission to meet human need. As our 'brother's keeper' we have a moral obligation to ease suffering. Persons in every walk of life realize the importance of good health and welfare, and this has been strongly emphasized by the United Nations through the establishment of the World Health Organization and other departments with welfare interests and responsibilities. This alone is positive testimony that world leaders recognize that care must be given to people of all ages in all circumstances. We cannot, as a Church, neglect our responsibility to help God's children—because the health and welfare of our Nation—and our world—affects every living person."

ERNEST W. PETERSON (*), *Chairman*;
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 20; F, 20; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: GOLDEN CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2817

Calendar No. 21. NOT ADOPTED May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 826.

The Committee recommends to amend the 1952 *Discipline*, Chapter XIV, Board of Hospitals and Homes, Par. 1567, as follows:

At the end of the Paragraph add the following:

"(c) From five (5) percent of Golden Cross contributions to be remitted at least annually by the Treasurer of each Annual Conference to the Board of Hospitals and Homes in accordance with action taken by the Annual Conference."

ERNEST W. PETERSON (*), *Chairman*;
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 20; F, 20; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: GOLDEN CROSS SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2816

*Calendar No. 22. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 828.*

The Committee recommends to amend the 1952 *Discipline*, Chapter XIV, **Board of Hospitals and Homes**, Par. 1569.1 as follows:

Delete from lines two to six the following words:

"include in its responsibility the interest and activities formerly promoted by the White Cross Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Golden Cross Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and which shall"

Substitute in lines 10 and 11 **"Care for the sick, older persons, children and youth"** for *"hospitalization for the deserving poor, and for the care of the aged and children."*

The first sentence of this Paragraph will then read:

"There shall be a **Golden Cross Society** of The Methodist Church, which shall promote the Hospitals and Homes Work under the direction of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and shall collect moneys and afford other material assistance in providing care for the sick, older persons, children and youth."

ERNEST W. PETERSON (*), *Chairman*;
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5 HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 20; F, 20; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF HOSPITALS
AND HOMES, PAGES 410 THROUGH 438 OF THE QUADRENNIAL
REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2983

*Calendar No. 23. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 829.*

A bold and inspiring venture in Methodist health and welfare is indicated in the Quadrennial Report of The Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, which significantly and uniquely projects a 12-Point Program of Action offering a challenge and a responsibility to The Gen-

eral Conference of The Methodist Church. This is a "look-ahead" seldom seen in Quadrennial Reports, and these suggestions are a worthy extension of the Board's past achievements in the vital area of Human Welfare.

The Committee on Hospitals and Homes recognizes the importance of these 12 points, and is cognizant of the opportunity set forth in the Episcopal Address, concerning Human Welfare, which states in part: "The question of current maintenance, as well as policy of expansion in the establishment of new institutions, calls for a pronouncement and a plan for this General Conference."

The Committee on Hospitals and Homes is pleased to recommend to The General Conference for its thorough and thoughtful consideration, this 12-Point Program of "Christianity in Action":

1. Co-operate, as possible, with National Church and Public Health and Welfare Departments.
2. Develop homes for older persons to meet increasing needs.
3. Develop health and diagnostic centers in unserved rural areas.
4. Develop Centers for care of the chronically ill.
5. Extend Hospital Programs and facilities.
6. Respond to needs of present hospitals and homes of our Church.
7. Develop an adequate Golden Cross Plan.
8. Develop effective Programs of Child Care.
9. Extend rehabilitative services for unwed mothers.
10. Encourage Methodist hospitals and homes to co-operate, as possible, with Public and Private Health and Welfare Agencies.
11. Enlarge Chaplain services in Methodist Hospital and Homes.
12. Emphasize recruitment and training of quality personnel for Christian careers in health and welfare.

This is a challenge for Bishops, Pastors, Local Church Committees on Hospitals and Homes, Conference Boards of Hospitals and Homes, and individual church members to catch the vision, grasp the opportunity and move forward in Christ's name.

This Committee is impressed with the progress made by The Board of Hospitals and Homes, and its Institutions, es-

pecially during the past Quadrennium. Impressive statistics show that there are 204 Hospitals and Homes in the United States affiliated with this Board, with assets of \$325 million, annual operating cost of \$115 million, and free or part-pay services of \$10 million.

But more important than these numbers and dollars is the Christian service rendered to one and one-quarter million persons through the help of 39,000 personnel.

The Committee enthusiastically approves the proposed Quadrennial Program, with the hope that our educational institutions will, also, strengthen professional training in health and welfare.

The Nation and the world give foremost attention to health and welfare. It is the urgent duty of our Church to assume its rightful share of the healing and helping ministry.

The time is now for Methodism to recognize the importance of our Hospitals and Homes. Some are only lightly related to the Church. Neglect and oversight anywhere by the Church may mean the loss of a significant Institution to the Church and the cause of Christ.

This Committee is deeply appreciative of the advancements made in Christian health and welfare by the Board of Hospitals and Homes. The Quadrennial Report shows an unprecedented foresight and wisdom in projecting ways of meeting human need. This Board modestly admits that it will not rest on past achievements, but affirmatively intends to move out in a more effective program of Christian service.

ERNEST W. PETERSON (*), *Chairman*;
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. HOSPITALS AND HOMES

M, 26; P, 20; F, 20; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2814, 3616, 4276, 4277, 4454
Calendar No. 248. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1025.

The Committee moves Non-Concurrence on the above Memorials.

ERNEST W. PETERSON (*), *Chairman*;
THURMAN B. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

NO. 5. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Chairman: Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W)
Vice-Chairman: William E. Trice (Louisiana—SC)
Secretary: Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy—NE)
Assistant Secretary: John O. Smith (South Carolina—SE)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 40.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Inter-Denominational Activities, Relations, interests, and responsibilities of The Methodist Church, including the American Bible Society, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and the World Council of Churches.

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REPORT NO. 1. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE, INC.

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2967-2977 Inclusive

*Calendar No. 24. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 901.*

The Committee recommends that the following statement of approval be adopted and placed in the *Discipline*:

The Committee on 'Religion in American Life, Inc.' is recognized as an Inter-Denominational and Inter-Faith Agency through which The Methodist Church may work to direct attention to church attendance and loyalty to the Christian faith. In endorsing this Program The Council of

Bishops shall nominate to the Board of Directors of Religion in American Life, five (5) members who shall be elected by The General Conference. Further, the Council on World Service and Finance shall recommend to The General Conference, for its action and determination, the amount to be included in the General Administration Fund as the Methodist share in this participation.

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman*;
MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 2. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL
RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

M, 26; P, 18; F, 18; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3002
Concurrence

SUBJECT: QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, PAGES 679 THROUGH 685 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AMENDED, Monday, May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 901.

Calendar No. 58. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 901.

The American Bible Society is the recognized Agent through which The Methodist Church translates, publishes and distributes the Scriptures. Methodist leaders have traditionally contributed to its Staff and counsel, and The Methodist Church **MORE THAN ANY OTHER DENOMINATION TO ITS** Budget. We commend the Society for its current tasks of preparing revised texts in 66 languages with several concordances, of providing an improved Greek Testament for scholars, of publishing over 15 million copies of the Scriptures annually in 200 languages, of efficient distribution of Scriptures to the personnel of the armed services and to the blind. The Bible is the most effective tool of evangelism and we rejoice that the Society is preparing to **WORK IN** the especially ripe fields in Japan, Africa, Latin America, Korea and Southeast Asia. We pledge the continued interest and support of The Methodist church.

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman*;
MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 3. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL
RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
PAGES 686-692, OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF THE
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3003

*Calendar No. 59. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 902.*

In its five years of life, the National Council of Churches has shown remarkable vitality in responding to the needs of its constituent Churches, ever cherishing the principle of freedom while achieving unity of action. The Greek Orthodox Church in America has become the thirtieth Communion to join its fellowship which embraces every facet of common enterprise of the Churches, from the launching of a three-year "Share Our Surplus" Program through world service, the ministry to Staff and visitors of 17 great national parks by 90 young men and women from 17 Denominations, combating threats to the freedom of American people, and institutions, promoting Bible reading which broke all publishing records in the sale of three million copies of the Revised Standard Edition within two years, to the study of America's first TV generation fed on the monotony of violence-ridden programs.

We commend the National Council's services which are the responsibility of the Church but which no Communion could do single-handed. We rejoice in the significant part The Methodist Church has played in this ecumenical movement and pledge our continued co-operation and support.

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman;*

MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary.*

**REPORT NO. 4. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL
RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3004**

*Calendar No. 60. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 902.*

The World Methodist Council, which rooted in the first

Ecumenical Methodist Conference in London in 1881, and which was initiated by The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church had its beginning as a functioning body at Springfield, Mass., in 1947; and Oxford, England, in 1951. It now represents 40 Methodist bodies in 75 countries with a membership of 18,000,000. The Methodist Church in the United States comprises Section No. 18 of the Federation of 25 sections of the World Methodist Council. The World Federation of Methodist Women and the Inter-National Methodist Historical Society are co-operating affiliates.

The notable World Mission of Evangelism under the leadership of Dr. W. E. Sangster of London was the first united program of action undertaken throughout ecumenical Methodism since the days of John Wesley. We commend also the valuable exchanges of pulpits each summer. Widely scattered Methodists have been brought closer together through this acquaintance and fellowship.

Headquarters of the World Methodist Council in the United States is now installed in its own building at Lake Junaluska North Carolina, with offices, library, reading room and museum. Here on September 1-12, 1956, the Ninth World Methodist Conference promises to be the greatest Ecumenical Meeting of Methodists ever held, with large representations of notable leaders from Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other parts of the world.

This General Conference extends a hearty welcome and sends affectionate fraternal greetings to the Ninth World Methodist Conference and the World Methodist Council. We urge our people to pray for the Conference's success and to familiarize themselves with its Objectives and Program. In such a day as this, it is of the highest importance that the Wesleyan witness be re-emphasized everywhere, and that the Methodists of the world be united in fraternity and understanding. We rededicate ourselves to the ideal expressed by John Wesley when he bade his followers on this side of the Atlantic to "lose no opportunity of declaring to all men that the Methodists are one people in all the world, and are determined so to continue."

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman*;

MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST

WOMEN. PAGE 696 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3005

*Calendar No. 61. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 902.*

The World Federation of Methodist Women, organized in 1939, with its 4,000,000 members in 34 countries, seeks to share the abundant life of Christ with the womanhood and childhood of the world through evangelism, the healing ministries, and educational and social service. In its world-wide meetings it helps unite Methodist mothers and homes in a warm friendship and fellowship that knows no barriers. In August at Junaluska, North Carolina, it plans in its third World Conference to become an affiliate of the World Methodist Council. We commend the co-operation of Methodist women of the Church.

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman:*

MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 6. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M. 26; P. 16; F. 16; A. 0; N. 5

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1954

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609,
2965, 3001, 3348

*Calendar No. 140. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 903.*

1. Paragraph 2005 of the 1952 *Discipline* gives the authorization, composition, and basic functions of the Commission on Church Union.

The official Report of this Commission is given in the "Quadrennial Reports of the Boards and Commissions of The Methodist Church to The General Conference of 1956."

As pointed out in the Report: "The urge toward closer relationship between the Divisions of the Church is today constant and insistent. But those who are enthusiastic about the end result differ as to route."

One group urges cutting across Denominational barriers, and the forming of United Churches wherever possible. This is the pattern followed by some of the Churches in Canada, South India, and Japan.

The other group fears that while such Programs may eliminate certain Denominational barriers they may merely substitute even more difficult National barriers, and warns against using nationalism and national self-interest as a catalyst. This group, looking into the future, would rather see the World Council of Churches as a Council of World-wide Communions—Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, etc.—than a Council of National Churches. It is the policy of your Commission to explore the various possibilities that may hold promise.

2. World Methodist Council

Many steps have been taken during the Quadrennium in strengthening the ties of the constituent Methodist bodies of the world. While this takes place constantly on many levels, it is perhaps most clearly seen in the function of the World Methodist Council. This Council met in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1947, in Oxford, England in 1951, and is scheduled to meet at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, August 28 to September 12, 1956. The Methodists of the world seem definitely to be drawing together.

This trend is seen not only on an Inter-National level, but on a National as well. Under the leadership of the World Methodist Council there have been several meetings with Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. There is apparent need for closer co-operation. The future holds promise in that direction. Also in the United States the Free Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, and the Wesleyan Methodist Church, all affiliate with the World Methodist Council. Similar circumstances prevail in numerous other lands where the different branches of Methodism are at work.

3. The Evangelical United Brethren Church

Historically, doctrinely, and organically, the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and The Methodist Church are very similar. These co-operative bonds have continued through many channels.

During the Quadrennium, friendly conversations have been held between a group of Bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Members of the Executive Committee of the Commission on Church Union of The Methodist Church. Both groups have expressed the hope, which is reinforced by several Memorials to this General Conference, that in the not too distant future, negotiations may move in the direction of the union of these two kindred branches of Christendom.

4. Other Groups Sharing Our Tradition and Doctrine

The Methodist Church, through its Commission on Church Union is prepared to join with other groups or Churches, including all those listed above, in moving toward closer co-operation, or in moving toward possible union.

5. Protestant Episcopal Church

Friendly conversations between our Church and the Protestant Episcopal Church have continued through the years. The emphasis during this Quadrennium has centered in the possibility of establishing Inter-communion through an extension of the Orders of the Clergy in each of the two Churches. A suggested possible plan is in the early stages of consideration, and has been presented by the Commission for information and for study.

6. A United Church In U.S.A.

In response to a call by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America for discussion of organic union of the Churches in this country in December 1949, the following sent representatives:

Congregational Christian Churches
Disciples of Christ
Evangelical and Reformed Church
The Methodist Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
National Council of Community Churches

A possible plan upon which these studies may be based, is presented in the Report of the Commission on Church Union for our information.

7. We commend our Commission on Church Union for their labors and leadership in the field of Church Union, and approve the continuation of the Commission as now constituted in Paragraph 2005 of the *Discipline*.

These steps toward closer Ecumenical co-operation are in the spirit of the Episcopal Address of 1956 which states:

"Saving the world is a task under God not for one Church but for all of the Churches working together. From the inception of the Inter-Denominational Co-operative movement, Methodism has been in the forefront of leadership and participation. Believing that the separate resources of the Denominations gain power through uniting, The Methodist Church has striven to become strong in itself and strong through co-operation. . . .

The position of the Methodists regarding ecumenicity is

clear. It was, in fact, fixed by John Wesley who has been called "the most ecumenically-minded of all the great reformers."

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman*;
MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: THE MESSAGE OF THE ASSEMBLY, PAGES 7-9 OUR ONENESS IN CHRIST AND OUR DISUNITY AS CHURCHES, PAGES 10-17 FROM REPORT OF SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2610, 3006

Calendar No. 141. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 903.

We rejoice in the continuing effectiveness of the World Council of Churches. This remarkable fellowship has sharpened our awareness of, and deepened our faith in, the essential unity of all Christians everywhere. Its ministry is evidenced in a most practical way.

The World Council of Churches includes 162 Denominations in 47 nations co-operating in a common Christian witness in service to human need, mainly to refugees. During 1955, over 12,000 homeless from eastern Europe were resettled, a ministry was continued to 900,000 Arab refugees in the Near East, to war sufferers in Korea, flood victims in India, Pakistan and Laos, and to the Mau Maus in Kenya. Thirteen hundred Ministerial Students have been given a year of training in another country other than their own. All this was at a total cost in excess of \$33,000,000.

Studies have been inaugurated to help Churches in the West as well as those in under-developed countries to examine their own mutual responsibilities: to the social, economic, and political conditions everywhere; to the prevention of war in an atomic age; and, to a new evaluation of Christian evangelism in relation to non-Christian religions.

One outstanding contribution to world understanding across all barriers of race, creed and nations has been the simple plan by which young people of the Churches share in mutual helpfulness in work-camp projects. Another is the training at the Ecumenical Institute at Lake Geneva, of both Laity and Ministers in their witness to Christ through

daily occupations. Still another develops a Christian mind on world issues by friendly contacts with key personnel of the United Nations.

We commend this effective witness to Christ in the world-wide ministries of the World Council of Churches. We re-affirm, as Methodists participating in this united fellowship the statements of the 1954 Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which challenged us to reach the unchurched of the world for Christ, and expressed faith in the sufficiency of Jesus Christ in meeting the needs of all men.

We re-affirm our oneness in Christ, believing that by faith and practice we can give witness in the World Fellowship to this essential position. This oneness is expressed, we believe, through a Church only partially realized, but growing in the world and moving inevitably toward a greater ministry.

We re-affirm that diversities in the Church can be understood and utilized for good only as we maintain the unity in Christ as believed and taught in the New Testament. Progress toward unity amidst disunity is being made in the historical order of our day, as we build the world fellowship of Christ, both in His spirit and upon His word.

We re-affirm our support of the World Council of Churches, and our faith in its Program, by sharing in the various phases of its responsibilities and in its Financial Budget.

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman*;
MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF PROGRAM AND NOMINATION OF
DIRECTORS OF RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 4511, 4512

*Calendar No. 142. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 904.*

The Committee moves concurrence (duplicate of Memorials 2967-2977 acted upon April 26, 1952) Same as Report No. 1.

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman*;
MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 9. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL
RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

M, 26; P, 16; F, 16; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: REFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3291, 4514, 4770

*Calendar No. 185. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 904.*

Referred to Commission on Church Union.

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman*;

MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 10. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL
RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

**SUBJECT: INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION FUND.
NON-CONCURRENCE**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2603

*Calendar No. 211. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1025.*

The Committee moves Non-Concurrence of Memorial
2603.

ELLIOTT L. FISHER, *Chairman*;

MISS GEORGIA HARKNESS (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 6. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Chairman: Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC)

Vice-Chairman: J. Henry Chitwood (North Alabama—SE)

Secretary: Miss Margaret Currie (*) (Maine—NE)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 40.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the formal disciplining, trial, and appeal of Members and Ministers of The Methodist Church, and relating to the Judicial Council and the judicial procedure within the Church.

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REPORT NO. 1. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

M, 26; P, 18; F, 18; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE
JUDICIAL COUNCIL

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2602, 2957

*Calendar No. 35. Adopted May 1, 1956. See Journal,
Page 395.*

The Committee recommends the following:

Amend Article 2 of Par. 901 by deleting the words "*a like number of*" and inserting in place thereof the word **six**, in the first Paragraph, and by adding to the second Paragraph the following sentence: "**Provided, however, that at the 1956 session of The General Conference two Ministerial and one Lay Alternate shall be elected for a term of four years, and three Ministerial and three Lay Alternates shall be elected for a term of eight years,**" so that said Paragraphs as amended shall read as follows:

Article 2. Alternates. There shall be six Alternates of each Class, and their qualifications shall be the same as for membership on The Judicial Council. The term of the Alternates

shall be for eight years: provided, however, that an Alternate whose 70th birthday precedes the first day of the regular session of a General Conference shall be released at the close of that General Conference from membership or responsibility in The Council regardless of the date of expiration of his term of office.

The Alternates shall be elected in the manner following: From the nominees of each Class remaining on the ballot after the election of the necessary number of Members of The Judicial Council to be elected at sessions of The General Conference. The General Conference shall by separate ballot, without discussion and by majority vote, elect the number of Alternates of each Class to be elected at such session of The General Conference. An election shall be held at each session of The General Conference for only the number of each Class whose terms expire at such session of The General Conference, or to fill vacancies: *provided, however, that at the 1956 session of The General Conference two Ministerial and one Lay Alternate shall be elected for a term of four years, and three Ministerial and three Lay Alternates shall be elected for a term of eight years.*

Amend Article 3 of Par. 901 by striking out the first two Paragraphs, which ~~reads as follows~~:

Art. 3. Vacancies.—If a vacancy or vacancies in the membership of The Judicial Council occur during the interim between sessions of The General Conference, they shall be filled by the Alternate or Alternates of the same Class or respective Classes in the order of their election as Alternates, and they shall hold office as Members of The Judicial Council for the unexpired term of the Member whom each respectively succeeds. In the event of any vacancy it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary of The Council to notify the Alternate entitled to fill it.

In the event of the enforced absence of one or more Members of The Council at or during a session of The General Conference, such temporary vacancy or vacancies may be filled for that session of The General Conference, or the remainder thereof, by an Alternate or Alternates of the same Class or respective Classes in the order of their election: provided that nothing in this provision shall affect the validity of any action of The Council so long as a quorum is present.

Vacancies. If a vacancy in the membership of The Judicial Council occurs during the interim between sessions of The General Conference, it shall be filled by an Alternate of the

same Class and from the same Jurisdiction as that of the Member whom he succeeds, if there is such an Alternate, and by the first elected if there is more than one. If there is no Alternate of the same Class and Jurisdiction the vacancy shall be filled by an Alternate of the same Class in order of election. The Alternate filling such vacancy shall hold office as a member of The Judicial Council for the unexpired term of the Member whom he succeeds. In the event of any vacancy it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary of The Council to notify the Alternate entitled to fill it.

In the event of the enforced absence of one or more Members of The Council at or during a session of The General Conference, such temporary vacancy may be filled for that session of The General Conference, or the remainder thereof, as provided in the foregoing Paragraph; *provided*, however, that nothing in this provision shall affect the validity of any action of The Council so long as a quorum is present.

LEONARD D. SLUTZ (*), *Chairman*;

MISS MARGARET CURRIE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

M, 26; P, 18; F, 18; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL ATTENDING GENERAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2960

Calendar No. 109. Adopted May 5, 1956. Reconsidered and Readopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 863, 941, 972.

Whereas, by action of the 1948 General Conference the expenses to succeeding General Conferences of Members of The Judicial Council retiring at that session were authorized to be paid; and,

Whereas, no such provision was made by the 1952 session of The General Conference covering the expenses to succeeding sessions of The General Conference of Members of The Judicial Council retiring at that session; and

Whereas, such expenses should be provided for all retired Members of The Judicial Council who retired because of the age rule, after serving at least one full term of eight years;

Therefore Be It Resolved by The General Conference of The Methodist Church that expenses be paid all retired Members of The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church who retired because of age after serving at least one full term of eight years, who are in attendance at this 1956

General Conference or who may attend any future session of The General Conference, such expenses to be allowed on the same basis as applies to active Members of The Judicial Council.

LEONARD D. SLUTZ (*), *Chairman*;
MISS MARGARET CURRIE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

M, 26; P, 19; F, 19; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: TRIAL OF THE BISHOP OF A CENTRAL CONFERENCE
HAVING ONLY ONE BISHOP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2600

*Calendar No. 110. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 864.*

Amend Paragraph 930 of the *Discipline* by adding the following Paragraph: **"Whenever a Bishop of a Central Conference having only one Bishop is accused of any charge enumerated in Paragraph 921 of the *Discipline*, The Council of Bishops shall designate one of their number to conduct the trial."**

so that said Paragraph when amended will read as follows:

Par. 930. The several Conferences shall make suitable rules for the investigation and trial of charges against Bishops elected by them. In the absence of such rules the same procedure shall be followed as is provided for the investigation and trial of Bishops in Jurisdictional Conferences; *provided*, however, that an appeal may be taken to The Judicial Council. **Whenever a Bishop of a Central Conference having only one Bishop is accused of any charge enumerated in Paragraph 921 of the *Discipline*, The Council of Bishops shall designate one of their number to conduct the trial.**

Amend Paragraph 586 of the *Discipline* by adding the following Paragraph: **"Whenever a Bishop of a Central Conference having only one Bishop is accused of any charge enumerated in Paragraph 921 of the *Discipline*, The Council of Bishops shall designate one of their number to conduct the trial"**

so that the amended Paragraph will read as follows:

Par. 586. A Central Conference shall have authority to adopt rules of procedure governing the investigation and trial of its Ministers, including Bishops and Lay Members of the Church and to provide the necessary means and methods

of carrying them into effect; *provided*, however, that the Ministers shall not be deprived of the right of trial by a Ministerial Committee, and Lay Members of the Church of the right of trial by a duly constituted Committee of Church Members; and *provided*, also, that the rights of appeal shall be adequately safeguarded. **Whenever a Bishop of a Central Conference having only one Bishop is accused of any charge enumerated in paragraph 921 of the *Discipline*, the Council of Bishops shall designate one of their number to conduct the trial.**

LEONARD D. SLUTZ (*), *Chairman*;
MISS MARGARET CURRIE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 4. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

M, 26; P, 19; F, 19; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2601, 2958, 2959, 2962, 2963, 2964,
4360, 4361

*Calendar No. 209. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1025.*

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence.

LEONARD D. SLUTZ (*), *Chairman*;
MISS MARGARET CURRIE (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 7. LAY ACTIVITIES

Chairman: Ray H. Nichols (*), (Northwest Texas)
Vice-Chairman: Fran H. Faber (*), (Minnesota—NC)
Secretary: T. Russell Reitz (*), (Kansas—NC)

(For complete personnel of this Committee, see Journal, Page 47.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating distinctly to Lay Activities, and the Board of Lay Activities.

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REPORT NO. 1. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 74; F, 73; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: DISTRICT BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2950

*Calendar No. 2. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 674.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Chapter IX Sec. IV. In Par. 1508 line four, delete the word *and*. Change the period to a comma in line 5 and add the words "**and the President of each chartered Methodist Men club.**" so that the Paragraph will read as follows:

Paragraph 1508. There shall be in every District a District Board of Lay Activities composed of the District Lay Leader, who shall be Chairman, two or more Associate District Lay Leaders, the District Superintendent, the Lay Leader of each Charge, **and the President of each chartered Methodist Men club.**

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 73; F, 73; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: METHODIST MEN

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2952

*Calendar No. 3. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 674.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Chapter VI Sec. IX. In par. 266 third line after the word church add the words **and encouraging them to secure a Charter** so that the Paragraph will read as follows:

Paragraph 266. The Official Board, in co-operation with the Pastor and the Lay Leader, shall be responsible for organizing Methodist Men in the Local Church **and encouraging them to secure a Charter** for the development . . . and to continue without change.

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 70; F, 69; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: LAYMEN'S DAY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2954

*Calendar No. 6. WITHDRAWN May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 674.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Chapter IX Sec. I. In Par. 1493 add a new Paragraph as follows:

The District Superintendent and the District Lay Leader shall confer regarding the observance of Laymen's Day, co-operating with the local Lay Leaders in making plans for securing a qualified Lay Speaker to make the Laymen's Day address at each preaching place in the District and to ensure that the Laymen's Day material prepared and distributed by the General Board of Lay Activities is placed in the hands of each Layman who will be taking an active part in a Laymen's Day service.

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 70; F, 68; A, 2; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

**SUBJECT: CHANGING THE TERM CHARGE LAY LEADER TO
CHURCH LAY LEADER**

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2656, 2657

*Calendar No. 12. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 675.*

The Committee recommends that Chapter III Section II be changed as follows:

Par. 143-2 by deleting the word "*Charge*" and the words "*of the Circuit*" and inserting the word "**Church**" ahead of the words "Lay Leader" and adding the letter (s) to Leader so that the new Par. 143-2 shall read: "2. The **Church Lay Leader** (s) (Par.).

The Committee recommends that Chapter VI Section I be changed as follows: Par. 212 by deleting the words, and comma and a *Church Lay Leader* Par. 262. All other portions of Par. 212 to remain as now printed.

The Committee recommends that Chapter VI Sec. IX be changed as follows: Par. 262-1 delete the words *elected by the Official Board from its membership* and substitute the words **elected by the Fourth Quarterly Conference**, so that the Paragraph will read: Par. 262. 1. There shall be a Church Lay Leader in each Local Church, **elected by the Fourth Quarterly Conference**, who shall promote . . . continued without further change to end of present Par. 262-1.

The Committee recommends the following change in Chapter VI Sec. IX Paragraph 262-2 be deleted.

2. *In a Circuit Charge there shall be a Charge Lay Leader elected by the Pastoral-charge Quarterly Conference. In a pastoral charge of one church the Church Lay Leader is the Charge Lay Leader. (See " 1516-17.)* and Par. 1516 Chapter IX Sec. VI be deleted:

' 1516. *The Charge Lay Leader of the Station Charge or of the Circuit Charge in co-operation with the Pastor shall be responsible for presenting the Program of Lay Activities to the Official Board or Boards for the adoption of plans necessary to carry on the work. He shall give continued leadership to make the work effective, make a Report to each regular session of the Board and to each Quarterly Conference, and a detailed Report to the District Lay Leader at the close of the Conference year. He shall confer frequently with the Pastor and, in the case of a Circuit, with the several*

Church Lay Leaders about the work of lay activities and assist them in all their plans; co-operate with the Pastor in presenting benevolences to the congregation; co-operate with the General Board and its auxiliary units in the promotion of the total Program of Lay Activities; and promote the circulation of the Methodist Layman and the Christian Advocate.

The Committee recommends that Chapter VI Sec. IX be changed as follows: That in Par. 263 fourth line the words *of which the Charge Lay Leader shall be Chairman* be deleted and the words **of which one of the Church Lay Leaders shall be elected Chairman** be inserted.

The Paragraph will then read: Par. 263. The Pastor of a Circuit, with the consent of the Official Boards of the Charge, shall organize the several Official Boards into a single Charge Board of Lay Activities, **of which one of the Church Lay Leaders shall be elected Chairman.** This Board shall promote . . . and to continue to the end of the Paragraph as printed in the *Discipline*.

The Committee recommends further that the words **Church Lay Leader** be used in all places in the *Discipline* instead of the words *Charge Lay Leader* when the *Discipline* following this General Conference is edited and printed.

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF CHURCH LAY LEADER AND
PUBLICATION OF NAMES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2956

Calendar No. 13. WITHDRAWN May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 675.

The Committee recommends the addition of a new Paragraph in the *Discipline* possibly after the present Paragraph 150 as follows:

Par. The District Superintendent shall secure the name and address of the Church Lay Leader (s) and he shall present the name and address to the Secretary of the Annual Conference at the meeting of the Annual Conference and this list shall be printed in the Annual Conference Journal by the Annual Conference Secretary.

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 65; F, 65; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2982

*Calendar No. 14. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 675.*

The Committee recommends that the following Resolution be adopted:

The General Conference has received and reviewed the Report of the General Board of Lay Activities as printed on pages 439 through 455 of the Quadrennial Reports of 1956, and commends the projected Program to the new Board of Lay Activities for the 1956-60 quadrennium.

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 75; F, 75; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF METHODIST MEN

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2953

*Calendar No. 18. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 676.*

The Committee recommends that a new Paragraph be added to the *Discipline* in Chapter VI Sec. IX as follows:

Paragraph . Methodist Men, in achieving the six Objectives as enumerated in Paragraph 266 as an organized unit in the Local Church, shall consider a Program of Activities which should include the following:

1. To co-operate with the Local Commission on Membership and Evangelism in a Program of Personal Evangelism and to assure that every adult male member of the congregation is visited at least once each year.

2. To co-operate with the Commission on Stewardship and Finance in the cultivation of Christian stewardship and assist in an Annual Every Member Canvass.

3. To co-operate with the Commission on Education. Methodist Men should assist in a Program of Youth Activities such as Scouting, 4-H Club work in those communities where this need is not otherwise provided.

4. To co-operate with the Commission on Missions in some worthy project as an expression of Christian out-reach.

5. To co-operate with other Official Bodies of the church in recruiting and assisting worthy young people in securing a Christian education.

6. To co-operate with the Pastor in order to relieve him of some of the responsibilities demanding his time so as to release him for ministering more fully to the spiritual needs of the people.

7. To co-operate with the Pastor and Official Bodies of the church in sponsoring a Program of Training in Churchmanship, including the organization and Doctrines of The Methodist Church.

8. To encourage the reading of The Methodist Layman as the Official Organ of Methodist men.

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 66; F, 66; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2650

Calendar No. 25. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 676.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following Resolution:

Whereas, The Council of Bishops has asked The General Conference to express itself on the Report from the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Evanston, Illinois, August 15-31, 1954, specifically Part VI entitled "*The Christian and His Vocation*," and

Whereas this Report points out that:

1. "Clergy and laity belong together in the Church; if the Church is to perform her mission in the world, they need each other. . . . It is the laity who draw together work and worship; it is they who bridge the gulf between the Church and the world. . . . This, and not some new order or organization, is the Ministry of the Laity."

2. "It would appear that . . . The effort to apply the Gospel to the world of work has been relatively slight."

3. "This gulf between the Church and the life of the world can be bridged by those who have a Christian view of work . . . (which is, that) all work honestly done, whether under-

taken for the sake of earning a livelihood, or for the sake of the community, or out of spontaneous joy in creative effort, has genuine value and meaning in the purpose of God."

4. "The time has come to make the Ministry of the Laity explicit, visible and active in the world. The real battles of the faith today are being fought in factories, shops, offices, and farms, in political parties and government agencies, in countless homes, in the press, radio and television, and in the relationship of nations."

5. "Many people are conscious that they are ill equipped for their task of ministry. The following suggestions are put forward:

(a) "Worship and Bible reading is the first task."

(b) "Theology is not for clergy only; it must be accessible to lay people in a form which they recognize as relevant."

(c) "The home should become a place where children grow up to regard work and occupation as a sphere of Christian vocation."

(d) "Mutual care of (Church) members by each other as well as by the clergy is needed in the Church."

(e) "Christians from the same or related occupations should have some opportunity to meet occasionally. In fellowship with Christians in similar work they can study and discuss common concerns, including problems of the structure of their occupation, in the light of Christian faith."

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That

1. We heartily endorse this emphasis on "the Ministry of the Laity," and

2. That we commend it to our churches for study and discussion.

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. LAY ACTIVITIES

M, 93; P, 74; F, 74; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1956

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2658, 2951, 2954, 2955, 3354, 3355, and 3834.

Calendar No. 206. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 952.

The Committee recommends Non-concurrence, on the above Memorials.

RAY H. NICHOLS (*), *Chairman*;
T. RUSSELL REITZ (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 8. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

Chairman: Ray W. Ragsdale (Southern California-Arizona).

Vice-Chairman: Kenneth W. Copeland (Southwest Texas—SC)

Secretary: Mrs. Ralph K. Surface (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 50.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Church membership, including conditions, duties, and transfer thereof; and all matters pertaining to Evangelism and to the devotional life and literature of the Church, made by the law of the Church the concern of the Board of Evangelism.

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REPORT NO. 1. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 67; F, 67; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: LOCAL CHURCH COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND
EVANGELISM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2631

*Calendar No. 4. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 677.*

Paragraph 221, following Section 2, add a new Section to be numbered "3", and make Section 3 to be number 4.

The new Section: The Commission shall outline its Program and estimate its anticipated financial needs, including evangelistic and devotional literature and materials essential to carrying on its total responsibilities as outlined in Paragraph 222, and present a request for the necessary funds to the Commission on Finance, prior to the preparation of the Annual Budget.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman;*
MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 2. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M. 74; P. 67; F. 67; A. 0; N. 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: A MISSION TO AMERICA

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2659

*Calendar No. 5. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 678.*

Whereas, many Christians in the younger Churches of Methodism—the Missionary Conferences, the Central Conferences, the Provisional Annual Conferences, and the Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Churches—reflect a Living Witness of a living Faith in their lives and in their work; and

Whereas, thousands of men and women and youth, members of The Methodist Church in the United States, as well as the vast host of the uncaptured, would be persuaded to commit their lives to Christ and to live with new devotion to His cause, by contact with leaders from the younger Churches, and by their witness concerning their faith; therefore

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Missions and the Board of Evangelism be requested to co-operate in 1958 in a "Mission to America," that outstanding leaders and preachers of the younger Churches be invited to the United States to give witness to their triumphant faith, and to lead the Methodists of America toward a great spiritual awakening, and to a deeper devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman;*

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 3. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M. 74; P. 60; F. 59; A. 1; N. 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: OBSERVANCE OF DAY OF PENTECOST

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2635

*Calendar No. 7. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 678.*

We memorialize The General Conference to set aside Pentecost Sunday each year as "*One great day of witnessing*," and that the preparation of materials and promotion of the Day be under the direction of the General Board of Evangelism.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman;*

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 4. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2633

*Calendar No. 8. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 678.*

Delete from Paragraph 1478 the first sentence which reads as follows:

"Each Annual Conference of the Church shall elect for the quadrennium a Conference Board of Evangelism, which shall promote the Program of Evangelism as outlined by the General Board and in co-operation with the Jurisdictional Board."

Substitute for that sentence the following:

"Each Annual Conference of the Church shall elect for the quadrennium a Conference Board of Evangelism which shall plan and promote a Program of Evangelism throughout the Conference. It shall give guidance to the District Committees on Evangelism and to Local Church Commissions on Membership and Evangelism in carrying out their purposes and responsibilities, especially as outlined in Paragraphs 125 and 222; and it shall co-operate with the General and Jurisdictional Boards of Evangelism in promoting Evangelistic Plans and Programs."

The rest of the Paragraph will remain as it is.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman;*

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 5. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 60; F, 59; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 26, 1956

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM TO OFFICIAL BOARD

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2634

*Calendar No. 9. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 678.*

Add new Section which shall be Section 4, Paragraph 221-5.

4. In each charge the Chairman of this Commission shall make a monthly Report to the Official Board covering the progress of the Commission's work for the preceding month and presenting plans for the forthcoming work.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman;*

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 6. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

No Report submitted.

REPORT NO. 7. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

No Report submitted.

REPORT NO. 8. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 60; F, 44; A, 15; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

**SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL CHURCH COMMISSION ON
MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2638

*Calendar No. 10. REFERRED to Committee on Correlation
and Editorial Revision May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 678.*

See Report No. 2 Committee on Correlation and Editorial
Revision, Journal, page 953.

That the Chairman of the Local Church Commission on
Membership and Evangelism be elected at the Fourth Quar-
terly Conference upon nomination of the Committee on Nom-
inations or the Official Board (as provided for in Paragraph
144 of the 1952 *Discipline*).

To effect this legislation, we recommend the following
changes in the 1952 *Discipline*:

Delete section 3 of Paragraph 221.

*3. The Commission shall meet monthly in order to review
its work and receive Reports. The Pastor of a Circuit may
organize the several Local-Church Commissions into a single
Commission, in which case its work shall be projected on a
Charge-wide basis.*

And substitute for it the following:

**"at the beginning of each Conference year the Pastor and
the Chairman (who was elected at the Fourth Quarterly
Conference) shall call together the members of the Com-
mission for organization. The Commission shall elect a Vice-
Chairman, a Secretary, and such other Officers and Commit-
tees as may be determined."**

Also add to Paragraph 144, at its close, the following sen-
tence:

**"The Chairman of the Commission on Membership and
Evangelism shall be elected (upon nomination of the Com-
mittee on Nominations or of the Official Board or Pastor, as
above), at the same time the members of that Commission
are elected."**

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM
No Report submitted.

REPORT NO. 10. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 51; F, 48; A, 0; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL OF GENERAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM
MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2626

AMENDED Friday, May 4, 1956, See Journal pages 679-680;
and Monday, May 7, 1956, see Journal, page 962.

Calendar No. 15. Adopted May 4, 1956. Reconsidered and re-adopted, Monday, May 7, 1956. See Journal, page 962

That the portion of Chapter VIII, Sec. III, Paragraph 1468 Art. 3 Membership that refers to Youth Members and reads as follows (beginning with line seven) be deleted:

" . . . three Youth Members elected by the National Conference of Methodist Youth; and twelve Members from the Church at Large, to be elected by the Board. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled in the following manner: those occurring among the Bishops to be filled by The Council of Bishops; those occurring in the memberships of the Jurisdictions to be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs; those occurring among the Youth Members to be filled by the National Conference of Methodist Youth; and those occurring in the Membership at Large to be filled by the Board itself,"

be changed to read as follows beginning with line seven:

" . . . Twelve members from the Church at large, to be elected by the Board: and three Youth Members, twenty-three years of age or under at the time of their election, nominated by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and elected by the Board. In making the nominations to the Board, The National Conference of Methodist Youth, in consultation with the Appropriate staff of the Board, shall consider suggestions of nominations made by Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowships and State or similar units of The Methodist Student Movement. The Chairman of the Program Area of Christian Witness of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission shall be one of the three Youth Members.

Vacancies occurring during the Quadrennium shall be filled in the following manner: Those occurring among the Bishops are to be filled by The Council of Bishops: those occurring in the memberships of the Jurisdictions are to be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancies occur: those occurring in the Membership at Large are to be filled

by the Board itself: And those occurring among the Youth Members are to be filled by the Board upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth."

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 70; F, 70; A, 1; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF A CHURCH MEMBER

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2643

Calendar No. 16. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 680.

To amend Chapter II, Sec. II, Paragraph 125 of the 1952 *Discipline*, line 22 by adding after the word "Pastor", "and provided further that should a transfer of his membership be requested, the Pastor may restore him to membership for the purpose of transfer and issue the Certificate of Transfer." So that the Paragraph beginning with line 22 shall read ". . . and on recommendation of the Pastor, and provided further that should a transfer of his membership be requested, the Pastor may restore him to membership for the purpose of transfer and issue the certificate of transfer."

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism shall review annually the Membership Roll of the church, and shall make recommendations to the fourth Quarterly Conference according to the above provisions."

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 70; F, 69; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: DUTIES OF COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2637

Calendar No. 17. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 680.

To amend Chapter VI, Section III Paragraph 222, number 8, of the 1952 *Discipline* by deleting the words "organize and promote prayer groups" and substituting "initiate and

develop prayer groups, missions, retreats, vigils and prayer fellowships," so that number 8 will read:

"8. To initiate and develop prayer groups, missions, retreats, vigils and prayer fellowships."

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 60; F, 56; A, 0; N. 4

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF EVANGELISM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2639

AMENDED May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 681.

Calendar No. 42. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 681; 963.

In Chapter VIII, Section VI, Paragraph 1483, line 3, of the 1952 *Discipline*, after the sentence, "There shall be a District Secretary of Evangelism in each District, nominated by the District Superintendent and publicly assigned by the Bishop," add these sentences:

The District Secretary of Evangelism shall be Chairman of the District Committee of Evangelism. There shall be a Layman selected by the District Superintendent to be Vice-Chairman of the District Committee on Evangelism. Delete the word "He" after the word "Bishop" in line 3 and substitute the words **the Chairman and Vice-chairman. Add after the word "and" in line 4 the words **the Conference Board of Evangelism**.**

Paragraph 1483 will then read as follows:

Paragraph 1483. There shall be a District Secretary of Evangelism in each District, nominated by the District Superintendent and publicly assigned by the Bishop. **The District Secretary of Evangelism shall be Chairman of the District Committee on Evangelism. There shall be a Layman selected by the District Superintendent to be Vice-Chairman of the District Committee on Evangelism. The Chairman and Vice-chairman shall work in co-operation with the District Superintendent, the Conference Board of Evangelism, and the Conference Secretary of Evangelism.**

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 58; F, 57; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: PAGES 18-25 OF REPORT SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2624

*Calendar No. 76. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 681.*

We recommend the "Report of Section II: Evangelism—The Mission of the Church to Those Outside Her Life," pages 18-25 of "Evanston Speaks," a collection of Reports of the Assembly of the World Council of Churches. In clarity and precision of definition, in compactness of statement and in message, this Report is noteworthy.

We ask the Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church to reprint this Section in pamphlet form, and to send a copy to the Chairman of the Local Church Commission on Membership and Evangelism, and the Chairman of the District Committee on Evangelism and the Chairman and Secretary of the Annual Conference Board of Evangelism. We suggest that the questions for discussion concerned with Section II, found on page 68 of "Evanston Speaks," be included in the pamphlet.

We recommend that the Title Page give recognition to the World Council of Churches, to this General Conference directive, and to the Board of Evangelism. We further recommend that additional copies be made available at a specified price for purchase by study groups.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman;*

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 15. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 67; F, 66; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: A BIBLE EMPHASIS DURING THE QUADRENNIUM
1956-1960.**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2632

*Calendar No. 77. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal,
Page 681.*

Whereas, the problems which confront humanity in this century are such that men are seeking for knowledge and assurance which will stand the test of time and experience; and

Whereas, the Bible reveals eternal truths concerning

man's relationship with God in a manner which has satisfied the needs of people in every generation; and

Whereas, a new interest in the Bible is evidenced in the popularity of books, magazine articles, plays, and motion pictures which deal with Bible subjects, and

Whereas, ignorance concerning the facts and teachings of the Bible characterizes many professing Christians and members of the Church; therefore,

Be It Resolved, That The Methodist Church shall emphasize Bible Reading and Study during the Quadrennium 1956-1960; that the General Agencies of the Church utilize all available means to help our people read, study, and know the Bible; that Bible Study in classes and groups, Church School curriculum materials, Bible Conferences, personal and family Bible reading, articles in Church Periodicals, and other means of approach be utilized to strengthen our people in knowledge of the Bible and in the application of the truth of the Bible to the problems of our day.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 61; F, 60; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITY FOR EVANGELISM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2828

AMENDED May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 682.

Calendar No. 78. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 682.

We believe that the greatest opportunity in the history of The Methodist Church lies immediately before us. The United States of America faces an era of unprecedented population growth. There will be a net gain of more than 63 million people in this country in the next 20 years (more than 3 million a year). The Christian Church must reach these people. In addition, there are already more unchurched people in this country—nearly 70 million—than was the total population in 1890.

The Methodist Church, currently the largest Protestant Denomination in the United States, must help the Local Church to motivate its members and enlarge its Plans and Program to reach these millions of new people in new communities.

Therefore, we call upon The General Conference to re-

quest its Boards and Agencies to emphasize the reaching and developing of the spiritual life of these people in expanding America. An evangelistic emphasis similar to that now being planned throughout the world by the Division of World Missions needs to be made throughout the 48 States and Territories by our Local Churches and their members.

To this end we request our Board of Evangelism to give particular attention to assisting the Local Churches in motivating their members and leading them in an Intensive and Extensive Evangelistic Program, which will result in thousands of new churches, an adequate supply of new Ministers, and the reaching of millions of unchurched persons for Christ and his Church.

This **outreach** is imperative, and our General Conference pledges itself to a dynamic program of Evangelism for Methodism.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 49; F, 49; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF ABANDONED CHURCHES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2833

Calendar No. 79. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal, Page 682.

Add to Chapter III, Sec. III, Paragraph 354 at the end of the Paragraph: **"In the event they do not so elect, their membership shall be transferred to another Methodist Church by the District Superintendent; so that the Paragraph will then read,**

No preaching place shall be discontinued in the interval between the sessions of the Annual Conference without the consent of the Quarterly Conference and the District Superintendent, and if thus discontinued, the names of the members shall be transferred to such churches as the members may select. **In the event they do not so elect, their membership shall be transferred to another Methodist Church by the District Superintendent.**

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: ENGAGING EVANGELISTIC HELP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2629

Calendar No. 120. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 963.

Insert in the "*Discipline*" a new Paragraph to be numbered 363 to appear under Section IV entitled "District Superintendents" under Chapter III entitled "Traveling Preachers" which shall read as follows:

No District Superintendent shall engage for an Evangelist any person who is not a Conference Evangelist, or a regular Member of an Annual Conference, or an Approved Supply, or a Local Preacher, or a Lay Speaker, in good standing in The Methodist Church, without first obtaining the written consent of his Bishop.

Also add to Chapter III, Section III, Paragraph 353 of the "*Discipline*" (1952) after "supply" on line 3 by inserting the words "**or a Local Preacher, or a Lay Speaker**" and after "standing" in line 4 the words **in The Methodist Church**, so that the revised Paragraph will read as follows:

No Pastor shall engage for an Evangelist any person who is not a Conference Evangelist, or a regular Member of an Annual Conference, or an Approved Supply, **or a Local Preacher, or a Lay Speaker** in good standing **in The Methodist Church** without first obtaining the written consent of his District Superintendent.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 58; F, 57; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MATERIALS FOR TRAINING IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP—PAGE 635 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2987

Calendar No. 121. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 963.

We call to the attention of all Pastors the use of the materials for Training in Church Membership, which have been

developed by The General Conference Commission as follows:

Membership Manuals of The Methodist Church.

- A. For Boys and Girls by Mary Alice Jones
- B. For Teen-agers by Mrs. Lelia Bagley Rumble
- C. For Young People and Adults by James S. Chubb
- D. For Pastors by W. Emory Hartman.

We request the Pastors to consider the advisability of also using one of our Methodist Catechisms in their course of instruction for children.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;
MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 57; F, 57; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: WORLD WIDE PRAYER

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4836

Calendar No. 122. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 966.

Under the simple guidance and consecrated direction of the General Board of Evangelism, the years 1955 and 1956, thus far, have witnessed a tremendous upsurge of voluntary and fervent prayer that has been a spiritual blessing to the whole world. We thank the Board of Evangelism for this splendid leadership. The prayer groups, prayer chains, prayer vigils, prayer circles and personal, private prayer habits that have been established need to be continued and multiplied by the voluntary participation of many millions of Christians through the world.

In 1857, a prayer movement started by a single person, and then a group, in the historic John Street Church in New York City, became one of the most vital spiritual influences of last century. Pray God that 1957, the centennial year of the beginning of that prayer movement, will find Methodists everywhere on their knees and Christians all over the world praying individually and in groups, until truly there will be a World Wide Prayer Movement that will help accomplish the will of God and establish the Kingdom of Christ on our earth.

We call upon The Methodist Church to,

1. To reaffirm its faith in the efficacy of individual prayer and in the power of united prayer of persons devoted to the will of God;

2. To urge all Methodists, individually and collectively, to cultivate the prayer habit until prayer becomes natural to them and they pray without ceasing.

3. To go on record as desiring and inviting all people throughout the world "who name the name of Christ" to co-operate in making the year 1957 the greatest year of prayer for peace, for brotherhood and for personal commitment to God that this world has ever known.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 53; F, 53; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 25, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM
PAGES 43 THROUGH 65 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS
OF BOARDS AND AGENCIES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2986

*Calendar No. 123. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 966.*

The General Conference Committee on Evangelism has received and reviewed the Report of the General Board of Evangelism as printed on pages 43 through 65 of the Quadrennial Reports of 1956. We commend the General Board of Evangelism for the very effective work it has done throughout the quadrennium in all phases of evangelism. We recommend the Projected Program in the Report to the new Board of Evangelism for the 1956-60 quadrennium.

We wish to call especial attention to

1) Church Membership Conservation noting that The General Conference of 1952 (*Discipline* Par. 119) provided the General Board of Evangelism shall act as a clearing house in an attempt to secure transfer of membership of persons who have moved to other places and where the name of the Pastor or District Superintendent is unknown.

2) The Report of the Committee on Message which Report will be entitled the "Call to Evangelism" and deals particularly with opportunities in Evangelism because of the expanding populations and vast armies of unchurched folks.

3) The fact that the whole wide world awaits the evangelistic zeal of a great Methodist Church which is devoted to Jesus Christ and inspired by an urgency to reach every person throughout the world for the One who makes new men and a new world.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 22. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 69; F, 69; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE EVANGELISTIC MOVEMENT

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2821; 2827

Calendar No. 124. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 966.

We present the following call to Evangelism and direct its publication in the Appendix of the 1956 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church pertaining to Miscellaneous Resolutions:

Evangelism is the heart of the Church. If it is sound, all that is the Body of Christ is athrob with vital power. If it is strong, every concern and activity which belongs to the body of Christ is carried forward with competence.

We believe the Church has arrived at an hour of supreme opportunity. This is true in terms of unprecedented population growth, especially in the United States of America. Present trends indicate there will be a net gain of more than 63 million in this country in the next 20 years. This of itself calls for an intensive and extensive Program in evangelism which will result in the establishment of thousands of new churches, the recruiting and training of thousands of new Ministers, and the reaching of millions of unchurched persons for Christ and His Church.

The Church's opportunity rises even more urgently from the total world and from issues of far greater import than population expansion. In this respect, when has Jesus Christ stood more tall against the skyline of past events and future needs? When have men been more willing to give Him a hearing? When has the world been more in need of Him? Where is the salvation to compare with the new men and new world which can be born through Him?

Devotees of economic and political secularism in our times, whether of the right or left, would correct evil and create justice by external law and coercion. Indeed, they ignore or deny the existence of a God who alone can do this. So even the good they would do is destroyed in the end by the evil which abides unconquered in their hearts.

Salvation gained through Christ begins within. Christianity conquers evil and creates goodness first within the heart and mind. It links men with the love, power, and wisdom of God. Then through men whose hearts God has cleansed, whose thoughts God directs, and whose deeds God empowers, Christianity conquers evil and establishes the good..

Only Christ-like people working under the empowerment and direction of a Christ-like God can create and sustain a world which can long exist in this Atomic Era.

Let it be understood, events of these turbulent times will not wait patiently for our convenience. The world has been in the forge of great travail. It now is upon the anvil, flaming hot. It is soft and malleable. Almost anything can be made of it, from Paradise beyond our dreams to hell more hideous than our worst fears. For a few fleeting years we are the man at the anvil. Soon the metal will harden and what we have made, we have made.

While strategy for wise and co-ordinated endeavor in the Local Church, a Denomination, and throughout Christendom must be a constant concern; the major responsibility for meeting this evangelistic opportunity rests upon the personal response of each Christian in his opportunity to be a witness.

People ask, "What is the answer to the menace of modern Communism, the decay of secularism, the threat of American jingoism? What is the way to sanity and hope? What can remedy the sickness now threatening civilization with death?"

For those who know Jesus Christ, there is a sane and conquering answer. For them it is not fearful withdrawals behind shrill denunciations of Communism nor cautious protests against American materialism. It is a bold and practical action which operates at the grass roots, which overcomes weeds by planting something better. It is the unending, ever-increasing, irresistible impact of every Christian doing what he can where he is as a Witness in life and word for Jesus Christ.

Without a Witness truth is impotent. It has neither feet nor voice. It may be buried under ignorance, shunned through indifference, forgotten in silence, lost in superstition, betrayed by rumor. It has no vital life, no way to reach and rule the minds of men. It is helpless, captive.

It is the Witness who sets truth free, gives it legs to stride the globe, a voice to recruit obedience. The Witness liberates truth; lets it become the incandescence of wisdom, the tool of science, a dynamic for morality, the foundation for faith, even the hand of God.

Thus the last request made by our Lord of His friends was, "Be my Witness." Even before they were first called Christians, they had another name, Witnesses! The New Testament, the Church, indeed all Christian history from that day to this is the evidence of Christians at work as Witnesses.

So the Christian Church was born in a dying world among doomed men. During centuries when the best harvest of all that mankind had achieved in millennia past sickened and perished, there emerged in the Providence of God a new and mighty mother for a new and nobler culture. Those first friends of our Lord, in obedience to His request, brought new life to doomed men. Of their Witnessing a new humanity was born, a new world established.

So the saving truth revealed by Jesus Christ has lived and grown through the centuries. Empires have risen and fallen. But that Truth has lived on. It has traversed the centuries and spanned the continents because always there were valiant hearts whose lips gave it voice, whose feet gave it transport, whose lives gave it authority. By Witnesses it came to us. By Witnesses it lives and works among us in redeeming power today.

As our Lord trusted His first friends, so He trusts us. Upon us rests even a greater debt of honor. As their Witness was needed by doomed men in a dying world, no less is ours. As obedience to their responsibility lifted their little lives into significance far beyond their imagining, so may we be lifted.

We who wish to be known as the friends of Jesus Christ have our chance now. The Church has arrived at the hour of unsurpassed opportunity. If we believe in Him and will serve Him, the time is now! "... behold, now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation."

We hereby direct the General Board of Evangelism to publish this Call to Evangelism in pamphlet form and circulate it through the Church.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 23. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 50; F, 50; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: SERVICES ON SUNDAY NIGHTS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2829

Calendar No. 127. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 966.

We rejoice that there are many Methodist Churches which are opened on Sunday evening. We commend this practice and urge that all churches take full advantage of the evangelistic opportunity which these evening services afford.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 24. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 51; F, 48; A, 0; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL OF GENERAL BOARD OF EVANGELISM

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2529

Calendar No. 143. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 967.

This Committee moves concurrence.

Duplicate of Memorial 2626 acted upon April 27, 1956 same as Report No. 10, Calendar No. 15, page 189, *Daily Christian Advocate*.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 25. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 62; F, 62; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: VICE-CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2636

Calendar No. 217. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 967.

We recommend that the Vice-Chairman of the District Committee of Evangelism shall be a member of the Annual Conference Board of Evangelism.

In Chap. 8, Sec. 5, Paragraph 1478, line 8 of the 1952 *Discipline* insert after the phrase, "one Lay Member from each of the Districts," the words, "**who has been named the Vice-Chairman of the District Committee by the District Superintendent.**" So, that Par. 1478 will read: Each Annual Conference of the Church shall elect for the quadrennium a Conference Board of Evangelism, which shall promote the Program of Evangelism as outlined by the General Board and in co-operation with the Jurisdictional Board. The Board shall include in its Membership the District Superintendents, the District Secretaries of Evangelism, one Pastor and one Lay Member from each of the Districts **who has been named the Vice-Chairman of the District Committee by the District Superintendent**, such members of the Jurisdictional Board as may reside within the bounds of the Annual Conference, the Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Secretary of Evangelism, etc.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 26. MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

M, 74; P, 69; F, 69; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

*Calendar No. 247. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 967.*

The Committee moves non-concurrence on the following memorials: 2625, 2627, 2628, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2819, 2820, 2822, 2823, 2824, 2825, 2826, 2830, 2831, 2832, 3749, 3835-4091, 4280, 4281, 4515-4517, 4721-4768, 4839, 4984.

RAY W. RAGSDALE, *Chairman*;

MRS. RALPH K. SURFACE (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 9. MINISTRY

Chairman—James S. Chubb (Nebraska—SC)
Vice-Chairman—Marshall T. Steel (North Texas—SC)
Secretary—Alva I. Cox, Sr. (North-East Ohio—NC)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 52.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Ministry of the Church in all its forms, grades, and orders.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.
P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.
F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.
A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.
N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 45; F, 40; A, 4; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2702

Calendar No. 11. Both Reports ADOPTED AND REFERRED to Commission on Family Life to Report to 1960 General Conference May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1021.

"A Minister shall solemnize the marriage of a man and woman only when, in his judgment, they are emotionally, morally and spiritually fitted for such marriage. In view of the seriousness with which the Scriptures and the Church consider divorce special care shall be exercised in determining such fitness when the persons have been divorced."

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

MINORITY REPORT

M, 83; P, 45; F, 40; A, 4; N, 1

The following is offered as an amendment in the form of a deletion and an addition to Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Ministry (Calendar No. 11, page 151, *The Daily Advocate*):

"A Minister shall solemnize the marriage of a man and woman only when, in his judgment, they are emotionally, morally, and spiritually fitted for marriage.

Amendment—Deleting the remainder of the Paragraph and amending it to read as follows:

"provided that no Minister shall solemnize the marriage of a divorced person whose wife or husband is living and unmarried; but that this rule shall not apply (1) to the innocent person when it is clearly established by competent testimony that the true cause for divorce was adultery or other vicious conditions which through mental or physical cruelty or physical peril invalidated the marriage vow, nor (2) to the divorced persons seeking to be reunited in marriage."

The motion to amend by this addition will include the deletion of the remainder of Report No. 1.

John W. McKelvey,
Weldon Crossland,
Lemuel K. Lord,
Arthur B. R. Colley,
Samuel H. Sweeney,
D. Stewart Patterson (*),
Harald Lindstrom (*),
Warner P. Davis,
Ethan W. Dodgen.

REPORT NO. 2. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 70; F, 40; A, 32; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1956

SUBJECT: CLERGY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 1 to 2680, 2684, 2687, 2703-2721, 2834-2846, 4282, 4324, 4321, 4316, 4314, 4309.

AMENDED May 4, 1956. See *Journal*, Pages 684, 715-716.

Calendar No. 26. Adopted May 4, 1956. See Journal, Pages 683-691, 693-720.

That Paragraph 313 of the *Discipline* be amended by deleting the last sentence of the Paragraph which reads as follows: "*except in so far as they apply to candidates for the traveling ministry,*" and adding the following words, "**and may apply as candidates for the traveling ministry as provided for in Chapter III of the *Discipline*, entitled 'Traveling Preachers.'** Paragraphs 321-356 inclusive.

so that the amended Paragraph 313 will read, as follows:—

Par. 313. Women are included in the foregoing provisions,

and may apply as candidates for the traveling ministry as provided in Chapter III of the *Discipline*, entitled "Traveling Preachers." Paragraphs 321-356 inclusive.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

MINORITY REPORT

M, 83; P, 74; F, 9; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 1-2680, 2684, 2687, 2703-2721, 2834-2846, 4282, 4324, 4321, 4316, 4314, 4309.

The Minority Report WAS NOT SUBSTITUTED for the Majority Report. See Journal, Page 711.

Whereas, The Methodist Church now provides for the licensing and ordaining of women who are called to preach, and

Whereas, the area of Deaconess Work, hitherto exclusively for women, seems unable to attract or recruit sufficient women to meet the demand, and

Whereas, the appointive system would impose certain hardships on the woman itinerant pastor,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this General Conference retain its present policy as it relates to Candidates for the Traveling Ministry, as stated in Paragraph 313. (1952 *Discipline*)

J. Dewey Muir,
Lacy H. Burns,
F. Alton Flatt,
Arthur B. R. Colley,
Mack B. Stokes,
James Davis,
Harold W. Griffis,
Cleo C. Sessions,
H. Paul Mathison.

REPORT NO. 3. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 59; F, 53; A, 5; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1956

SUBJECT: DUTIES OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3825

Calendar No. 27. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1021.

Par. 143.

At the close of Par. 143 of the *Discipline* insert a new Sub-paragraph as follows:

"10. At the Quarterly Conference where elections occur the District Superintendent shall be responsible for having transmitted to the General Boards of Evangelism, Education, Missions, and Lay Activities, on a composite blank furnished by the four Boards acting jointly, the names and addresses as respectively needed of the Chairman of the four Commissions, and to the General Board of Education the names and addresses of the Church School Superintendents and to the General Board of Lay Activities, the names and addresses of the Church Lay Leaders."

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;

ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 65; F, 64; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1956

SUBJECT: DUTIES OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3804

Calendar No. 28. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1021.

Amend Par. 362, *Discipline* of 1952, Sec. 3, line 5 by adding following the word "located," the phrase "**except at his own request.**"

so that the sentence shall read,

... "or who has been discontinued or located, **except at his own request . . .**"

This will make this provision harmonize with a similar restriction of Episcopal Appointive Power, Par. 433, Sec. 4, line 3.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;

ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 75; F, 46; A, 29; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: LIMITATION OF EPISCOPAL TENURE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3800, 3827, 4310, 4311, 4312, 4494

AMFND'D May 4, 1956. See Journal, Pages 730-752.

Calendar No. 54. NOT ADOPTED May 4, 1956. See Journal, Pages 730-752.

Resolution on appointment of Bishops for limited period on a given Area.

To amend Paragraph 440 of the 1952 *Discipline*, line 3, by adding after the word "same," **For a period not to exceed two successive quadrenniums. This provision, however, shall**

not apply until the Jurisdictional Conference of 1960 AND FURTHER, THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO BISHOPS ELECTED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES, WHO SERVE OVERSEAS. So that the Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Par. 440. Each Jurisdictional Conference may fix the Episcopal Residences within its Jurisdiction and assign the Bishops to the same for a period not to exceed two successive quadrenniums. **This provision, however, shall not apply until the Jurisdictional Conference of 1960, AND FURTHER, THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO BISHOPS ELECTED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES, WHO SERVE OVERSEAS.** The Bishops of the Jurisdiction shall fix the boundaries of the Episcopal Areas.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

MINORITY REPORT

M, 81; P, 75; F, 46; A, 29; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBSTITUTED FOR MAJORITY REPORT AND ADOPTED May 4, 1956. See Journal, Pages 749-752.

We, the undersigned, do not concur in the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, limiting the tenure of a Bishop in any one Area to two successive quadrenniums, becoming effective in 1960.

We call attention to the present legislation (Par. 440 of *The Discipline*) which enables the Jurisdictional Conferences to reassign their Bishops every four years where desirable.

We therefore move that the present legislation embodied in Paragraph 440 be retained unaltered and that the Minority Report be substituted for the Majority Report.

Norman L. Trott,
L. Scott Allen,
William R. Cannon,
Harold R. Brennan,
Lemuel K. Lord,
Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr.,
Thurman B. Morris,
J. Willard Leggett, Jr.,
Weldon Crossland,
Clare J. Hayes,
Frank S. Williams,
Ethan W. Dodgen,
Henry L. Lambdin.

REPORT NO. 6. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 48; F, 48; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: CHAPLAINS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4490

*Calendar No. 100. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1008.*

The Committee recommends the following designated changes in the provisions of the *Discipline*.

Change Paragraph 1581 to read as follows: "There shall be a Commission on Chaplains which shall represent The Methodist Church in the **recruitment**, endorsement, and general oversight of all Methodist Ministers serving as Chaplains in the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration, and other Federal Agencies; industry; state and local public and private institutions—other than those of The Methodist Church. The Commission shall render such other services to these Chaplains as may be referred to it by The Council of Bishops.

After the word "elect" in line 6, of Par. 1582 delete the words: "*one advisory member from each Department of the Armed Forces, from the Veterans Administration, and from other fields of service where Methodist Chaplains are serving.*"

and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"Advisory Members, without vote, one from each Department of the Armed Forces, from the Veterans Administration and from other fields where Methodist Chaplains are serving—"

so that the Paragraph as changed will read:

"The Commission shall be composed of six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction, and five Ministers and five Laymen, elected by The General Conference on nomination of The Council of Bishops. A member Bishop shall serve as Chairman. The Commission may elect Advisory Members, without vote, one from each Department of the Armed Forces, from the Veterans Administration, and from other fields where Methodist Chaplains are serving.

Paragraph 393. In Section 5, in line 5, 6, 7, strike out the words: "or to a Chaplaincy in the Army or Navy or Air Force, in a prison, reformatory, hospital, sanatorium, or a charitable institution;" so that the Section shall read:

"5. Missionaries—Those Preachers On Trial who are to be appointed by a Bishop to a foreign mission, or to a remote

field in any Conference, or to a church in a foreign country outside the boundary of a Mission or Annual Conference, *provided* that the presiding Bishop and a majority of the District Superintendents recommend election to the Order of Deacon.

Add a new Section 6—Chaplains to read as follows: **“6. Chaplains—Those Preachers On Trial who in time of urgent need are to be appointed by a Bishop as a Chaplain on full time duty with the Armed Forces or other Agency related to the Commission on Chaplains, *provided* that the presiding Bishop and a majority of the District Superintendents recommend election to the Order of Deacon.**

Paragraph 402. In Section “6—Missionaries” in lines 2, 3, 4, 5, strike out the words: *“to a Chaplaincy in the Army or Navy or Air Force, or in a hospital, prison, reformatory, sanatorium, or a charitable institution, or”*

so that the section will read:

“6. Missionaries—Those who are Members of, or have been Received On Trial in, an Annual Conference, or to a Foreign Mission, or to the pastorate of a church in a foreign country outside of a Mission or Conference, or to a Mission among foreign people within an English-speaking Conference.

Add a new section: **“7. Chaplains”** to read as follows: **“7. Chaplains—Those who are Members of, or have been Received On Trial in, an Annual Conference and who in the time of urgent need are to be appointed as a Chaplain on full time duty with the Armed Forces or other Agencies related to the Commission on Chaplains.**

Paragraph 432. In Section 4, lines 6, 7, 8, 9 strike out the words: *“Chaplains in the Army and Navy and of prisons, reformatories, hospitals, sanatoriums, and charitable institutions; Chaplains in industries and housing projects and Chaplains to labor groups. and in lieu thereof insert the following:*

“Chaplains in the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration and other Federal Agencies; State and local public and private institutions—other than those of The Methodist Church—industry; Chaplains for charitable institutions, housing projects and labor groups. so the amended Paragraph shall read as follows:

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4. He may make the following appointments annually: the Publishing Agents; General Secretaries, Assistant General Secretaries, Treasurers, and Recording Secretaries of

the Connec-tional Benevolence Boards and Societies; Editors, Associate Editors, and Assistant Editors of Publications of The Methodist Church; Chaplains in the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration and other Federal Agencies, industry, State and local public and private institutions—other than those of The Methodist Church; Chaplains for charitable institutions, hospitals, housing projects and Chaplains to labor groups whether organized or unorganized, within the Episcopal Area of the Bishop making the Appointment; *provided* that if the duties of such a Chaplain carry him into another Episcopal Area his Appointment must have the concurrence of a Bishop or Bishops of the Areas concerned; Preachers for seamen; Ministers in the service of the American Bible Society or of any State Bible Society auxiliary thereto, or of the Sunday League of America; the Presidents, Principals, and Teachers in institutions of learning under our auspices; Secretaries and Superintendents of City Missions; Executive and Extension Secretaries of Conference Boards of Education and Conference Missionary Secretaries; Superintendents of Goodwill Industries affiliated with The Methodist Church; Executive Secretaries of Preachers' Aid Societies and Organizations of similar character.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA L. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 64; F, 64; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN THE 1952 DISCIPLINE PERTAINING TO THE MINISTRY IN THE METHODIST CHURCH

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3175, 3819

Calendar No. 128. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 1009-1023.

Part II, Chapter III, Section I.

Paragraph 138. Amend Paragraph 138, Sub-section 2, by deleting the words *and Exhorters*.

Paragraph 138, Sub-section 2, as amended will read:

Paragraph 138. The following shall constitute the membership of the Quarterly Conference, in so far as the Officers and relationships exist within the Pastoral Charge:

1. Unchanged.

2. The Local Preachers holding their membership in the Pastoral Charge, and Deaconesses appointed to labor there-

in or holding their membership in the Charge while on leave of absence (Paragraph 1252, sub-section 10).

3. Unchanged.

Paragraph 142. In Paragraph 142, Sub-section 5, delete to *license exhorters*.

Paragraph 142 as amended will read:

Paragraph 142. To the Quarterly Conference is committed the following powers and duties:

Sections 1-4. Unchanged.

5. To recommend proper persons for license to preach and for the office of Deaconess, and to certify Lay Speakers (Paragraph 146).

6-8. Unchanged.

Paragraph 146. Amend Paragraph 146 by deleting Sub-section 3.

3. It shall, on application of a proper person, whose membership is within the charge, license him to serve as an Exhorter if in its judgment his gifts, graces, and potential usefulness warrant such action; provided that the applicant has previously received the written approval of the Official Board of the church of which he is a member. The license shall be signed by the Presiding Officer of the Conference. The duties of an Exhorter shall be to hold meetings for prayer and exhortation whenever opportunity is afforded, subject to the direction of the Pastor; to attend all the sessions of the Quarterly Conference; and to present annually a written Report to the same. The Quarterly Conference shall each year inquire into the gifts and labors of all Exhorters on the charge, and examine their characters. If the Conference is satisfied as to an Exhorter's usefulness and Christian character, it may renew his license for another year, such renewal to be signed by the Presiding Officer thereof.

Change Sub-section 4 to Sub-section 3.

Paragraph 146 as amended will read:

Paragraph 146. The Quarterly Conference shall recommend, license, or certify proper persons, as follows:

1. It shall, on application for license to preach of a proper person, whose membership is within the Charge, recommend such person to the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Paragraph 675), if in the judgment of the Quarterly Conference his gifts, graces, and potential usefulness warrant such action. Such person shall conform with

all the provisions of the *Discipline* (Paragraphs 304, 675). The vote to recommend shall be taken by written, secret ballot, and the recommendation shall be signed by the Presiding Officer.

2. It shall recommend and send to the Annual Conference Deaconess Board credentials for young women who may become candidates for the office of Deaconess. (See Paragraph 1252, Sub-section 1.)

3. It shall certify proper persons to serve as Lay Speakers, and inquire annually into the gifts, labors, and usefulness of Lay Speakers on the Circuit, Station, or Mission. Lay Speakers shall be constituted by the Official Board of the church of which they are members and certified by the Quarterly Conference, the Certificate to be signed by the President of the Quarterly Conference. The duties of a Lay Speaker are to conduct services of worship, to hold meetings for prayer and exhortation whenever opportunity is afforded, subject to the direction of the Pastor, to attend all the sessions of the District and Quarterly Conferences, and to present a written Report to the same. A Lay Speaker shall be subject to an annual examination of character in the Quarterly Conference, and a renewal of Certificate, to be signed by the President thereof.

Par. 301. In Par. 301 after "member of a Local Church" change "*evidences*" to **Manifests**; after "to counsel with him" insert **concerning the opportunities and requirements of the ministry**; delete *this member* and insert **he**; delete *shall encourage him to become a candidate for a Local Preacher's license, and;* after "qualifying" insert a period and delete the remainder of the sentence. In parentheses after "Paragraphs 304," add 321-331.

Par. 301 as amended will read:

Par. 301. When a member of a Local Church **manifests** a desire to preach, it shall be the duty of his Pastor to counsel with him **concerning the opportunities and requirements of the Ministry**; and if the Pastor is persuaded that **he** possesses gifts, grace, and promise of usefulness, he shall guide him toward qualifying. (See Paragraphs 304, 321-331, 675.)

Par. 302. The Editor is requested to prepare an explanatory note, similar to note preceding Paragraph 323, to be inserted prior to Paragraph 302.

Part III, Chapter II, Section I.

Par. 303. Insert as a new Paragraph 303 the following:

Par. 303. A Local Preacher is a Lay Member of The Methodist Church who has been granted a license to preach,

according to the laws of the Church (Paragraph 308). He continues to be a Lay Member of a Local Church. The license to preach must be renewed each year (Paragraphs 302-320), unless he has been ordained a Local Deacon or Elder.

A Local Preacher has the following privileges: preaching, conducting public worship, and assisting the Pastor in charge at the request of the Pastor; subject to the laws of the Church (Paragraph 308).

1. A Local Preacher may be appointed to serve a Pastoral Charge subject to Paragraph 315.

2. A Local Preacher may become an Approved Supply Pastor (Paragraphs 307, 675, et al.).

3. A Local Preacher may become a candidate for the Traveling Ministry.

4. A Local Preacher may be Ordained (Paragraphs 393, 402) after meeting the requirements of the *Discipline*.

Par. 304. Change former Paragraph 303 to Paragraph 304; change *shall be at liberty to* to *is authorized to preach without a license*.

Par. 304 as amended will read:

Par. 304. No member is authorized to preach without a license.

Par. 305. The former Paragraph 304 shall be numbered Paragraph 305 and shall be rewritten to read as follows:

Paragraph 305. A license to preach may be issued as provided in Paragraph 675, after the person has qualified by the following steps:

1. Secured the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the Pastoral Charge in which he holds his church membership, as provided by Paragraph 146, Sub-section 1.

2. Applied to the District Superintendent in writing.

3. Appeared before the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications and supplied such information as the Committee may require for determining his gifts, graces, and potential usefulness.

4. Passed the Course prescribed for Candidates for License to Preach (Paragraphs 1375 and 2043), including Parts I, II, III, and X of the *Discipline*. This Course shall preferably be taken through the Correspondence School (Paragraph 1376).

5. Agreed to make a complete dedication of himself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry with respect to purity of life in body, in mind, and in spirit, and to bear

witness thereto by abstinence from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure his influence.

Paragraph 306. The former Paragraph 306 shall be revised and numbered Paragraph 307. Insert new Paragraph 306 as follows:

Paragraph 306. A License to Preach shall be valid for one year. It may be renewed by the District Conference on Recommendation of the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications. Where no District Conference exists, the license may be renewed by the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

A. Upon recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the church in which he holds his membership;

B. Upon evidence that his gifts, grace, and usefulness continue to be satisfactory;

C. Upon evidence that he is making regular progress in the required Studies as hereinafter described.

1. A Local Preacher who is enrolled as a pre-theological or theological student in a college, university, or seminary, accredited or approved by the University Senate, shall present annually to the District Committee a statement of his academic progress from the school he is attending. This statement shall take the place of any formal examination, provided his academic progress and character are satisfactory.

2. A Local Preacher who is not a pre-theological or theological student engaged in a regular academic program shall pursue the Course of Study under the Department of Ministerial Education for four years as provided in Paragraphs 2052-5. He shall be exempted from any portion of the Course for which he has already completed equivalent work in a seminary accredited or approved by the University Senate, provided the Department of Ministerial Education shall have examined an official transcript of such work and certified it as equivalent. This Course of Study must be completed within eight years after the date of issue of the first license to preach; this shall not apply to those Licensed to Preach before May 1, 1956.

Paragraph 307. The former Paragraph 306 shall be rewritten and shall be numbered Paragraph 307.

As rewritten Paragraph 307 shall read:

Paragraph 307. A Local Preacher, Ordained or Unordained, who is not serving a Charge under a District Superintendent, shall be a Member of, and amenable to, the Quar-

terly Conference where he resides, except as hereinafter stated. When he changes his residence, he shall procure from his Pastor or District Superintendent a Certificate of his official standing and dismissal and shall present it to the Pastor of the Charge to which he has moved. If he neglects to do this, he shall not be recognized nor use his office as a Local Preacher in the Charge to which he has moved; and he shall continue to be amenable to the Quarterly Conference of the Charge from which he has moved, which, if the neglect is long continued, after due notice (thirty days), may try him for persistent disobedience to the order of the Church, and upon conviction thereof deprive him of his Ministerial Office and Credentials.

Paragraph 308. The former Paragraph 307 shall be rewritten and numbered Paragraph 308. (Former Paragraph 308 shall become Sub-section 6 of Paragraph 315.)

Paragraph 308 as rewritten will read:

Paragraph 308. A Local Preacher who is appointed to serve under a District Superintendent shall procure from his Pastor or District Superintendent a Certificate of his official standing and of dismissal, and shall present it to the Quarterly Conference of the Charge to which he is appointed at its next session. His church membership shall be in that Charge; and he shall be a Member of, and amenable to, its Quarterly Conference, subject to the jurisdiction of the Annual Conference.

Par. 309. Paragraph 309 shall be rewritten to read as follows:

Par. 309. Whenever a Full Member of an Annual Conference is located (Paragraphs 375-79), he shall become a Local Preacher with Membership in the Quarterly Conference of the Pastoral Charge where he resides, and shall be subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 307 or 308. When an Unordained Member on Trial is discontinued (Paragraph 328), the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications may issue him a License to Preach for one year, which may be renewed subject to the provisions of Paragraph 306.

Par. 310. In Paragraph 310 after "Whenever" insert A; change "preachers" to **preacher**; after "Ordained or Unordained," delete *shall*, change "sever" to **severs**, and change "their" to **his**; after "The Methodist Church," delete the remainder of the sentence beginning with *in any way whatsoever* and substitute **the District Superintendent shall require his License and Credentials of him, and shall file them with the Secretary of the Annual Conference.** (See Paragraph 994.)

Par. 310 as amended will read :

Par. 310. Whenever a Local Preacher, Ordained or Unordained, severs his relation with The Methodist Church, the District Superintendent shall require his License and Credentials of him, and shall file them with the Secretary of the Annual Conference. (See Paragraph 994.)

Par. 311. Delete entirely Paragraph 311.

‘ 311. *District Superintendents and Pastors are required to arrange Appointments, wherever it is practicable, so as to give the Local Preachers regular and systematic employment.*

Par. 312. In Paragraph 312 insert A at the beginning of the first sentence; change “preachers” to **Preacher** and insert thereafter **not serving a Pastoral Charge**; after “make to the” delete *District or*; after “Quarterly Conference” insert a comma and the following: **and the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, and to the District Conference on request**; after “a report of” change *their* to **his**.

In (2) after “conducted” insert a comma and **with the names of the deceased**; the former (3) shall be numbered (6); as (3) insert **evangelistic, educational, and missionary work done in co-operation with and under the direction of the Pastor in charge**; change (4) to (7) and change “ages” to **birth dates**; change (5) to (4) and after “progress made in” insert **academic work or in**; (6) shall become (5) with the following line inserted thereafter: **if he is ordained, he shall include in his Report the following**:

In the last sentence of Paragraph 312 insert **he shall report** before “items” and change 3 and 4 to 6 and 7; delete *shall be reported*.

Par. 312 as amended will read :

Par. 312. A Local Preacher **not serving a Pastoral Charge**, shall make to the Quarterly Conference, **and the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, and to the District Conference on request**, a Report of his labors, as follows:

(1) Number of sermons preached;

(2) Number of funerals conducted, **with the names of the deceased**;

(3) **Evangelistic, educational, and missionary work done in co-operation with and under the direction of the Pastor in charge**;

(4) Progress made in **academic work or in the prescribed Course of Study**;

(5) Miscellaneous items.

If he is Ordained, he shall include in his Report the following:

(6) Number of marriages performed, with the names of persons married;

(7) Number of baptisms administered, with the names and birth dates of the persons baptized.

He shall report items 2, 6, and 7 to the Pastor for entry in the church records.

The following changes are recommended in Part III, Chapter II, Section II, 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraphs 315, 316, 319, 320, pages 107-109.

Paragraph 314. An entirely new Paragraph to be numbered 314 under Section II, Approved Supply Pastors, is being added, which will read as follows:

Paragraph 314. An Approved Supply Pastor is a Local Preacher, as defined in Paragraph 303, who on recommendation of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications has been approved by the Annual Conference as eligible for Appointment during the ensuing year as a Supply Pastor of a Charge. The approval shall be based on compliance with Paragraphs 304-5, 315, 675 and shall expire unless renewed on the same basis at the next regular Conference session. It does not guarantee an Appointment but merely certifies eligibility. An Appointment made thereunder may be terminated at any time during the Conference year by a majority vote of the District Superintendents.

Par. 315. Sub-section 2 of Paragraph 315 shall become Sub-section 1; change the first word *any* to **a**. After "become" insert comma and **to continue as**. The first paragraph of Paragraph 315 shall then become Sub-section 2. Under (a) after "colleges or seminaries" insert **accredited or approved by the University Senate, or by the State accrediting agency**; in (c) after "Pastors who" delete *are Elders or are taking the Course of Study preparing for Ordination as required by Paragraph 320 and are giving full time to pastoral work* and insert **have met the requirements of Paragraph 320**.

In the first sentence of Sub-section 3 after "Annual Conference" delete *a District Superintendent may appoint*; after "Approved" insert **Supply Pastors**; after "list" delete *until the next session of the Annual Conference* and insert **may be appointed as a Supply Pastor**. Delete the entire second sentence. In the third sentence after "If" change *a Local*

Preacher to he; after "to be approved" delete *by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications* and insert **at the following Conference session**; after "he cannot" insert *thereafter*; after "a Supply Pastor" add **until he is approved**.

In Sub-section 4 after "enrolled in" delete *any accredited* and insert **a**; after "school of theology" add **accredited or approved by the University Senate**.

Insert a new Sub-section 5, as follows:

The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications may also recommend annually Ministers in good standing in other Evangelical Denominations to serve as Supply Pastors while retaining their Denominational affiliation, *provided they agree in writing to support and maintain the Doctrine and Polity of The Methodist Church while so serving. Their Ordination Credentials may be recognized as valid in The Methodist Church while they are serving therein.*

Insert a new Sub-section 6 which shall be former Paragraph 308 with the following changes. In the first sentence, after "An Unordained" insert **Approved Supply**; after "Pastor of a Charge," change *may* to **shall**; after "within the bounds of" delete *his pastoral* and insert **the**; after "Charge" add **to which he is assigned**. Under "a" after "passed the" delete *Course of Study for Admission on Trial* (Paragraph 2044), and insert **Introductory Studies for the Ministry**; In the first sentence under "b" delete *each year thereafter he passes* and insert **each succeeding year he shall be enrolled as a regular full-time student in a pre-theological or theological course in a college, university, or seminary accredited or approved by the University Senate, or have passed**; in the third sentence under "b" change *foreign mission* to **missionary** and after "fields" insert **abroad**; change *authority* to **authorization**. (For requirements for ordination see Paragraphs 392-404.)

Paragraph 315 as amended will read:

Paragraph 315. 1. A Local Preacher desiring to become, or to continue as, an Approved Supply Pastor must have his character, fitness, training, and effectiveness passed by a three-fourths majority of the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Paragraph 675, Sub-sections 2b, 3), and by the Annual Conference after reference to and recommendation by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

2. The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and

Qualifications shall recommend annually to the Annual Conference those who have met the requirements to become Approved Supply Pastors for the ensuing year, classifying them in one of the following categories:

(a) Approved Student Supply Pastors who are in schools, colleges or seminaries **accredited or approved by the University Senate or by the State Accrediting Agency** preparing for Conference Membership;

(b) Approved Part-time Supply Pastors other than students;

(c) Approved Full-time Supply Pastors who **have met requirements of Paragraph 320.**

3. Between sessions of the Annual Conference a Local Preacher not on the Approved Supply Pastors list **may be appointed as a Supply Pastor.** If he fails to be approved at the following Conference session, he cannot thereafter serve as a Supply Pastor **until he is approved.**

4. The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications may recommend annually to the Annual Conference students of other Denominations enrolled in a school of theology **accredited or approved by the University Senate** to serve as Student Pastors for the ensuing year under the supervision of a District Superintendent.

5. The Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications may also recommend annually Ministers in good standing in other Evangelical Denominations to serve as Supply Pastors while retaining their Denominational affiliation, *provided* they agree in writing to support and maintain the Doctrine and Polity of The Methodist Church while so serving. Their Ordination Credentials may be recognized as valid in The Methodist Church while they are serving therein.

6. An Unordained Approved Supply Pastor, only while serving as a regularly appointed Pastor of a charge, shall be authorized to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and, if the laws of the State permit, to perform the marriage ceremony, within the bounds of the Charge to which he is assigned, *provided*:

(a) he has passed the Introductory Studies for the Ministry;

(b) each succeeding year he shall be enrolled as a regular full-time student in a pre-theological or theological course in a college, university, or seminary accredited or approved by the University Senate, or by the State Accrediting

Agency, or have passed one full year of the Course of Study looking to Full Ordination. Failure to complete one full year annually shall cause suspension of this privilege. In all missionary fields abroad the conferring of such authorization shall rest with the Central Conference in which the Pastor serves.

Par. 316. Delete Paragraph 316.

¶ 316. *The approval of a Local Preacher as a Supply Pastor does not guarantee him an Appointment. The list of Approved Supply Pastors is merely an eligibility list from which Supplies can be appointed, and not a roll of those entitled to Appointment. Such listing shall not be for more than one year at a time, and an Approved Supply Pastor may be relieved of his charge at any time during the Conference year by a majority vote of the District Superintendents.*

Par. 319. In Paragraph 319 delete the last sentence beginning *Upon the discontinuance* and insert the following: **If at any time the Conference declines to renew its approval of an Unordained Supply Pastor, the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications may renew his License to Preach for one year; further renewal shall be subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 304-5.**

Paragraph 319 as amended will read:

Paragraph 319. When a Local Preacher is approved as a Supply Pastor, the Annual Conference alone has jurisdiction over his authority to preach. Continuance in this relation shall be equivalent to renewal of his License to Preach. **If at any time the Conference declines to renew its approval of an Unordained Supply Pastor, the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications may renew his License to Preach for one year; further renewal shall be subject to the provisions of Paragraphs 304-5.**

Paragraph 320 shall be deleted

¶ 320. *Approved Supply Pastors who are giving their full time to pastoral work under the District Superintendents shall be required to take the Conference Course of Study, including the course for Admission on Trial. The Courses shall be taken by correspondence, or part by correspondence and part in a Standard Pastor's School or Summer School for Ministerial Training, except that credits for the Courses of Study may be accepted from the schools of theology and colleges, as described in ¶¶ 326-27. Any Approved Supply Pastor who fails to observe the requirements of this Section, or who shall fail to complete two years of the Course of Study within four years and the entire Course within eight*

years, shall not be employed by a District Superintendent.

and a new Paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 320. All Approved Supply Pastors shall meet the educational requirements of Paragraph 306, Sub-sections C, 1, or 2. Any Approved Supply Pastor who shall fail to meet these requirements shall not be appointed by a District Superintendent. (See Paragraph 331.)

The following changes are recommended in Part II, Chapter III, Section I, 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraphs 321-332, pages 109-113.

Paragraph 321. The first paragraph of Paragraph 321 shall be rewritten and shall include Paragraph 328. The latter part of the Paragraph comprising the five questions remains unchanged with these exceptions: change (4) to (5), change (5) to (6); insert as (4) the question if you are married, is your wife in sympathy with your ministerial calling and willing to share in the sacrifices of your vocation?

Paragraph 321 as amended will read:

Paragraph 321. The first step into the Traveling Ministry of The Methodist Church is Admission on Trial into an Annual Conference. A Member on Trial is on probation as to his character, his preaching, and his competency as a Pastor. During this period the Church determines whether he is worthy of becoming a Full Member of the Conference. A person On Trial may be discontinued without any reflection on his character.

A candidate for the Traveling Ministry may be Admitted on Trial by vote of the Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference upon recommendation of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications after meeting the following conditions:

A. He must have a License to Preach (Paragraph 303), or have been Ordained a Local Deacon or Elder.

B. He must have been recommended in writing on the basis of a three-fourths majority vote of the District Conference or the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Paragraph 675).

C. He must have met the educational requirements (Paragraphs 322, 324, 2044 FF.).

D. He must present a satisfactory certificate of good health, on the prescribed form, from a physician approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. The Annual Conference may require psychological

tests to provide additional information on the candidate's fitness for the ministry.

E. He must file with the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, in triplicate, on the prescribed form, satisfactory written answers to such questions as the Board may ask concerning his age, health, family, religious and church experience, call to the Ministry, educational record, and plans for his service in the Church. The following questions shall be included:

(1) Are you convinced that you should enter the Ministry of the Church?

(2) Are you willing to face any sacrifices that may be involved?

(3) Are you in debt so as to interfere with your work, or have you obligations to others which will make it difficult for you to live on the salary you are to receive?

(4) If you are married, is your wife in sympathy with your ministerial calling and willing to share in the sacrifices of your vocation?

(5) Are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian ministry and bear witness to the same by your abstinence from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure your influence, consecrating yourself to purity of life in body, in mind, and in spirit?

(6) Will you keep before you as the one great objective of your life the advancement of God's Kingdom?

Paragraph 322 shall be deleted

¶ 322. *It is expected of all candidates for the ministry that they shall complete a four-year college Course of Study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, or its equivalent, and complete a Course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity, or an equivalent degree, in a theological school accredited or approved by the University Senate. Any Conference may designate a Bachelor of Divinity degree, or its equivalent, from a school of theology accredited by the University Senate, as the minimum educational requirement for Admission into that Conference. (See ¶ 323.) When college and seminary academic work is submitted for "equivalent credit" in subjects of the Regular Courses of Study, it shall be evaluated by the Section of Ministerial Education. The Director of an Approved Correspondence School (¶ 2041 § 5) shall send a Certificate of Credit for work completed in that Institution, in duplicate, to the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. Such Certificates,*

after use, must be retained in a file by the Board. In the following Paragraphs, where academic credit is allowed, the above procedure shall be observed.

and a new paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 322. A candidate for Admission on Trial must have met the following educational requirements:

(1) Have been graduated with a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree in liberal education from a college or university accredited or approved by the University Senate, and

(2) Have completed at least one fourth of the work required for a Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent degree in a theological school accredited or approved by the University Senate.

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall require a transcript of credits from each applicant before recognizing any of his educational claims.

Paragraph 323 shall be deleted

¶ 323. A candidate for Admission on Trial in an Annual Conference must be a graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree, or an equivalent or higher degree in liberal education, from a college accredited by the University Senate, or from a college approved by the University Senate for qualifying candidates for Admission to an Annual Conference; provided that, under special conditions, the Annual Conference may by a three-fourths vote admit a candidate in the following cases:

1. If he has been graduated and received a degree from a non-accredited four-year college and has also satisfactorily completed at least one full year of work in an approved theological school.

2. Under conditions clearly recognized as unusual, if he has satisfactorily completed two years of work in a four-year college approved by the University Senate, or is a graduate of a Junior College approved by the University Senate, in which case the District Superintendent and the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall furnish to the Conference written statements of particulars showing definitely in what respect the case is special and unusual before the vote is taken. A copy of these statements of particulars must be filed with the Registrar of the Board as a part of the Candidate's Record of Qualifications. A candidate admitted into Full Connection under this provision, after his completion of the four-year Conference Course of Study, shall be required to pursue two years of such Graduate Study as may be prescribed by the Section

of Ministerial Education, this work to be taken under the direction of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.¹

3. If he is an Approved Supply Pastor over thirty-five years of age, provided: (a) he has completed at least thirty semester hours of college credit; (b) he has completed the Conference Course of Study; (c) he has served as a Full-time Approved Supply in an Annual Conference for six consecutive years; (d) he has been recommended by the Cabinet and a three-fourths vote of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications; and (e) written statements of recommendation by the Cabinet and Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications have been read to the Conference before the vote is taken, setting forth the particular and special reasons why the person should be admitted into the Conference.

and a new Paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 323. Any Conference may designate a Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent degree, from a school of theology accredited or approved by the University Senate, as the minimum educational requirement for Admission on Trial into that Conference.

Paragraph 324 shall be deleted

¶ 324. *The candidate must have completed the prescribed Course of Study for Admission on Trial or must furnish equivalent Seminary Credits (see ¶ 322) before he is Admitted on Trial by an Annual Conference. After his Admission on Trial he shall continue in the Conference Course of Study prescribed by the Section of Ministerial Education, except as noted in the following Paragraphs.*

and a new Paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 324. Under special conditions an Annual Conference may, by a three-fourths majority vote, admit a Candidate on Trial in the following exceptional cases:

1. If he is a graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree in liberal education from a college not accredited by the University Senate, who has completed one fourth of the work required for the Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent degree in a school of theology accredited or approved by the University Senate.

2. If he is a graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree in liberal education from a college accredited or approved by the University Senate, and has completed satisfactorily the Introductory Studies for the Ministry (Paragraph 2044). A candidate shall be exempted from any por-

tion of the Course for which he has already completed work in a seminary accredited or approved by the University Senate, *provided* that the Department of Ministerial Education shall have examined an official transcript of such work and certified it as equivalent.

3. If he is an Approved Supply Pastor over thirty-five years of age, *provided*:

(A) He has completed sixty semester hours of college credit;

(See footnote 1956 *Discipline*, page 123:—In raising this requirement The General Conference of 1956 provided that where a commitment had already been made on the basis of thirty semester hours, the new requirement should not take effect until after the Annual Conference session of 1958. Editor)

(B) He has completed the Conference Course of Study (Paragraphs 2041-2048);

(C) He has served as an Approved Supply in an Annual Conference for six consecutive years;

(D) He has been recommended by a three-fourths vote of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, and written statements of recommendation by the Cabinet and the Board have been read to the Conference before the vote is taken, setting forth the particular ways and special reasons why the person's ministry is "exceptional" and he should be Admitted on Trial into the Conference.

Paragraph 325 shall be deleted

¶ 325. *Graduates of colleges who are also graduates of a school of theology accredited by the University Senate shall be exempt from examination in the Conference Course of Study except as noted in ¶ 326. The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall discuss with each candidate his preparation for Admission on Trial.*

and a new Paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 325. Any Member on Trial who shall discontinue his theological education may request that his seminary work be evaluated for credit in the Conference Course of Study. Such evaluation shall be made by the Department of Ministerial Education.

Delete Paragraph 326.

¶ 326. *Credits from graduate schools of theology and other Educational Agencies approved by the University Senate, submitted by students who have not completed the graduate theological course, shall be accepted by the Conference on the basis of studies pursued in the same text or Courses in the same subject judged to be equivalent according to ¶ 322.*

However, all candidates shall be examined in the Discipline. Every applicant Admitted under the Seminary Rule, and thereby exempt from the regular Course of Study, shall be required to take that part of the Course dealing with Methodist History, Polity, and Doctrine unless he can furnish Credentials in the same texts from his seminary.

Delete Paragraph 327.

¶ 327. *The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall require a Certificate of Graduation or a transcript of credits from each applicant before recognizing any of his educational claims. (See ¶ 322.)*

Delete Paragraph 328.

¶ 328. *A candidate who is Admitted on Trial is actually On Trial as to his character, his preaching, and his competency as a Pastor. Only a candidate who proves himself worthy may expect to be Admitted into Full Connection. A person On Trial may be discontinued without any reflection on his character.*

Par. 329. In Paragraph 329 after "While" delete *he* and insert a **member**; after "over his" delete *license* and insert **authority**; after "to preach" change the semicolon to a period; begin a new sentence with "His." In the last sentence delete the remainder of the sentence following "If he be discontinued, he" and insert **becomes a Local Preacher.** (Paragraph 309.)

Par. 329 as amended will read:

Par. 329. While a **Member** is On Trial, the Annual Conference alone has jurisdiction over his **authority** to preach. His Continuance on Trial shall be equivalent to the renewal of his License to Preach. If he be discontinued, he **becomes a Local Preacher.** (Paragraph 309.)

Paragraph 330 shall be deleted

¶ 330. *When an unordained preacher is On Trial in an Annual Conference, and, without an ordained colleague, is regularly appointed to a Pastoral Charge, he is subject to the provisions and restrictions set forth in ¶ 308.*

and a new Paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Par. 330. An **Unordained Member** on Trial who is regularly appointed to a Pastoral charge without an **Ordained** colleague is subject to the provisions of Paragraph 315, Sub-section 5.

Paragraph 331 shall be deleted

¶ 331. *Any member On Trial who does not complete the first two years of the Course of Study within four years*

shall be discontinued, unless an extension of time shall be recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference. (For a special provision regarding a member received under the three-fourths rule of ¶ 323 § 2 see ¶ 347.)

and a new paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 331. To be continued as a Member on Trial, the candidate shall make regular progress in his ministerial studies. In case of failure or delay, the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications shall investigate the circumstances and judge whether to extend the time, within the following limits:

(A) For completing the seminary course for the Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent degree, a total of eight years;

(B) For completing the first two years of the Course of Study, a total of four years;

(C) For completing the entire Course of Study, a total of six years;

(D) For completing the two years of Special Study required of a Preacher admitted under the conditions of Paragraph 324, Sub-section 3, a total of three years. In a case clearly recognized as "exceptional," the Board by a three-fourths majority vote may recommend an extension beyond these limits, which may be approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the Annual Conference, *provided* that, in any case, a Preacher Admitted under the terms of Paragraph 324, Sub-section 3, shall not be Continued on Trial beyond the fourth regular Conference session following his Admission, and any other Preacher shall not be Continued on Trial beyond the eighth regular Conference session following his Admission.

Paragraph 332 shall be deleted

¶ 332. *Central Conferences shall fix the educational standards and all other requirements for Admission to the Annual Conferences within their borders; all other Annual Conferences and Provisional Annual Conferences outside of the United States of America shall fix their own standards and requirements for Admission. Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States shall require of all applicants the conditions and qualifications demanded of traveling Deacons and Elders by an Annual Conference. The educational standards for non-English-speaking Annual Conferences and Provisional Annual Conferences within the United States shall be set by the Jurisdictional Conferences of which they are respectively a part.*

and a new Paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 332. The educational standards and other requirements for Admission shall be set for bilingual Conferences by their Jurisdictional Conferences; by the Central or Provisional Annual Conferences for the Annual Conferences within their territories; where there is no Central Conference, by the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference itself.

The following changes are recommended in Part III, Chapter III, Section II, 1952 "*Discipline*," Paragraphs 341-345, pages 114-116.

Paragraph 341 shall be deleted

• **341.** *A preacher On Trial who has been appointed in the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations, or as instructor in one of our Institutions of learning, for two successive years from the time he was Received On Trial, and who has been elected to Deacon's orders, may be admitted into Full Connection in the Annual Conference after he has given satisfactory evidence of his knowledge of the subjects covered in the first two years of the Conference Course of Study, and after the examination before the Conference prescribed in • 343 of this Chapter; provided that this shall not be so construed as to prevent the Admission Into Full Connection of one who, while a student in any college or theological seminary of The Methodist Church approved by the authorized standardizing agency, or other evangelical theological seminary of equal rank, has been for the proper length of time regularly serving under the appointment or supervision of a District Superintendent.*² (See • 323 § 2, 325-27.)

and a new Paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 341. A Member on Trial may be Admitted into Full Connection in an Annual Conference by vote of the Ministerial Members of the Conference, upon recommendation by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, *provided* he shall have:

(A) Served under regular Appointment under the supervision of a District Superintendent in one of the positions specified in Paragraph 432 for at least two years since being Admitted on Trial;

(B) Been elected to Deacon's Orders (Paragraph 393);

(C) Fulfilled the educational requirements of Paragraphs 342-343;

(D) Satisfied the Board regarding his physical, mental, and emotional health, by repeating the examination and tests described in Paragraph 321, Sub-section 4, if so requested;

(E) Given satisfactory answers to the questions listed in Paragraph 343.

Paragraph 342 shall be deleted

¶ 342. *Every candidate for Admission into Full Connection must present a satisfactory Certificate of Good Health, on the prescribed form, from a physician approved by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.*

and a new Paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 342. A Candidate for Admission into Full Connection must have been graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent degree in a school of theology accredited or approved by the University Senate. A Member Admitted on Trial under terms of Paragraph 323, Sub-section 1, shall meet this requirement without exception.

Paragraph 343. Insert as Paragraph 343 a new Paragraph which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 343. Under other conditions regarded as exceptional, an Annual Conference may admit a Member on Trial into Full Connection *provided* he meets the following conditions:

1. A Member Admitted on Trial under the terms of Paragraph 322 or Paragraph 324, Sub-section 2, may meet the educational requirements by completing the entire Four-year Course of Study with credit for any portion of the work taken in seminary as provided in Paragraph 305, Sub-section 2.

2. A Member Admitted on Trial under the terms of Paragraph 324, Sub-section 3, may meet the educational requirements by completing two years of Special Study by correspondence under the direction of the Department of Ministerial Education (Paragraph 331).

Paragraph 344 shall be deleted,

¶ 344. *A missionary employed in a Mission may be Admitted into Full Connection, if recommended by the Superintendent of the Mission where he labors, without being present at his Annual Conference for examination; but, whenever practicable, he shall be asked the questions in ¶ 343 above in the presence of the members of the Mission at the Annual Meeting, otherwise in the presence of the Superintendent.*

a new paragraph inserted which shall read as follows:

Paragraph 344. Any candidate for Admission into Full

Connection on the basis of a Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent degree whose transcript does not show the equivalent of two semester hours' credit in Methodist History, Polity and Doctrine will be required to pass examinations in these subjects, administered by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in accordance with the standards established by the Department of Ministerial Education.

Delete Paragraph 345

¶ 345. *A minister who has been Admitted into Full Connection before the completion of the prescribed Course of Study shall complete the unfinished portion of the Course of Study under the direction of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, except as provided above. (¶ 325-27.)*

and substitute Paragraph 343 with the explanatory note preceding it. These remain unchanged except at to number of Paragraph.

The following changes are recommended in Part III, Chapter IV, Section I, Paragraph 393, pages 129-130.

Par. 393. At the end of the first sentence in Paragraph 393 change *Paragraph 308* to **Paragraph 315, Sub-section 5.**

Sub-section 1 of Paragraph 393 (local Preachers) shall become Sub-section 4. In parentheses after "Sub-section 2" insert b; after "who have completed" delete *to the satisfaction of the Annual Conference the Studies prescribed for Local Preachers who are candidates for Diacon's Orders* and insert the first two years of the Course of Study under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

Sub-section 2 (Approved Supply Pastors) shall become Sub-section 3 and shall be rewritten to read as follows: Approved Supply Pastors—those **Local Preachers** who have been under Appointment to a Charge for two consecutive years and have completed the Introductory Studies for the Ministry and the first two full years of the Course of Study under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

Sub-section 3 (Members on Trial in the Course of Study) shall become Sub-section 2 and shall be rewritten to read as follows: Members on Trial in the Course of Study—those who, having completed the Introductory Studies for the Ministry, have been Admitted on Trial under Paragraph 324, sub-section 2, and have been on Trial for two years; and have completed two years of the Conference Course of Study

as required, under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

Sub-section 4 (Seminary students) shall become Sub-section 1 and shall be revised to read as follows: Seminary students—those who have **completed one fourth of the regular course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity Degree, or its equivalent, in a theological school accredited or approved by the University Senate; who have been Local Preachers for two full years; and have been Admitted on Trial by the Annual Conference.**

In Sub-section 5 (Missionaries) after “those Preachers” insert **who have been Admitted.**

Paragraph 393 as revised will read :

Paragraph 393. A Deacon has authority to preach, to conduct divine worship, to perform the marriage ceremony, to administer Baptism, and to assist an Elder in administering the Lord's Supper; *provided* that, while serving as a regularly appointed Pastor of a Charge, he may be authorized to administer the Lord's Supper under the conditions set forth in Paragraph 315, **Sub-section 5.**

Preachers of the following classes are eligible to the Order of Deacon :

1. Seminary students—those who have **completed one fourth of the regular course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity degree, or its equivalent, in a theological school accredited or approved by the University Senate; who have been Local Preachers for two years; and have been Admitted on Trial by the Annual Conference.**

2. Members on Trial in the Course of Study—those who, **have been Admitted on Trial under Paragraph 324, Sub-section 2, and have been on trial for two consecutive years; and have completed two years of the Conference Course of Study as required, under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.**

3. Approved Supply Pastors—those **Local Preachers who have been under Appointment to a Charge for two consecutive years, and have completed the Introductory Studies for the Ministry and the first two full years of the Course of Study, under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.**

4. Local Preachers—those who have been Local Preachers for four consecutive years and who present to the Annual Conference a Recommendation for Deacon's Orders from the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Paragraph 675, Sub-section 2b), duly attested by the Chairman

and Secretary thereof, and who have completed the first two years of the Course of Study under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

5. Missionaries—those Preachers who have been Admitted on Trial who are to be appointed by a Bishop to a Foreign Mission, or to a remote field in any Conference, or to a church in a foreign country outside the boundary of a Mission or Annual Conference, or to a Chaplaincy in the Army or Navy or Air Force, in a prison, reformatory, hospital, sanatorium, or a charitable institution; *provided* that the presiding Bishop and a majority of the District Superintendents recommend election to the Order of Deacon.

The following changes are recommended in Part III, Chapter IV, Section II, 1952, *Discipline*, Paragraphs 402-404, pages 130-131.

Par. 402. Change Sub-section 1 (Local Preachers) to Sub-section 4. After "as regularly appointed" insert **Approved**; after "having been Ordained" insert **Local**; in parentheses insert B after "Sub-section 2"; after "and who have completed" delete the comma and *satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the Studies prescribed for Local Deacons who are candidates for Elder's Orders* and insert the **Course of Study under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications**.

Change Sub-section 2 (Approved Supply Pastors) to Sub-section 3. After "those" insert **Local Preachers**; after "Ordained" insert **Local**; after "Sub-section" change 2 to 3; after "who have been" delete *serving as regular Approved Supply Pastors* and insert **under Appointment**; after "for two full" insert **consecutive**; before "completed" delete *satisfactorily*; after "the full" delete *Conference Course prescribed* and insert **Course of Study under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications**.

Delete Sub-sections 3, 4, and 5, which read as follows:—

3. *Local Deacons who have been Received on Trial—those who have been in Full Connection in the Annual Conference, who have been Local Deacons for two consecutive years immediately preceding such election, and who have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the first two years of the Conference Course of Study.*

4. *Conference members in the Conference Courses—those who have been in Full Connection in the Annual Conference for two successive years, and also Deacons during the same time, and have completed, satisfactorily to the Conference, the Conference Course of Study.*

5. *Seminary students—those who have been Received on Trial and elected to the office of Deacon under the provisions of ¶ 393 § 4, and have completed, satisfactorily to the Conference, the Conference Course of Study; have been Deacons at least one year; and have been Admitted into Full Connection.*

Change Sub-section 6 (Missionaries) to Sub-section 5. After “those who” delete *are members of, or*; after “have been” delete *Received* and insert **Admitted**; after “on Trial in” delete the comma and *an* and insert **the**; after “Annual Conference” delete *and* and insert **and have been Ordained Deacon under the provisions of Paragraph 393, Sub-section 5; have served under Appointment as Deacons for one full year**; at the end of the sentence after “English-speaking Conference” add **and have been Received into Full Connection in the Annual Conference.**

Insert a new Paragraph which shall become Sub-section 1: **Seminary graduates—those who have been Admitted on Trial and elected to the Order of Deacon under the provisions of Paragraph 393, Sub-section 1; have been graduated with the Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent degree from a theological school accredited or approved by the University Senate; have been Deacons for at least one year; have received recommendation of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications; and have been Received into Full Connection in the Annual Conference.**

Insert a new Paragraph which shall become Sub-section 2: **Course of Study graduates—those who have been Admitted on Trial under Paragraph 324, Sub-section 2, and elected to the Order of Deacon under the Provisions of Paragraph 393, Sub-section 2; have served two full years as Deacons; have completed the Course of Study under the provision of and been recommended by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications; and have been Received into Full Connection in the Annual Conference.**

Paragraph 402 as amended will read:

Paragraph 402. An Elder has authority to preach, to conduct divine worship, to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, and to perform the marriage ceremony.

Preachers of the following classes are eligible to the order of Elder;

1. **Seminary graduates—those who have been Admitted on Trial and elected to the Order of Deacon under the provisions of Paragraph 393, Sub-section 1; have been graduated**

with the Bachelor of Divinity or equivalent degree from a theological school accredited or approved by the University Senate; have been Deacons for at least one year; have received the recommendation of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications; and have been Received into Full Connection in the Annual Conference.

2. Course of Study Graduates—those who have been admitted on Trial under Paragraph 324, Sub-section 2, and elected to the Order of Deacon under the provisions of Paragraph 393, Sub-section 2; have served two full years as Deacons; have completed the Course of Study under the provision of and have been recommended by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications; and have been Received into Full Connection in the Annual Conference.

3. Approved Supply Pastors—those Local Preachers who have been Ordained Local Deacons under the provisions of Paragraph 393, Sub-section 3; have been under Appointment for two full consecutive years since their Ordination; and have completed the Full Course of Study under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

4. Local Preachers—those who have been for four consecutive years Local Deacons, or have served as regularly Appointed Approved Supply Pastors for two full years after having been Ordained Local Deacons; who present a recommendation for Elder's Orders from the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications (Paragraph 675, Sub-section 2b) duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary thereof; and who have completed the Course of Study under the supervision of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

5. Missionaries—those who have been Admitted on Trial in the Annual Conference, and have been Ordained Deacon under the provisions of Paragraph 393, Sub-section 5; have served under Appointment as Deacons for one full year; have been appointed to a Chaplaincy in the Army or Navy or Air Force, or in a hospital, prison, reformatory, sanitorium, or a charitable institution, or to a foreign mission, or to the pastorate of a church in a foreign country outside of a Mission or Annual Conference, or to a mission among foreign people within an English-speaking Conference; and have been Received into Full Connection in the Annual Conference.

Par. 403. In Paragraph 403 after "When a Preacher has" delete *passed his examination, and has been Admitted into*

Full Connection, and insert **fulfilled the requirements for Ordination and has been**; after "but fails" delete *of* and insert **to receive**.

Par. 403 as amended will read:

Par. 403. When a Preacher has **fulfilled the requirements for Ordination and has been** elected to the Order of Deacon, but fails **to receive** his Ordination through the absence of the Bishop, his eligibility to the Order of Elder shall count from the time of his election to the Order of Deacon.

Par. 404. In Paragraph 404 change the word *person* to **persons**.

Par. 404 as amended will read:

Par. 404. No **persons** shall be elected to Elder's Orders except such as are of unquestionable moral character and genuine piety, sound in the fundamental doctrine of Christianity and faithful in the discharge of gospel duties.

The following changes are recommended in Part IV, Chapter VIII, Section III, 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraphs 638-640, pages 169-171.

Par. 638. In the third sentence of Paragraph 638 delete the words *Annual Conference* before "Members" and insert **full**; after "Members" insert **of the Annual Conference**.

Par. 638 as amended will read:

Par. 638. The Annual Conference shall elect a Committee on Conference Relations. This Committee shall consist of not fewer than six Traveling Elders, arranged as far as practical in Classes to serve three years each. It shall make recommendations to the Annual Conference concerning the relations of all **Full Members of the Annual Conference** seeking to become: Superannuated or Retired Members, Supernumeraries, Ministers on Sabbatical Leave, Students Appointed to Attend School.

Par. 639. In Paragraph 639 delete the first word, *On* and insert **In**; after "Committee of the Board" delete *or, in the case of a new Conference* and add **and**; in the latter part of the first sentence change *eighteen* to **twenty-five**. In the second sentence delete *accredited* and after "theological seminaries" insert **accredited or approved by the University Senate**. In the last sentence, which is in parentheses, delete *Section* and insert **department**.

Par. 639 as amended will read:

Par. 639. **In** each Annual Conference the presiding Bishop, after consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Min-

isterial Training and Qualifications of the previous quadrennium, or a Committee of the Board, and after consultation with the Cabinet, shall nominate a Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications consisting of not fewer than six nor more than **twenty-five** members to be elected by the Annual Conference. It is recommended that the Conference Board of Education shall have due representation on it and that at least two thirds of the Members shall be graduates of colleges and theological seminaries **accredited or approved by the University Senate**. The Board shall be appointed for a term of four years at the first session following The General Conference. It shall organize by electing one of its members Chairman and another Registrar. The Board shall convene at the seat and time of the Annual Conference, preferably the day before the session opens, to review and complete the work of the past year and to plan for the future. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Bishop after consultation with the Chairman of the Board. (For description of the organization and functions of the **Department of Ministerial Education**, see Paragraphs 1372-77, 2041.)

Par. 640. In the first sentence of Sub-section 1 in Paragraph 640 after "seek" delete *through* and insert **in**; insert a comma after "(Paragraph 643)" and delete *and with*; after "Laymen of the Conference," insert **and with the Department of Ministerial Education and the Methodist theological schools**; after "Christian ministry" change the comma to a period and delete *and shall keep a record of all persons enlisted within the bounds of the Conference*. In the next sentence after "recommending" delete *properly accredited*; after "colleges and seminaries" insert **accredited and approved by the University Senate**.

In the first sentence of Sub-section 2 before "Supply Pastors" insert **Approved**. In the second sentence following "experience" insert **evangelistic and missionary concern**. In the parenthetical sentence following the second sentence, change 343-47 to **341-345**; in (e) insert **Approved** before "Supply Pastors"; after "(g) candidates for Admission into Full Connection" change the period to a semicolon and insert (h) **students recommended for Appointment to Attend School and Assignment to a Quarterly Conference (Paragraph 431.6)**. Following that, make a new Paragraph which shall be Sub-section 3, and insert this sentence: **The Board shall keep a full personnel record, including transcripts of academic credit, for all Ministerial Candidates within the bounds of the Conference**. Sub-section 3 will include the remainder of this Paragraph. In the last sentence delete *Edu-*

cational Director of the Section and insert **Department**. Within the parentheses change *Sub-section 3* to **Sub-section 4**.

Paragraph 640 as amended will read:

Paragraph 640. 1. The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications in each Annual Conference shall seek, in co-operation with the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations (Paragraph 643), the Bishop, District Superintendents, Pastors, and Laymen of the Conference, **and with the Department of Ministerial Education and the Methodist theological schools**, to enlist suitable candidates for the Christian ministry. It shall seek in every way practicable to provide guidance and counsel to them in their training and preparation for the ministry, recommending colleges and seminaries **accredited and approved by the University Senate**.

2. The Board shall examine all applicants for employment as **Approved** Supply Pastors or for Admission on Trial as to their fitness for the ministry, as provided in Paragraphs 321-331, and shall make full inquiry as to the fitness of candidates for Admission into Full Connection. This must include an examination as to character, habits of life, conversion, call to the ministry, Christian experience, evangelistic and missionary concern, age, domestic situation, co-operation with others, ability to lead a service of worship, and understanding of the Church's mission. (See Paragraphs 341-345.) The answers to the examination questions may be submitted in writing. The Board shall report recommendations concerning:

- (a) Candidates for Admission on Trial;
- (b) Candidates for Ordination as Deacons;
- (c) Candidates for Ordination as Elders;
- (d) Those to be received from other Churches;
- (e) Those to be recommended as **Approved** Supply Pastors;
- (f) Those transferred into the Conference who are not Elders in Full Connection;
- (g) Candidates for Admission into Full Connection;
- (h) **Students recommended for Appointment to Attend School and Assignment to a Quarterly Conference.** (Paragraph 431,6).

3. The Board shall keep a full personnel record including

transcripts of academic credit for all ministerial candidates within the bounds of the Conference. The Board shall certify all information and recommendations concerning each candidate to the Annual Conference in duplicate. One copy of this record is to be kept by the Registrar of the Board, and one copy is to be mailed, after each Annual Conference, to the **Department of Ministerial Education.** (Paragraph 1372, section 4.)

The following changes are recommended in Part IV, Chapter VIII, Section IV, 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraphs 645 (page 173) and 651 (pages 177 and 178).

Paragraph 645. In Paragraph 645 at the end of the first sentence change the period to a comma and add **including the Approved Supply Pastors.** (See Paragraph 318.)

Paragraph 645 as amended will read:

Paragraph 645. After religious services, the Secretary of the previous Annual Conference shall call the roll, **including the Approved Supply Pastors.** (See Paragraph 318.) The Conference shall complete its organization and proceed with its business.

Paragraph 651. In Sub-section 30 of Paragraph 651 insert **e) to be Ordained elsewhere?**

In Sub-section 32 of Paragraph 651 insert **f) to be Ordained elsewhere?**

In Sub-section 34 of Paragraph 651 delete questions *a), b), c), d), and e).* Change *f)* to *a), g)* to *b), h)* to *c), i)* to *d), j)* to *e), and k)* to *f).*

Paragraph 651, Sub-sections 30, 32, and 34, as amended will read:

30. Who have been elected Deacons:

- a) As Local Preachers?
- b) As Members on Trial in the Course of Study?
- c) Under the seminary rule?
- d) Under the missionary rule?
- e) To be ordained elsewhere?**

32. Who have been elected Elders:

- a) As Local Preachers?
- b) As Local Deacons who have been Received on Trial?
- c) As Conference Members in the Course of Study?
- d) Under the seminary rule?
- e) Under the missionary rule?
- f) To be ordained elsewhere?**

34. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception:

A) Who have been Received on Trial at the request of another Conference?

B) Who have been transferred out, having been Received on Trial, and to what Conferences?

C) Who have been transferred in, to be Received into Full Connection after election by another Conference?

D) Who have been transferred out, having been Received into Full Connection after election by another Conference?

E) Who on Trial have been transferred out, to be Received into Full Connection by another Conference?

F) Who have been transferred in after having been Received into Full Connection by another Conference?

The following changes are recommended in Part IV, Chapter IX, 1952 *Discipline*, Paragraphs 667 and 675, pages 181-183.

Paragraph 667. In Paragraph 667, after "Deaconess" delete *the Exhorters*.

Paragraph 667 as amended will read:

Paragraph 667. A District Conference shall be composed of all Preachers—Traveling, Superannuated or Retired, Supernumerary, and Local—the Deaconesses, the Church-School Superintendent and the President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from each church in the District, the District Stewards (Paragraph 143, Sub-section 3, Paragraphs 797, 802), the District Trustees (Paragraph 708), the District Lay Leader and Associate District Lay Leaders (Paragraphs 1509, 1515), the Lay Member of the Annual Conference from each Charge in the District, the Charge Lay Leaders (Paragraph 262), the President of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, the District Directors of Children's, Youth, and Adult Work, and General Church-School Work and such other persons as the Annual Conference may determine.

Par. 675. In Sub-section 2a of Paragraph 675 after the first sentence delete (*See Paragraph 304.*) and insert (**Paragraphs 303-306**). In the second sentence after "Paragraph 146, Subsection 1)" add **recommend to the District Conference to;** change *a* to **no** before "District Conference"; after "final action on such licensing" delete *shall* and insert **may;** after "District" delete *Conference* and add **Committee on Ministerial Qualifications;** at the end of the sentence delete

Paragraph 304, Sub-section 4 and insert Paragraph 305, Sub-section 5.

Insert a new Sub-section, to be numbered 5, which will read: **the District Superintendent and a representative of the District Committee shall meet annually with the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications upon the call of the Chairman of the Conference Board, either as individual Districts or with representatives of all the Districts in the Annual Conference.**

Insert a new Sub-section, to be numbered 6, which will read: **The District Committee shall designate one of its members, other than the Chairman, who will be official spokesman for the Committee, and who may be summoned by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications to show reasons why any candidate, included in Sub-section 2b has been recommended by the District Committee.**

Par. 675 as amended will read as follows:

Par. 675. 1. There shall be a District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications of which the District Superintendent shall be Chairman. The Committee shall be composed of the District Superintendent and five traveling Preachers of the District, nominated annually by him, and approved by the Annual Conference. Interim vacancies may be filled by the Chairman.

2. The duties of the Committee shall be:

(a) To examine each person who applies in writing for a License to Preach, or for a renewal of such License. (**Paragraphs 303-306.**) Where there is evidence that his gifts, graces, and usefulness warrant, it may, upon recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the church in which he is a member (Paragraph 146, Sub-section 1), recommend to the District Conference to issue or renew his License to Preach; *provided*, however, that where no District Conference exists, final action on such licensing may be taken by the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications; and *provided*, further that before the ballot for licensing a person to preach is taken he shall have agreed to the condition set forth in **Paragraph 305, Sub-section 5.** The District Superintendent shall furnish a certified list of the persons licensed to the Secretary of the Annual Conference for insertion in the Journal. (Paragraph 362, Sub-section 10.)

(b) To recommend to the Annual Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications suitable candidates for acceptance as Approved Supply Pastors, for Admission

on Trial, for Local Deacon's Orders, for Local Elder's Orders, and for Restoration of Credentials.

3. The vote of the Committee in all such matters shall be by individual written ballot, and a three-fourths majority vote of the Committee shall be required for License or Approval.

4. The Committee shall report its work to the District Conference for approval where such Conference exists.

5. The District Superintendent and a representative of the District committee shall meet annually with Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications upon the call of the Chairman of the Conference Board, either as individual Districts or with representatives of all the Districts in the Annual Conference.

6. The District Committee shall designate one of its members, other than the Chairman, who will be official spokesman for the Committee, and who may be summoned by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications to show reasons why any candidate, included in Sub-section 2b has been recommended by the District Committee.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 42; F, 42; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AFFECTING PROVISIONAL
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4326

*Calendar No. 129. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1015.*

Chapter VI Section II

Be It Resolved: To amend Par. 432 section 3 of the 1952 *Discipline* by eliminating the words, "*and its Possessions*" so that the Section will read "but within the Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States he shall not appoint any Minister a District Superintendent for more than 6 consecutive years, nor for more than 6 years in any consecutive 9 years."

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 66; F, 66; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: DUTIES OF THE PASTOR

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 4398

Calendar No. 130. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1015.

Chapter III Section III

In Paragraph 352 (19)—delete "*the claims of the ministry.*" Add a new Paragraph (20).

20. To preach on the meaning of Christian vocation, the call and challenge of the ministry and other types of full-time Church work, and to advise with youth, students, and young adults about their educational and vocational plans. (See P. 149.1, —.)

—renumber other Sub-paragraphs that follow in *Discipline*.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;

ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 42; F, 42; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: THE MINISTRY—EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3346

Calendar No. 131. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 1015, 1023.

The Committee voted approval of the section of the Episcopal Address dealing with the Ministry.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;

ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 46; F, 46; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS ON PAGES 670 THROUGH 673 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2985

Calendar No. 132. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1015.

The Committee on Ministry has reviewed the Quadrennial

Report of the Commission on Chaplains, as submitted to The General Conference.

We desire to commend the Commission for its effective work in making possible the extension of the Church's ministry to many thousands of persons in the Armed Forces, in all parts of the world; and to others in various institutions and aspects of our national life.

Through Chaplains, the missionary and evangelistic work of the Church has been extended greatly.

We call upon the Church to give increased attention to and support of an increased program of institutional Chaplaincy.

With the constantly increasing populations in mental, public health and correctional institutions, we must not neglect those who so greatly need a spiritual ministry.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 54; F, 52; A, 2; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: VOTING PRIVILEGES FOR SUPPLY PASTORS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 4307

*Calendar No. 133. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1016.*

Part III Chapter II Section II

To add a section 2 to Par. 317

An Annual Conference may, by a three-fourths vote, at the opening of the annual session, grant to Full-time Approved Supply Pastors who are Ordained Elders and who have served Charges during the past year, the privilege of voting at that session on all matters before the Conference, except those dealing with Ordination, Character, and Conference Relations of Ministers, and the election of Lay and Ministerial delegates to The General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 42; F, 42; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: CORRECTIVE LEGISLATION ON "TRAVELING
PREACHERS"

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4498

*Calendar No. 134. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1017.*

Refer to Editors for correction in the *Discipline* permitting the use of the term "Traveling Preacher" in the historic sense and as set forth in the Decision of The Judicial Council, No. 88.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 38; F, 35; A, 3; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: TRAVELING PREACHERS MUST RECEIVE
APPOINTMENT

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4485

*Calendar No. 135. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1017.*

To add the following Paragraph at the proper place in the *Discipline*:

"Every preacher belonging to the traveling connection, unless he sustains a Superannuated or Retired relation, or is on Sabbatical leave, or is under arrest of character, must receive an Appointment."

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 69; F, 64; A, 3; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: TERM EPISCOPACY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2697, 3751 through 3787, 3800, 4092 through 4274, 4283, 4289, 4290, 4292, 4293, 4296, 4365 through 4379, 4400, 4403, 4404, 4405, 4409 through 4417, 4419, 4420, 4487, 4488, 4491, 4492, 4493, 4494, 4503, 4505,

4508, through 4510, 4816 through 4832, 4869 through 4928, 4982.

Calendar No. 212. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1020.

The Committee voted Non-Concurrence.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 42; F, 42; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2557; 2564, 2598, 2685, 2689, 2812, 3013, 3146, 3171, 3246, 3257, 3262, 3329, 3437, 3522, 3571, 3693, 3788, 3789, 3790, 3791, 3803, 3807, 3809, 3810, 3812, 3813, 3814, 3815, 3818, 3821, 3822, 3823, 3824, 3826, 3829, 3832, 4282, 4286, 4294, 4295, 4297, 4298, 4299, 4300, 4301, 4302, 4303, 4304, 4305, 4306, 4308, 4309, 4313, 4314, 4315, 4316, 4317, 4318, 4319, 4320, 4321, 4322, 4323, 4324, 4325, 4359, 4376, 4378, 4383, 4384, 4385, 4386, 4387, 4388, 4390, 4391, 4392, 4393, 4394, 4396, 4397, 4401, 4402, 4407, 4408, 4418, 4455, 4456, 4457, 4458, 4459, 4460, 4461, 4462, 4463, 4464, 4465, 4466, 4467, 4468, 4469, 4470, 4471, 4472, 4473, 4474, 4475, 4476, 4477, 4478, 4479, 4480, 4481, 4482, 4483, 4484, 4486, 4489, 4495, 4499, 4500, 4501, 4504, 4506, 4507, 4833, 4983.

Calendar No. 213. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 1020; 1022.

The Committee voted non-Concurrence on the above Memorials.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 61; F, 41; A, 14; N, 6

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: COURSE OF STUDY FOR PART TIME APPROVED
SUPPLY PASTOR

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2558, 2700, 4399, 4835

Calendar No. 186. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1017.

Part III, Chapter II, Section III. Amend by adding the

following to Paragraph 306. The item will become Section 3.

A Local Part-time Approved Supply Pastor shall be required to complete at least two books annually in the Conference Course of Study, until the Course is completed; work to be taken through our Correspondence School.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 55; F, 33; A, 19; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: BAPTISM AND PART-TIME APPROVED SUPPLY PASTOR

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2681, 2682, 3797, 3798, 4389, 4406, 4497

Calendar No. 187. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1018.

Part III, Chapter II, Section III, Paragraph 315, add Section C—under 6.

C. A Part-Time Approved Supply Pastor (other than a Student Pastor) who completes each year two books of the Conference Course of Study, and continues until he is graduated from the Course, shall be authorized to administer the Sacrament of Baptism, and if the laws of the State permit, to perform the Marriage Ceremony, within the bounds of his Pastoral Charge.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 50; F, 50; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3819

Calendar No. 188. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1019.

Concurrence to be included in the General Legislation on the Ministry—see Report—No. 7.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 42; F, 42; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS; NON-CONCURRENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 216. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1020.

The Committee voted non-concurrence on this series of Memorials: 2686, 2688, 2690, 2695, 2696, 2698, 2699, 3801, 3802, 3805, 3808, 3811, 3816, 3817, 3820, 3828, 3830, 3831, 3833, 4395, 4399.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. MINISTRY

M, 81; P, 68; F, 68; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: METHODIST CHAPLAIN AT WEST POINT

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1020.

Calendar No. 246. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1020.

Whereas: It appears that the position of Cadet Chaplain at the Military Academy, West Point, New York, is filled under procedures not conforming to the provisions of the National Defense Act 1916 as amended 1920, which Act provides that Chaplains of the Army will be recommended for Appointment in the Army by the Army Chief of Chaplains.

Under the procedures indicated above Career Army Chaplains have been and are excluded from assignment to this duty,

Whereas: It appears that the corresponding positions of Chaplain in the Naval and Air Force Academies are filled by Chaplains selected from the Chaplains on duty in the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Air Force respectively,

Whereas, It appears desirable, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that the procedure in providing for this important ministry to the Cadets in these Institutions should be the same as those applied to the Appointment of Chaplains on duty at other educational and training centers of the Armed Forces.

Whereas: The General Commission on Chaplains, com-

prised of 58 Protestant Bodies, of which body The Methodist Church is a member, has been authorized to endeavor to have the situation at West Point, as indicated above, changed whereby all Chaplains at West Point will be selected from Chaplains of the Army,

Whereas: Various other supporting Member Denominations of the General Commission on Chaplains, namely: The Presbyterian USA, The Presbyterian U.S., The American Baptist, The Congregational Evangelical, and The Disciples of Christ, together with consultative members namely the Southern Baptist, and the major Lutheran bodies, have in their respective legislative bodies, passed Resolutions, approving and supporting the efforts of the General Commission on Chaplains related to this question.

Therefore: Be It Resolved, That The Methodist Church, through its General Commission on Chaplains in its efforts to have the proper military and legislative authorities provide that all positions for Chaplains in the Army, including The Military Academy, be filled in accordance with the provisions of the National Defense Act 1916 as amended 1920.

JAMES S. CHUBB, *Chairman*;
ALVA I. COX, SR., *Secretary*.

NO. 10. MISSIONS

Chairman—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), (North Iowa—NC)
Vice-Chairman—Lynn J. Radcliffe (Ohio—NC)
Secretary—Dow Kirkpatrick (North Georgia—SC)
Assistant Secretary—Elliott L. Fisher (California-Nevada—W)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 54.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Missions and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for this Report. For list of Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 82; F, 79; A, 0; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1956

SUBJECT: AMENDING PARAGRAPH 1237, SECTION 6, 1952,
Discipline REGARDING REPAYMENT OF DONATIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2622

Calendar No. 45. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
792.

The Committee recommends that Chapter V, Section V, Paragraph 1237.6, of the 1952 *Discipline* be amended as follows:

In line 5 delete the words "*with lawful interest thereon from date of alienation*" so that this Section as amended shall read:

Paragraph 1237.6. In granting donations to churches and parsonages the Division shall require from the Trustees of each aided church an obligation, which shall be a lien upon the property involved, for the return of the amount donated in the event that the work shall cease or the property shall be alienated from The Methodist Church, *provided that*

these provisions may be waived in cases involving donations of five hundred dollars or less. Said lien may be subordinated to enable the Trustees of the church involved to give a first mortgage for a loan. In case of relocation the Division's investment and lien may be transferred to the new property.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 94; F, 93; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY OF BOARDS SEPARATE
FROM ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3421

Calendar No. 46. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, 792.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following Resolution:

Whereas, Paragraph 1108 of the 1952 *Discipline* provided for at least one assembly during the 1952-56 quadrennium at which the Programs of all General Agencies should be presented;

Whereas, the Paragraph provided that the Joint Assembly should be held at the time and place of the annual meetings of the Boards and Agencies;

Whereas, the Board of Missions co-operated with the other Boards and Agencies in carrying out the plans for the Cincinnati Assembly in January, 1955;

Whereas, the Board recognizes that there are promotion and publicity values in such a Joint Assembly;

Whereas, it is the considered judgment of the Board that the time allocated to the Board of Missions and its Divisions under the plan of the Joint Assembly was not adequate to give proper attention to the necessary items of business of the Board and its Divisions;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Joint Assembly, *if continued*, be not held in connection with the annual meetings of the Boards and Agencies.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 94; F, 94; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: MISSION TO AMERICA IN 1958

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3422

*Calendar No. 47. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 793.*

The Committee recommends adoption of the following Resolution:

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Missions and the Board of Evangelism be requested to co-operate in 1958 in a "Mission to America"; that outstanding leaders and preachers of the younger Churches be invited to the United States to give witness to their triumphant faith, and to lead the Methodists of America toward a great spiritual awakening, and to a deeper devotion to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 58; F, 54; A, 4; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: REPAYMENT OF DONATIONS AND LOANS TO THE SECTION OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE DIVISION OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2615

*Calendar No. 48. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 793.*

The Committee presents for adoption by The General Conference the following statement with regard to Memorial No. 2615:

Because of the unprecedented need for funds for church building purposes, we request the Division of National Missions to encourage:

(1) Churches which have current loans with the Division of National Missions to repay them as quickly as possible;

(2) Churches which in years past have received donations from the Division of National Missions to consider clearing their title by returning said sums and thus making more funds available for Church Extension purposes.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 93; F, 93; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR
OVERSEAS RELIEF**

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2618, 3442, 3443

*Calendar No. 49. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 793.*

The Committee recommends concurrence on these Memorials requesting the continuance of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman;*
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 6. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 61; F, 61; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON TOWN AND
COUNTRY WORK**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3434

AMENDED May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 793.

*Calendar No. 50. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 793.*

The Committee recommends that Chapter V, Section V, Paragraph 1231, 1, be amended by inserting in line 6 following the words "the Conference Missionary Secretary" the phrase **the Conference Secretary of Evangelism**; by adding in line 17 of an additional sentence to follow the words "Annual Conference" reading **The Commission may add to its membership, upon recommendation of its Executive Officers, and upon nomination by the District Superintendents or the Nominating Committee of the Conference, and election by the Annual Conference, not to exceed five Members at Large who may be either Ministers or Laymen especially interested in rural work but not otherwise Members of the Commission. ALL GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION MEMBERS IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHALL BE MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSION.** So that Paragraph 1231, 1, as amended shall read:

1231.1. Each Annual Conference having town and country churches shall set up, under the direction of the Bishop and his Cabinet, a Commission on Town and Country Work. The Membership of the Commission shall be the Bishop in

Charge of the Conference; the District Superintendents; the Conference Missionary Secretary; **the Conference Secretary of Evangelism**; the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education; the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; a representative elected by each of the following Conference Agencies: the Board of Missions, the Board of Education, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Evangelism, the Conference Youth Fellowship, the Methodist Rural Fellowship; and one rural Layman and one rural Pastor from each District, nominated by the District Superintendents or the Nominating Committee of the Conference, and elected by the Annual Conference. **The Commission may add to its Membership, upon recommendation of its Executive Officers, and upon nomination by the District Superintendents or the Nominating Committee of the Conference, and upon election by the Annual Conference, not to exceed five Members at Large who may be either Ministers or Laymen especially interested in rural work but not otherwise Members of the Commission. ALL GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION MEMBERS IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHALL BE MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSION.** All Special Workers in the Annual Conference employed by The Methodist Church in rural communities shall be *ex-officio* Members of the Commission, but without vote.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 59; F, 58; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE FOR MINISTRY TO
NEGLECTED AREAS AND UNCHURCHED PEOPLES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3182

*Calendar No. 51. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 794.*

The Committee recommends that the following new Paragraph be inserted in the 1956 *Discipline* immediately following the present Paragraph 1229:

There shall be an Inter-Board Committee for Ministry to the Neglected Areas and Unchurched Peoples, such Committee to be composed as follows: five Members from the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions; three Members each from the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, the

Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, and the Board of Evangelism; and five Members from the Church at Large. The Members of the respective Divisions and Boards are to be elected by such Divisions and Boards, and the five Members at Large are to be selected by The Council of Bishops. The Committee may co-opt appropriate Members of the Staff of the above-named Agencies. This Committee is authorized and directed:

- (1) To study neglected metropolitan and rural areas.
- (2) To develop and promote plans to
 - a) Organize new churches and Church Schools
 - b) Organize and seek support for Mission Churches and Missions
 - c) Revive and support dying and abandoned churches, and
 - d) Arrange by mutual agreement for ministering to and serving these churches, missions and Church Schools.
- (3) To devise methods and procedures for enlisting Local Churches and Laymen and Laywomen in support of the foregoing activities with their means and services;
- (4) To take other steps which the Committee may deem appropriate to provide for ministry to such neglected areas and peoples.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 58; F, 58; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: EPISCOPAL REPRESENTATION ON DIVISIONS OF THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3438

Calendar No. 52. Action Deferred May 5, 1956. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 795; 960.

The Committee recommends concurrence with the Report being submitted to the 1956 General Conference by the Commission on Structure of Methodism Overseas on the subject matter of this Memorial.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 93; F, 93; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF EMPHASIS ON CHURCH
EXTENSION**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3429

*Calendar No. 53. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 796.*

The Committee recommends adoption of the following Resolution:

Whereas, The General Conference of 1952 took notice of the population growth of our nation and the development of new communities by recommending that special attention be given to Church Extension needs during the quadrennium 1952-1956, and

Whereas, the plans developed upon an Area or Conference level as recommended by The General Conference are making possible the organization of many new churches in rapidly growing communities, and

Whereas, there are reliable studies and surveys available to indicate that these population increases and shifts in population will necessitate a continuing Program of Church Extension for years to come, as for example, the Survey of Church Needs of America by the National Association of Manufacturers, which recommends that at least 5,250 new churches be established each year for the next twenty years, and

Whereas, The Methodist Church should strive to meet its responsibility and opportunity by responding to this great challenge.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That The General Conference give thorough consideration to Church Extension opportunities, developing a General Plan for a continuation of this emphasis and leaving the details to the Areas and Conferences to work out.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 72; F, 72; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

**SUBJECT: BOARD OF MISSIONS PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE
CHANGES**

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3418, 3179, 3413, 3419, 3428, 3440,
3441

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1023.

*Calendar No. 101. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Pages 796-802.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in the 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church:

Par. 143. Insert a new Section 5 which shall read:

Par. 143. 5. The Chairmen of the four Commissions: Membership and Evangelism, Education, Missions, and Finance.

Renumber the present *Sections 5-9 inclusive* to **Sections 6-10 inclusive**.

Par. 144. In lines 4 and 5, delete the words *four Commissions* and substitute therefor the words **The Chairmen of and Membership on the four Commissions**, so that Par. 144 down through the first colon on line 5, as amended shall read:

Par. 144. (Down through the first colon on line 5.) The Quarterly Conference shall elect annually from the membership of the church or churches in the charge, on nomination of the Committee on Nominations, or the Pastor if there is no such Committee, **the Chairmen and of the Membership on the four Commissions:**

Par. 172. Add a *new Section 7* (transferred from lines 37-41 of the present Par. 192), which shall read:

Par. 172. 7. Trustees or other Members of the Local Church shall not be required to guarantee personally any loan made to the particular church by any Board created by or under the authority of The General Conference.

Par. 236. Delete the present Par. 236

¶ 236. *There shall be organized in each local church a Commission on Missions, composed of not fewer than three persons, and as many more as the Quarterly Conference may determine (¶ 144). It shall be auxiliary to the General Board of Missions and to the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Missions and shall co-operate with these Agencies in their Plans and Programs for Missionary Education and Cultivation. The Commission shall organize by electing annually a Chairman, a Secretary, and such other Officers as it may determine.*

and substitute the following, so that Par. 236 as amended shall read:

Par. 236. There shall be organized in each Local Church

a Commission on Missions composed of not less than three elected Members and as many more as the Quarterly Conference may determine.

(Par. 144) In addition to these, the following persons will, by virtue of their office be Members of the Commission on Missions: the Pastor or Pastors, one representative elected by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, one representative elected by the Commission on Finance, the Church School Superintendent, the Chairman of Christian Outreach of the Youth Fellowship, the Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Lay Leader. It shall be auxiliary to the General Board of Missions and to the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Boards of Missions, and shall co-operate with these Agencies in their plans and programs for Missionary Education and Cultivation. The Commission shall **complete its organization** by electing annually a Secretary and such other Officers as it may determine.

Par. 253. Art. 5. *Officers and Elections*. In line 5 delete the words *and Local Church activities*. In line 8 after the word "women," insert the words a **Chairman of Local Church Activities** and after the word "Officers" insert the words **and Chairmen**, in line 10 add following the word "Society," the following sentence, **the Pastor is a member of the Executive Committee ex-officio**, so that Par. 253, Art. 5, as amended shall read:

Par. 253. Art. 5. *Officers and Elections*. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Secretaries of promotion, of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations, of Student Work, of Youth Work, of Children's Work, of Spiritual Life, or Literature and Publications, of Supply Work, of the Status of Women, a **Chairman of Local-Church Activities**, and such other Officers and **Chairmen** in charge of lines of work as may be required. These Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society. **The Pastor is a Member of the Executive Committee ex-officio**. Where a simpler form of organization is necessary in a small church, there shall be five Officers or more, as determined by the Local Society. These Officers shall share the responsibility for promoting the work of the full quota of Officers as listed in this Paragraph.

Par. 1104. In line 3 delete the word *eight* and substitute therefor the word **twelve**, so that Par. 1104 as amended shall read:

Par. 1104. Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or

Council, except The Council of Bishops and The Judicial Council, shall be limited to **twelve** consecutive years; *provided*, however, that this limitation shall take effect from The General Conference of 1952 and shall not be retroactive.

Par. 1172. Section 2. In lines 5-6 delete *and in addition one Youth under twenty-one years of age from each Jurisdiction.* In lines 9-10 delete *and in addition one Youth Member under twenty-one years of age.* In line 20 delete (d) *one Youth Nominated by the Youth Organization of each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction*, so that Par. 1172.2, as amended shall read:

Par. 1172. 2. Members elected quadrennially by the Jurisdictional Conferences as follows: one Minister and three Lay Members, two of whom shall be Women, from each Jurisdiction for each 600,000 members, or major fraction thereof, in the Jurisdiction; *provided* that no Jurisdiction, in addition to the Bishops, shall have fewer than two Ministers and six Lay Members, four of whom shall be women and two men. In nominating and electing such Members the Jurisdictional Conference shall have as a basis for choice the following: (a) one Minister and one Layman designated by each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, on nomination of its Conference Board of Missions; (b) six additional names nominated by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction; (c) twice the necessary number of Lay Women, designated by the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service from three Members nominated by each Conference Woman's Society of the Jurisdiction. Vacancies among these Members shall be filled by the Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancies occur *ad interim*, having regard to the various classifications of Members.

Par. 1172.5. Delete the present Section "5"

5. The Chairman of the Commission on Christian Outreach of the General Youth Section of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

and substitute a new Section 5 which shall read:

Par. 1172.5. Six Youth Members of the Board, representing all Jurisdictions and divided between Youth and Student groups, twenty-three years of age or under at the time of their election, nominated by the National Conference of Methodist Youth and elected by the Board. In making the nominations to the Board, the National Conference of Methodist Youth, in consultation with the appropriate Staff of the Board, shall consider suggestions of nominations made by Annual Conference Methodist Youth fellowships, and State or similar units of the Methodist Student Movement.

Vacancies shall be filled by the Board upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth. The Chairman of the Program Area of Christian Outreach of the National Methodist Youth Fellowship Commission.

Par. 1174. Add following the word "Vice-Presidents" in line 3 **"(the nominees being the Presidents of the three Divisions and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation),"** so that Par. 1174 as amended shall read:

Par. 1174. The Board of Managers shall elect quadrennially a President, who shall be the presiding Officer, four Vice-Presidents **(the nominees being the Presidents of the three Divisions and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation)**, a Recording Secretary and such other Officers as it may need. Their duties shall be those usually performed by such Officers. The Board may also elect annually such Committees as may be necessary to carry on its business.

Par. 1202, Art. 3. Foreign Field Committees and Estimates.

Delete Section following "Field Committee" in line 4 through line 19

consisting of the following members: the resident Bishop; the Mission Superintendent (§ 1206 § 4); and wherever possible an equal number of Missionaries of the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, chosen by the Missionaries within the bounds of the Conference; and national men and women, wherever possible of equal number, to be elected by the Annual Conference. Upon authorization by the Central Conference, the Annual Conference may add the District Superintendents as members ex-officio of the Field Committee. The personnel of the Committee shall be approved by the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The Committee shall be responsible to the Divisions for the funds provided by the Board of Missions. Its duties shall be:

and substitute re-wording noted below in the amended Paragraph.

Sub-paragraph 4. Insert the following as a new Sub-paragraph 4: **To receive and transmit to the Board Reports from all the Institutions and Agencies of the Church which receive aid from the Board of Missions.**

Sub-paragraph 5. Delete the present Sub-paragraph 4,

4. To prepare estimates for the work of the Annual Conference, Provisional Annual Conference, or Mission for

both the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, except the financial requirements for missionary support, which is a direct responsibility of the Board.

and substitute the following as Sub-paragraph 5:

to prepare estimates of funds requested from the Board for aid to work in the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference and for aid to Institutions and other projects; except the financial requirement for missionary support, which is the direct responsibility of the Board.

so that Par. 1202, Art. 3 *Foreign Field Committees and Estimates*, as amended shall read:

Par. 1202, Art. 3. *Foreign Field Committees and Estimates.* In a Foreign Mission Field of the Board each Annual Conference and each Provisional Annual Conference shall have a Field Committee made up of the presiding Bishop and wherever possible an equal number of National and Missionary Members. The National Membership (which should wherever possible be an equal number of men and women) shall be elected by the Annual Conference. The Missionary Membership (which should wherever possible be an equal number of men and women) shall be nominated by the Missionaries within the bounds of the Conference and approved by the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Upon authorization by the Central Conference, the Annual Conference may add the District Superintendents as Members *ex officio* without vote. The duties of the Field Committee shall be:

1. To elect its Chairman and Secretary; to forward its minutes promptly to the respective Divisions of the Board, and the Report of its recommendations to the Divisions for approval.

2. To study and co-ordinate the work of the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

3. To consult with the Board of Missions through the respective Divisions on all matters of mutual concern.

4. To receive and transmit to the Board Reports from all the Institutions and Agencies of the Church which receive aid from the Board of Missions.

5. To prepare estimates of funds requested from the Board for aid to work in the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference and for aid to Institutions and other projects; except the financial requirement for missionary support, which is the direct responsibility of the Board.

Par. 1204. In line 1, add following the word "In" **Central Conferences or**, so that Par. 1204 as amended shall read:

Par. 1204. In **Central Conferences or** Provisional Central Conferences where there is no Executive Board or Council of Co-operation, the estimates shall be sent directly to the Division of World Missions and to the Woman's Division of Christian Service from the Field Committee of each Annual Conference and Provisional Annual Conference.

Par. 1213. Delete the word "*and*" in line 4 following the word "Hawaii," and add the following words after "Puerto Rico" "**and the Virgin Islands,**" so that Par. 1213 as amended shall read:

Par. 1213. Art. 4. *Functions.* The Division shall have general supervision and administration of the work of Missions and Church Extension in the United States of America (including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico **and the Virgin Islands**) and the Dominican Republic; and administration of all donation aid, loan funds, and endowment contributed and established for the work of Church Extension, except such as may be administered by the Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences.

Par. 1214. Delete the word "*National*" in line 2, and substitute therefor the word "**Home**," so that Par. 1214 as amended shall read:

Par. 1214. The Division shall have two sections: Section of **Home** Missions and Section of Church Extension.

Par. 1215. Section 1. In line 1 delete the word "*National*" and substitute the word "**Home**." Delete sub-headings d) and e), and renumber f) as d). In the re-numbered Sub-heading d) delete the final "s" in the word "Surveys." In line 12, delete the words "*The Departments*" and substitute the words "**all Administrative Units**."

Insert a new Section 2 as follows: **The Section of Home Missions shall give special study and promotion to Mission Work among minority language and ethnic groups and conduct such activities as the development of the work may require. It shall assign Secretaries to serve these special groups who shall administer such appropriations as are committed to them for the work of the field to which they are assigned. They shall co-operate with other Boards and Agencies as their work may affect the group involved.**

Renumber present Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 3 and 4 so that Paragraph 1215 as amended shall read:

Par. 1215.1. The Section of **Home** Missions shall have the following Departments, or such Departments and Admin-

istrative Units as the Board, upon recommendation of the Division, may determine:

- a) Department of City Work
- b) Department of Town and Country Work.
- c) Department of Goodwill Industries.
- d) Department of Research and Survey.

All Administrative Units shall work in close co-operation with one another, particularly in any overlapping work.

2. The Section of Home Missions shall give special study and promotion to Mission Work among minority language and ethnic groups and conduct such activities as the development of the work may require. It shall assign Secretaries to serve these special groups who shall administer such appropriations as are committed to them for the work of the field to which they are assigned. They shall co-operate with other Boards and Agencies as their work may affect the group involved.

3. The Division shall appoint, on nomination of the Superintendent concerned, fifteen Members for each Department or Administrative Unit, who shall be chosen from among the Members of the Division and others who are actively engaged in the work or administration of projects within the fields of the respective Departments or Administrative Units.

4. Bilingual work in the United States, except in organized bilingual Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions, shall be administered through English-speaking Annual Conferences, under the joint supervision of the Division of National Missions and the District Superintendents.

Par. 1217. Delete the word "*surveys*" in line 3 and substitute therefor the word "*studies*." In line 5, delete the words "*foreign-speaking, Negro, or other groups*" and substitute the words "*urban populations*," so that Par. 1217 as amended shall read:

Par. 1217. The Department of City Work shall promote Missionary Work in cities with a population of ten thousand or more. It shall aid in making **studies** in cities with special reference to the religious conditions of **urban populations**; the necessary location and adaptation of church buildings; and the programs required for needy and congested communities. It shall also aid in the organization and development of adequate religious centers in city territory. It shall administer such appropriations as may be committed to it by the Division. All askings for Missionary Work in cities

of ten thousand population or more shall require the review and recommendation of the Department or its Superintendent.

Par. 1228. Delete present Par. 1228,

¶ 1228. *The Department of City Work shall promote the Council of Cities of the Board of Missions. The Council shall be composed of the Executive Secretaries of the Division of National Missions, the Superintendent and members of the Department, and two delegates from each organized City Society. The Council may be convened annually or at such other times as the Department may determine. The purpose of the Council shall be to promote the study of City Church Work, with all that relates to a better understanding of the religious needs of urban communities.*

and substitute the following, so that Par. 1228 shall read:

Par. 1228. **The Department of City Work, in co-operation with The Council of Bishops and other interested groups, shall promote a Quadrennial Convocation on Urban Work, which shall be called by The Council of Bishops at such time as The Council and the Department of City Work may determine.**

Par. 1229. *Section 4.* In line 2, delete the words "*young people*" and substitute therefor the words "**Methodist families.**" In line 3, delete the words "*the community*" and substitute therefor the words "**town and country communities.**" In line 3 following the word "through" delete the colon and "*a.*" In line 4 after the word "concerning" insert the words "**procedures and.**" In line 5, at the end of the line change the semi-colon to a period. Delete "*b*" in line 6, and the phrase "*establishing and administering special loan funds.*"

Add a new *Section 6*, as follows: **The Department in co-operation with The Council of Bishops and the Inter-Board Committee on Town and Country Work, shall promote a Quadrennial National Conference on Town and Country Work, which shall be called by The Council of Bishops at such time as The Council, the Department, and the Inter-Board Committee may determine.**

so that Par. 1229, *Sections 4, 5 and 6*, as amended, shall read:

Par. 1229.4. **The Department shall seek to aid Annual Conferences and local churches in establishing Methodist Families on the land and in town and country communities through making available information concerning procedures and resources for this purpose from private, governmental, and religious agencies.**

5. The Department shall promote the organization of District Missionary Societies (Par. 1219-27) wherever possible and practicable.

6. The Department, in co-operation with The Council of Bishops and the Inter-Board Committee on Town and Country Work, shall promote a Quadrennial National Conference on Town and Country Work, which shall be called by The Council of Bishops at such time as The Council, the Department, and the Inter-Board Committee may determine.

Par. 1230. Delete the present Paragraph 1230,

‘ 1230. 1. *There shall be an Inter-Board Committee on Town and Country Work composed of: (a) the Committee on Rural Life of The Council of Bishops, whose Chairman shall be the Convener of this Committee; (b) one representative each elected from the membership of the Division of National Missions, the Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, the Board of Evangelism, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service; (c) the Directors of the Section of Ministerial Education; (d) the Professors of Town and Country Work in the Methodist theological seminaries; (e) two Professors of Town and Country Work in Methodist colleges, elected by The Council of Bishops; (f) one Chairman of a Conference Commission on Town and Country Work and one other Member of such a Commission (provided that one shall be a Layman), elected by the College of Bishops to represent each Jurisdiction; and (g), serving as Staff and in an advisory capacity, those Staff Members of the participating Boards and other Agencies of The General Conference and of the Jurisdictional Conferences whose specific function is Town and Country Work.*

2. *The members of the Committee shall hold office for the quadrennium and until their successors are elected and qualified.*

3. *The Committee shall have as its primary function the promotion of, and the concern for, the strengthening of Town and Country Work in The Methodist Church.*

4. *The Committee shall prepare and supervise the holding of a quadrennial Conference on Town and Country Work, and shall serve as the continuing Committee of such Conference.*

5. *The Budget of the Committee, including the cost of the Conference on Town and Country Work, shall be contributed by the participating Boards and other Agencies.*

6. *The Council of Bishops is requested to call a national Conference on Town and Country Work to be held within*

the quadrennium 1952-56, and for each subsequent quadrennium if and as directed by subsequent General Conferences.

7. The Committee shall ascertain what phases of rural work the participating Agencies propose to carry on and shall give assistance in correlating the Programs for a full service to Town and Country churches. It shall prepare a clear statement on Inter-Denominational Co-operation with regard to allocation of new fields of work, and to disposition of properties through federations, union churches, exchange of fields, withdrawals, and similar forms of co-operative work.

8. The Committee shall report annually to the participating Boards, making suggestions and recommendations concerning their work in Town and Country churches.

and substitute a new Paragraph 1230 which shall read:

Par. 1230.1. There shall be an Inter-Board Committee on Town and Country Work composed of: a) six Bishops, composing a Committee on Town and Country Work of The Council of Bishops, whose Chairman shall convene this Committee early in the quadrennium; b) representatives from the following Agencies: three from the Board of Missions, one of whom shall be from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; three from the General Board of Education; one each from the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Lay Activities, and the Board of Social and Economic Relations, to be selected by the Agencies; and, in addition, those Staff Members of the participating Agencies whose specific function is that of Town and Country Work. c) The Committee may invite other persons to meet with it as consultants. d) Expenses of members to meetings of the Committee shall be borne by the Agencies which they represent. Expenses of the consultants shall be borne by the Agency extending the invitation.

2. The members of the Committee shall hold office for the quadrennium and/or until their successors are chosen.

3. The functions of the Committee shall be as follows: a) to provide a means of co-operative planning among the Boards and Agencies represented in the Committee for the strengthening of Town and Country Work in The Methodist Church. b) To plan the Quadrennial National Conference on Town and Country Work as provided in Par. 1229, Section 6, which shall be administered by the Department of Town and Country Work of the Division of National Missions. c) The Committee shall ascertain the phases of rural work the participating Agencies propose to carry on and shall give

assistance in correlating the Programs for a full service to Town and Country churches. It shall prepare a clear statement on Inter-Denominational Co-operation with regard to allocation of new fields of work and to disposition of properties through federations, union churches, exchange of fields, withdrawals, and similar forms of co-operative work. d) Frequency of meetings shall be determined by the Committee. e) The Committee shall organize by electing such Officers and Sub-committees as may be needed. f) The Committee shall report annually to the participating Agencies and may make suggestions concerning work in Town and Country churches.

Par. 1233. Delete.

¶ 1233. *The Department of Negro Work shall study and promote missionary work among Negroes and conduct other activities which, from time to time, the developments of the work may require, and which the Section may assign to it, and administer such appropriations as may be committed to it by the Division. It shall co-operate with the Boards and Agencies of the Central Jurisdiction, the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and other Boards and Agencies as their work may affect the Negro population of the nation. It shall promote the organization of District Missionary Societies (¶¶ 1219-27) wherever possible and practicable.*

Par. 1234. Delete.

¶ 1234. *The Department of Spanish-speaking and Indian Work in the Southwest shall study and promote missionary work among Indians and Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest and conduct such activities as from time to time the development of the work may require and as the Section may assign to it, and administer such appropriations as may be committed to it by the Division. It shall co-operate with the other Boards and Agencies as their work may affect Indians and Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest.*

Par. 1235. In line 1, delete the final "s" in "Surveys," and in lines 6-8 delete "*the necessary location and adaptation of church buildings, and the Programs required for needy and congested communities.*" In line 9 delete "*and with the city and District Missionary Societies,*" so that Par. 1235, as amended, shall read:

Par. 1235. *The Department of Research and Survey. The Department of Research and Survey shall conduct surveys and research studies both in cities and rural territories, giving attention to migration of population, new and growing communities, changed neighborhoods, and the religious conditions of racial and other groups. It shall co-operate*

with Annual Conference Boards in making surveys. It may promote kindred activities on college and seminary campuses and within various Areas of The Methodist Church. It may produce and circulate materials designed to aid Administrators and Pastors in conducting community self-studies and surveys.

Par. 1237. *Section 2.* Insert before the word "their" on line 3, **"preliminary sketches of"**; delete period at end of present Section and add **"before final working drawings are started."**

Section 3. Amend by adding after "section" in line 3 the following, **"or such Committee as it may designate."**

Section 4. Add at the end of Section 4, **"priority shall be given to applications to provide churches for new communities."**

Section 11. Substitute for Sub-paragraphs a), b) and e) the following:

"a) Securing funds for church, parsonage and religious educational buildings and equipment, and for renovating, remodeling and repair projects, and for other institutions and causes, such as Conference Pensions, theological seminaries, Wesley Foundations, colleges, hospitals and homes."

"b) Raising funds for the retirement of church and other Institution obligations. A nominal charge will be made for the fund-raising services described in the above."

"e) Providing construction supervision of mission church, parsonage, and school building projects."

Add a new Section 12 as follows:

Section 12. **"The Section shall have a Department of Architecture. The purposes of the Department shall be:**

a) To prepare up-to-date church plans of a general nature for purposes of furnishing guidance to Local Churches in formulating a building program.

b) To distribute leaflets, folders, and booklets giving illustrations and descriptive material as a guide in development of a wise, constructive Program for remodeling and enlarging existing buildings and planning for the erection of new ones.

c) To confer in the Offices of the Division's Section of Church Extension with representatives throughout the Church concerning architectural problems and building procedures.

d) To review and criticize sketches which are submitted by individual churches and assist them in avoiding architectural blunders, both as to design and floor plans.

e) To visit individual churches, upon request and as the Department is able, in order to furnish architectural counsel at the building site.

f) To consult with local architects who have been retained by the Local Church.

g) To furnish counsel in the preparation of plans for missionary projects which are constructed or supervised by the church builders on the Staff Department of Finance and Field Service."

so that Par. 1237 (Sections 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12) as amended shall read:

Par. 1237, Section 2. It shall give special attention to church architecture. Churches seeking financial aid from the Section shall submit **preliminary sketches** of their architectural plans and specifications to the Section for approval **before final working drawings are started.**

Section 3. The Division shall appropriate money for the various types of work in the field and the conduct of the work of the office. The Section **or such Committee as it may designate** shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Division what should be donated or loaned to each applicant and shall administer all donation aid, loan funds and endowments contributed and established for the work of Church Extension except such as may be administered by the Annual Conferences; and do such other business as may be legitimate and proper for it to do.

Section 4. Aid in the form of donations in the erection, remodeling, and repairing of churches and parsonages shall be made available primarily to clearly missionary projects. Assistance in the development of other types of church property, if and when granted, shall be provided as loans. **Priority shall be given to applications to provide churches for new communities.**

Section 11. The Section shall have a Department of Finance and Field Service. A fund may be set up by the Section to be secured from gifts and legacies, and the income shall be used in supporting the work of this Department. The purposes of this Department shall be:

a) **Securing funds for church, parsonage and religious educational building and equipment, and for renovating, remodeling and repair projects, and for other institutions and**

causes, such as Conference Pensions, theological seminaries, Wesley Foundations, colleges, hospitals and homes.

b) Raising funds for the retirement of church and other Institution obligations. A nominal charge will be made for the fund-raising services described in the above.

c) Assisting and guiding churches in developing effective Budget and other Financial Plans.

d) Providing counsel and suggesting plans for church building enterprises.

e) Providing construction supervision of mission church, parsonage, and school building projects.

Section 12. The Section shall have a Department of Architecture. The purposes of the Department shall be:

a) To prepare up-to-date church plans of a general nature for purposes of furnishing guidance to Local Churches in formulating a Building Program.

b) To distribute leaflets, folders, and booklets giving illustrations and descriptive material as a guide in development of a wise, constructive Program for remodeling and enlarging existing buildings and planning for the erection of new ones.

c) To confer in the offices of the Division's Section of Church Extension with representatives throughout the Church concerning architectural problems and building procedures.

d) To review and criticize sketches which are submitted by individual churches and assist them in avoiding architectural blunders, both as to design and floor plans.

e) To visit individual churches, upon request and as the Department is able, in order to furnish architectural counsel at the building site.

f) To consult with local architects who have been retained by the Local Church.

g) To furnish counsel in the preparation of plans for missionary projects which are constructed or supervised by the church builders on the Staff of the Department of Finance and Field Service.

Par. 1241, Art. 2. *Authority.* In line 11 delete the words "accept, train, and" and substitute the following: "Train and present to the Board for appointment for its various fields of service, Missionaries and Deaconesses who have been approved by the Joint Committee on Missionary per-

sonnel and to," so that Par. 1241, Art. 2, as amended, shall read:

Par. 1241. *Art. 2. Authority.* The Division shall have authority to make By-laws in harmony with the Charter and Constitution of the Board and of its Divisions; to regulate its own proceedings in harmony with its By-laws; to elect such Officers as are to be elected by the Division, to remove any of them for cause, and to fill vacancies among the Officers so elected; to nominate such Officers as are to be elected by the Board, to recommend their removal for cause, and to present nominations to the Board to fill vacancies; to recommend fields of labor; to train and present to the Board for appointment for its various fields of service; Missionaries and Deaconesses who have been approved by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel and to maintain workers; to buy and sell property; to secure and administer funds for the support of all work under its charge; to solicit and accept contributions subject to annuity under the Board's regulations; to recommend to the Board appropriations for its work; to organize Jurisdiction, Conference, District and Local-Church Societies for adults, youth and children as auxiliary to the Division; and to recommend Constitutions and By-laws for the same.

Par. 1243. *Art. 4. Officers.* In line 7 after the word "and" delete the word "*Superintendents*" and substitute the word "**Staff**," so that Par. 1243 as amended shall read:

Par. 1243. *Art. 4. Officers.* The Division shall elect quadrennially a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Recording Secretary. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by the Division. The Division shall also nominate for election by the Board one or more Executive Secretaries and such other Secretaries and **Staff** as the need may require. Such other Officers as the Division may need it shall elect. The Division shall determine the powers and duties of its Officers and Staff and shall recommend their remuneration.

Par. 1244.1, Sub-paragraph c) delete the words "*And Local Church Activities.*" In Section 2, line 1, delete the word "*Bureaus.*" so that Par. 1244 as amended shall read:

Par. 1244.1. The Division shall be organized into three departments:

- a) Department of Work in Foreign Fields.
- b) Department of Work in Home Fields.
- c) Department of Christian Social Relations.

2. There shall be such Committees, and other Organizational Units, as shall best promote its interests. The functions of these, other than hereinafter determined, shall be defined by the Division.

3. The Division shall elect a Chairman for each of the Departments, who shall be Vice-Presidents of the Division.

4. There shall be an Executive Secretary or Secretaries in each Department. The number and duties of such Secretaries shall be determined and defined by the Division.

Par. 1245. In lines 3-4 delete "*(including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico)*." In Section 1, lines 3-4 delete "*Secretaries of Foreign Work*" and substitute "**Secretaries of Missionary Service in Foreign Fields**," so that Par. 1245 as amended shall read:

Par. 1245. The Department of Work in Foreign Fields shall administer and promote the work of missions outside the United States of America and the Dominican Republic.

1. There shall be a Standing Committee composed of the Chairman, the Executive Secretary or Secretaries of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, the **Secretaries of Missionary Service in Foreign Fields** in the several Jurisdictions, and such members of the Division as may be appointed by the Department.

2. There shall be an Inter-Division Committee on Foreign Work. (See Par. 1199, Sec. 2.)

Par. 1247. In lines 3-4 delete "*(including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico)*" In Section 1, line 3, delete the words "*Secretary or,*" and after the word "Secretaries" add the words "**Associate and/or Assistant Secretary.**" In Section 1, line 4, delete the words "**home work**" and substitute the words "**missionary service in the Home Fields,**" so that Par. 1247 as amended shall read:

Par. 1247. The Department of Work in Home Fields shall administer and promote the work of missions within the United States of America and the Dominican Republic.

1. There shall be a Standing Committee in this Department composed of the Chairman of the Department, the Executive Secretaries, the **Associate and/or Assistant Secretary** of the Department, the Secretaries of **Missionary Service in the Home Fields** in the several Jurisdictions, and such members of the Division as may be appointed by the Department.

(Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 to remain the same as they appear in the 1952 *Discipline*.)

Par. 1248. In line 2, delete "*and Local-Church Activities*" and the words "*supervise and.*" At end of line 4 substitute a colon for the period. Delete Section 2,

2. It shall seek to inspire in the women of the local church a greater devotion to and concern for the total life and work of the local church.

and renumber Sections 3 and 4 as Sections 2 and 3, and in Section 4, to be renumbered 3, delete in line 4 "*and Local-Church Activities,*" so that Par. 1248 as amended shall read:

Par. 1248. **The Department of Christian Social Relations** shall promote the work of the Division along the lines of Community Service and Social Relations:

1. It shall seek to make real and effective the teachings of Jesus as applied to individual, group, racial, and world relationships. It shall endeavor to enlist the participation of church women in such questions as have a moral or religious significance or an important bearing on public welfare.

2. It shall seek to co-operate with other Agencies of the Church having similar purposes, endeavoring to develop Christian fellowship and to deepen concern for the total responsibility of the Church.

3. This Department shall have a Standing Committee, composed of the Secretaries and Chairman of the Department, the Chairman of the Committees, the Jurisdiction Secretaries of Christian Social Relations, and such other persons as the Division may provide upon recommendation of the Department.

Par. 1249. Section 1. In line 2 delete the words "*bureaus and,*" and in line 5 delete the word "*Trust*" and substitute therefor the word "**permanent,**" so that Par. 1249, Section 1, as amended, shall read:

Par. 1249. The Division shall be empowered to create such Committees as the work may demand. There shall be an Executive Committee, a Section of Education and Cultivation, a Committee on Missionary Personnel, a Committee on **Permanent** Funds and Investments, a Committee on Finance and Estimates. There shall also be a Standing Committee on the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Par. 1250. In line 12, after the words "through the" delete the words "*Conference Treasurers*" and substitute therefor the words "**regular channels.**" In line 14, delete the words "*the Board*" and substitute therefor the words "**Christian service,**" so that Paragraph 1250 as amended shall read:

Par. 1250. The funds for the maintenance of the work

of the Woman's Division of Christian Service shall be derived from annual pledges or dues, special memberships, devises, bequests, annuities, special offerings, gifts, and moneys raised by special projects or collected in meetings held in the interest of the work of the Division; *provided* that the funds thus raised shall be appropriated to the work established by the several Uniting Organizations composing the Woman's Division, or work hereafter to be entered upon by the Woman's Division. All funds except those designated for local purposes shall be forwarded through the **regular channels** of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service to the Treasurer of the Woman's Division of **Christian Service**. All undesignated funds shall be allocated by the Division upon recommendation of its Committee on Finance and Estimates on a definite percentage basis to the work of the several Departments of the Division.

Par. 1253.2 c). Delete in line 3 the words "*home work*" and substitute therefor the words "**Missionary Service in Home Fields**" so that Par. 1253.2 c) as amended shall read:

Par. 1253.2 c). Other members shall be the President of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Jurisdiction Secretary of **Missionary Service in Home Fields**, and the President of each Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service within the Jurisdiction.

Par. 1255. Art. 4. In lines 3, 4 and 5 delete the words "*Secretary of Foreign Work, a Secretary of Home Work*" and "*and Local-Church Activities*" and substitute "**Secretary of Missionary Service in Foreign Fields**" and "**Secretary of Missionary Service in Home Fields.**" In line 12 delete, the word "*Superintendents*" so that Par. 1255, Art. 4, as amended, shall read:

Par. 1255. Art. 4. *Officers*. Each Jurisdiction Woman's Society shall elect a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a **Secretary of Missionary Service in Foreign Fields**, a **Secretary of Missionary Service in Home Fields**, a Secretary of Christian Social Relations, a Secretary of Promotion, a Secretary of Missionary Education, a Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, a Secretary of Student Work, a Secretary of Youth Work, a Secretary of Children's Work, a Secretary of Literature and Publications, a Secretary of Supply Work, a Secretary of Spiritual Life, a Secretary of Status of Women, a Secretary of Missionary Personnel. Other Officers and Secretaries may be elected and such Committees appointed as the work may demand in accordance with the plans of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Par. 1256. Constitution of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Constitution, Art. 3, in lines 15-16 delete the words "*and Local Church Activities*," so that Par. 1256, Art. 3 as amended shall read:

Par. 1256. Art. 3. Membership and Officers. The Conference Woman's Society shall be composed of representatives from Societies in the Local Church, the number to be determined by each Conference according to its requirements; such District Officers as the Conference Society may determine, from each District; all Chairmen of Conference Standing Committees; Officers or members of the Woman's Division or of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society residing within the bounds of the Conference; and the following Conference Officers: a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary of Promotion, a Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a Secretary of Student Work, a Secretary of Youth Work, a Secretary of Children's Work, a Secretary of Missionary Education, a Secretary of Christian Social Relations, a Secretary of Literature and Publications, a Secretary of Supply Work, a Secretary of Spiritual Life, a Secretary of Status of Women, a Secretary of Missionary Personnel, and such other Secretaries of lines of work as may be required.

Par. 1274. Section 2. In line 9 insert after the word "Section" the following words "**shall give guidance in those Local Church Activities that will strengthen the total life and work of the Local Church and**" so that Par. 1274, Section 2, as amended, shall read as follows:

Par. 1274.2. The woman Secretaries and woman Editors of the Section shall carry out the plans and policies of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the various age groups, including the promotion of organizations for women in Local Churches, Districts, Conferences, and Jurisdictions; in providing missionary education for children, youth, students and women; in creating, editing, and publishing such periodicals, books, and leaflets as the work may necessitate. This section **shall give guidance in those Local Church Activities that will strengthen the total life and work of the Local Church and** shall co-operate in all plans necessary for the efficiency of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the Jurisdictions, Conferences, Districts, and Local Churches.

Par. 1275. In line 7 after the word "determine" add a new sentence: "**the Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service shall be Treasurer of the Woman's Section.**" so that Par. 1275 as amended shall read:

Par. 1275. The Section shall elect quadrennially a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, and a Recording Secretary. The Section shall also nominate for election by the Board two Executive Secretaries (one man and one woman) and other Secretaries, a Treasurer, who shall be the Secretary in charge of one of the Departments of the Section, and such other Officers as the Section may determine. **The Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service shall be Treasurer of the Woman's Section.** Vacancies shall be filled by the Board on nomination of the Section. The Section shall determine the powers and duties of its Officers and Staff and shall recommend the remuneration of its employed Officers and workers.

Par. 1280. At the beginning of line 10 delete "*and Local Church Activities,*" and in line 12 delete the word "*annually*" and substitute the word "**quadrennially**," so that Par. 1280 as amended shall read:

Par. 1280. *Art. 1. Secretarial Council.* There shall be a Secretarial Council, composed of one Executive Secretary and the Treasurer from the Division of World Missions; one Executive Secretary and the Treasurer from the Division of National Missions; two Executive Secretaries from the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation; one Executive Secretary each from the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, the Department of Work in Home Fields, and the Department of Christian Social Relations, and the Treasurer from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; these persons to be designated **quadrennially** by the Divisions. The Council shall elect its own Chairman annually from the Divisions in rotation, and shall have regular meetings at such time and place as the Council or the Board may determine. It shall be the duty of this Council to make recommendations to the Board or to the Divisions on matters which concern the Board as a whole, to have general supervision of joint services of the Board and the several Divisions, and to prepare items of business and to carry out such arrangements for Board and Committee meetings as may be required.

Par. 1283. In lines 2 and 3 substitute the word "**Christian**" for the word "*Religious*" so that the first sentence of Par. 1283 as amended shall read:

Par. 1283 (first sentence only). For the purpose of more effectively promoting **Christian** education outside the United States there shall be a Joint Committee on **Christian** Education in Foreign Fields, composed of twenty-eight members.

Par. 1288. In line 2 after the word "elected" add the word "**quadrennially**." In line 13 delete the words "*Secretary and*

his *Departmental workers*" and substitute the words "**Executive Secretary and the members of the Staff.**" In line 18, after the word "quadrennium" add the words "**the Staff and.**" In line 20 delete the word "*said,*" so that Paragraph 1288 as amended shall read:

Par. 1288. There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Committee, who shall be elected **quadrennially** by the Board of Education, on nomination of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, and shall be confirmed by the Board of Missions. He shall be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Education with Staff relationship to the Division of the Local Church. He shall likewise be the Secretary for Missionary Education of the Board of Missions, having Staff relationship to the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation. The Committee shall have a Budget provided for its work by the two Boards upon such ratio as they may decide. In missionary education the **Executive Secretary and the members of the Staff** shall be the representatives equally of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education. During the period between The General Conference and the organization of the new Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education of the coming quadrennium, **the Staff and** those members who have served on the Committee during the past quadrennium shall continue to function until the new Committee is organized.

Par. 1295. In line 15 after the words "Annual Conference;" add the words "**the Chairman of the Conference Commission on Country Work.**" In line 20-21 delete following the words "Missionary Societies" the words "*and the Chairman of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work,*" so that Par. 1295 as amended shall read:

Par. 1295. The Conference Board of Missions shall be auxiliary to the General Board and the Jurisdictional Board, and shall be composed of the following members, elected quadrennially; one or more Lay Members from each District, and an equal number of Ministers; five Members at large, nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee and elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference; two young men and two young women, nominated by the Conference Youth Organization and elected by the Annual Conference; the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference Secretary of Evangelism, the President of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the members of the General Board residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference; **the Chairman of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work;** and the Chairman of such Agency as may be

created or designated by the Conference to administer the Minimum Salary Plan (Par. 826, Sec. 5). The District Superintendents, District Missionary Secretaries, the Presidents and full-time Executives of City or District Missionary Societies may be members of the Conference Board of Missions, at the discretion of the Annual Conference.

Par. 1296. Add two additional new Sections to Par. 1296, to be numbered Sections 4 and 5 reading as follows:

Par. 1296. 4. **The Board may appoint a Committee on Research and Survey which may conduct surveys and make research studies within the bounds of the Annual Conference, and shall co-operate with the Department of Research and Survey of the Division of National Missions.**

5. **The Board shall appoint in consultation with the Conference Cabinet a Committee on Urban Work. It shall include Pastors and Lay members, District Superintendents, and other representatives of various phases of City Work and Strategy.**

Par. 1299. 3. At the beginning of the section delete "*At least quadrennially each Annual Conference and District shall survey its*" and substitute therefor "**The Conference Board at least quadrennially, in consultation with the Cabinet and, where advisable, with the City or District Missionary Boards or Societies, shall provide for a survey of the**"; add following the word "needs" the phrase "**of its several Districts.**" Add two new sentences at the end of the Section: "**A priority list of projects to be developed shall be prepared. The list and all revisions shall be filed with the Division of National Missions.**" so that Par. 1229.3, as amended shall read:

Par. 1229. 3. **The Conference Board at least quadrennially, in consultation with the Cabinet and, where advisable, with City or District Missionary Boards or Societies, shall provide for a survey of the Church-Extension needs of its several Districts, placing special emphasis upon the unchurched areas, with a view to determining in each what should be the overall financial objective. Due consideration shall be given to the responsibility of the Division of National Missions for Areas requiring missionary and Church-Extension aid beyond that which the Conference is able to provide. From this study an adequate Conference-initiated financial Program shall be formulated with a view to meeting these needs. A priority list of projects to be developed shall be prepared. The list and all revisions shall be filed with the Division of National Missions.**

Par. 1320. Change the period at the end of the Paragraph

to a "comma" and add **"and the Board of Missions through the General Section of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation."** Delete the word *"and"* preceding *"the Board of Lay Activities,"* so that Par. 1320 as amended shall read:

Par. 1320. There shall be an Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church; whose function shall be to act as the coordinator of the policies and activities of its Boards, namely: the Board of Education and its Divisions, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Lay Activities, **and the Board of Missions through the General Section of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation.**

Par. 1412. *Section 2.* In line 1 delete the word *"Religious"* and substitute the word **"Christian,"** so that Par. 1412, Sec. 2, as amended, shall read:

Par. 1412. 2. There shall be a Joint Committee on **Christian** Education in Foreign Fields. (See Pars. 1283-85.)

Par. 1417. Delete,

' 1417. For the purpose of effective co-operation in matters of common interest among the Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, and the Board of Missions there shall be an Inter-Board Committee composed of three representatives from each Board, as follows: the Executive Secretaries of the Division of the Local Church and of the Editorial Division and one other member to be chosen by the Board of Education; the Executive Secretary and two other members to be chosen by the Board of Lay Activities; and the two Executive Secretaries and one other member to be chosen by the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions. This Committee shall develop a Unified Program of Education in Christian stewardship and means of co-operation in other matters of common interest committed to it.

Par. 1545. In line 12 of this Paragraph which deals with the composition of the membership of the Board of World Peace, delete the words *"and Local-Church Activities"* as applying to the Department of Christian Social Relations.

Par. 1556. In line 17, delete the words *"and Local-Church Activities"* in the title of the Department of Christian Social Relations.

Par. 2100. Page 667, retain the definition of *"Deaconess,"* with the addition of the words **"of the Board of Missions"** after the words *"Missionary Personnel"* in line 4.

Par. 2129. **Directory. Woman's Division of Christian Service.** In the last line of the page omit the words *"and Local-*

Church Activities" so that the name of the Department shall read "the Department of Christian Social Relations."

Appendix. Include the following Paragraphs in the Appendix of the *Discipline*. (They appeared as Pars. 275-279 in the 1948 *Discipline* and are now presented in revised form.)

Church and Community Co-operation in Town and Country

It is in active participation in the life of the local community that an individual becomes a unit in our total society. Because of this, the Church should assign its pastors and plan its Program to serve the total Parish Area. The stronger town church and the adjacent rural churches should work together to meet the needs of the Area. This gives an adequate basis for Circuit, Parish and Group Ministry plans.

An effective Denominational Church serving every rural community is our primary objective. Federated and Union Churches have given good temporary service in some fields; but they should become part of a Denomination within two or three years. Mutual exchange, Denominational withdrawal, and affiliated membership are among the methods found helpful. Denominational overlapping and excessive competition in over-churched Areas should be corrected. We support allocation of Denominational responsibility in new fields, in order to avoid each Denomination establishing a church for its own constituency. We would name the State Council of Churches, wherever possible, as the Agency through which this allocation is made.

The Group Ministry is a voluntary plan of co-operation and association of churches in a natural geographic or political area to make better use of Ministerial and Lay leaders. A Council composed of Ministerial and Lay representatives from each church is the usual form of organization. This ministry may be organized either Denominationally or Inter-Denominationally.

The Larger Parish is usually organized with one Minister as Chairman. He directs the work of a Staff of specialized workers. The Parish is guided by a Council made up of representatives elected by the co-operating Churches. The purpose of the Larger Parish is to serve effectively the entire constituency of the Area through the sharing of leadership, resources and information. This sharing can greatly aid the work of the church in a given community or group of communities. The Larger Parish may be either Denominational or Inter-Denominational.

The Parish Area: A clear designation of Parish Boundaries is necessary in order that there may be pastoral responsibility for every family within a Parish, and in order to avoid duplication of effort and competition between Methodist churches.

Recommended Changes in Constitution of Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (Enabling act).

Art. I of the Constitution now reads: "There shall be a Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and thirteen Managers to be elected quadrennially by the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church; the Officers and Members of the Board of Managers shall continue in office until their successors are elected and accepted. The Bishops of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions shall be, *ex officio*, Members of the Board. Vacancies occurring in the interim of the regular elections shall be filled by the Board or its Executive Committee."

Amend the article by adding "Assistant Secretary" and "Assistant Treasurer," to the list of Officers, and the words "and such other Officers as this corporation may deem necessary." Before the word "Bishops" in line 5, add the word "effective"; after the word "Jurisdictions" in line 6, add the words "the principal geographical area of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South."; in line 7, substitute the words "said Division" for the word "Board."

Art. I as amended shall read:

There shall be a Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and such other Officers as this corporation may deem necessary, and thirteen Managers to be elected quadrennially by the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church; the Officers and members of the Board of Managers shall continue in office until their successors are elected and accepted. The effective Bishops of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions, the principal geographical area of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South shall be, *ex officio*, Members of the Board. Vacancies occurring in the interim of regular elections shall be filled by said Division or its Executive Committee.

Art. 8 of the Constitution now reads: "The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board, under its

direction, and shall be subject to the authority and control of the Board and of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, by whom his salary shall be fixed and paid. He shall reside where the Board is located."

Amend the Article by omitting the final sentence, "*He shall reside where the Board is located.*"

Art. 3 as amended shall read:

The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board, under its direction, and shall be subject to the authority and control of the Board and of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, by whom his salary shall be fixed and paid.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 72; F, 63; A, 9; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: BOARD OF MISSIONS PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES (SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT GROUPING PROPOSED CHANGES IN LEGISLATION ON CHURCH PROPERTY)

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3418

Calendar No. 102. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 957.

The Committee recommends that the 1952 *Discipline* be amended as follows:

Par. 157, *Section 2*, change period at end of section to semicolon and add the following words: "*Provided, that the Quarterly Conference may appoint a Committee of not less than three members of such church to serve as a Building Committee to perform all the duties outlined in Par. 192.*", so that Par. 157.2, as amended shall read:

Paragraph 157.2. To direct the Board of Trustees with respect to the purchase, sale, mortgage, incumbrance, construction, repairing, remodeling, and maintenance of any and all property of the Local Church; *provided, that the Quarterly Conference may appoint a Committee of not less than three members of such church to serve as a Building Committee to perform all the duties outlined in Par. 192.*

Par. 171. *Section 1*, line 4, delete the word "*fourteen*" and substitute therefor the word "*ten*." After the word "*there-*to" add in parentheses the words "*(except as State laws*

may otherwise provide)," so that Par. 171.1, as amended shall read:

Paragraph 171.1. Notice of the proposed action and the date and time of the regular or special meeting of the Quarterly Conference at which it is to be considered shall be given at least **ten** days prior thereto (**except as State laws may otherwise provide**) from the pulpit of the Church or in its weekly bulletin.

Par. 172. *Section 1*, line 5, delete the word "fourteen" and substitute therefor the word "ten," and add following the word "thereto" the words in parentheses "**(except as State laws may otherwise provide)**," so that Par. 172.1, as amended shall read:

Paragraph 172.1. Notice of the proposed action and the date and time of the regular or special meeting of the members of the corporate body, i.e., members of the Quarterly Conference, at which it is to be considered, shall be given at least **ten** days prior thereto (**except as State laws may otherwise provide**) from the pulpit of the Church or in its weekly bulletin.

Par. 192. Delete the present Paragraph 192,

¶ 192. Any local church planning to purchase, build, or remodel a church building shall first secure the District Superintendent's written consent thereto and the Quarterly Conference's authorization after not less than ten days' notice of such proposed action shall have been given from the pulpit or published in the Church Bulletin. Thereupon the Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee of not less than three members of such church, who shall make an estimate of the amount required to complete such undertaking or enterprise; and such estimate, amount, and proposed undertaking shall be submitted for approval to the members of the church not less than eighteen years of age at a meeting called for that purpose. The purchase price of the lot, or lots, on which such church is to be erected shall be paid in full; and before any such building is begun or contract is entered into for the construction thereof or for the purchase or remodeling of an already erected church, it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference to acquire a fee simple title to such premises by deed of conveyance executed in the form and manner as in this Chapter provided ("167-70, 174), and to secure in cash and tangible assets at least one half of said estimated cost; provided that before beginning or contracting for the building or remodeling of church property, the plans, specifications, and location of such building or remodeling, and the probable cost thereof shall

be submitted to the Board of Church Location and Building of the District in which the property is located. (See ¶¶ 704-7). The purchase price paid for the lot or lots on which the church is to be erected may be credited as a tangible asset secured. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any repairs or remodeling the cost of which will not exceed ten per cent of the value of the building affected. The procedure for purchasing, building, or remodeling an education building, parish house, parsonage, or other church units shall be as set forth above for a church property. Trustees or other members of the Local Church shall not be required to guarantee personally any loan made to the particular church by any board created by or under the authority of The General Conference. The Quarterly Conference may commit to the Board of Trustees of the church concerned any building or remodeling program, or it may elect a Building Committee, as the Quarterly Conference may determine.

The new Paragraph 192 shall read:

Paragraph 192. Any Local Church planning to purchase, build, or remodel a church, educational building, or parsonage shall take the following steps (except that these provisions shall not apply in remodeling projects where the cost does not exceed ten per cent of the value of the building):

1) Secure the written consent of the District Superintendent and the Pastor.

2) The District Board of Church Location and Building shall approve the proposed site; ascertaining that such site is properly located for the community to be served and adequate in size to provide space for future expansion and parking facilities. (See Par. 705, 155 (1).)

3) Secure the authorization of the Quarterly Conference, proceeding as follows:

a) Not less than ten days' notice (except as State laws may otherwise provide) of the Quarterly Conference and proposed action shall be given from the pulpit or published in the weekly bulletin.

b) The Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee of not less than three members of such church to serve in the development of the project as hereunder set forth.

4) In the development of the plan for the undertaking, the Quarterly Conference Committee shall proceed as follows:

a) Estimate carefully the building facilities needed to house the program of worship, education and fellowship of the church.

b) Ascertain the cost of such property as may be required.

c) Provide for the development of preliminary sketches, which shall comply with existing building and fire codes. These sketches should clearly outline the location on the site of all proposed present and future construction. (Such preliminary sketches may be submitted to the Department of Architecture of the Division of National Missions, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania, for review without charge. (See Par. 1237 (2).))

d) Secure an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed building.

e) Develop a financial plan for defraying the proposed cost including an estimate of the amount the church membership may be able to raise in cash and pledges and the amount the church may be able to borrow (if necessary) toward meeting the proposed cost.

5) In the development of the undertaking the church shall submit to the District Board of Church Location and Building of the District in which the property is located, for its consideration and approval, the following information: the need for the proposed facilities, the preliminary sketches, an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed project, and a financial plan for defraying the proposed cost. (See Par. 706.)

6) The Pastor, with the written consent of the District Superintendent, shall issue a call for a congregational meeting of the members of the church not less than eighteen years of age. Not less than ten days' notice (except as State laws may otherwise provide) of the congregational meeting and proposed action shall be given from the pulpit or published in the weekly bulletin. At said congregational meeting, the Quarterly Conference Committee shall submit, for approval by the membership, its recommendations concerning the proposed undertaking, including the data submitted to the District Board of Church Location and Building.

7) The Quarterly Conference shall acquire a fee simple title to the lot or lots on which the building is to be erected by deed of conveyance executed in the form and manner provided in this Chapter (Pars. 167-170, 174). The purchase price of the lot or lots shall be paid in full before construction begins.

8) The Quarterly Conference Committee after approval of the preliminary sketches as herein provided (192, (5), (6)), shall proceed with the development of detailed plans

and specifications and the securing of a reliable and detailed estimate of cost. The detailed plans and cost estimate shall be presented, for approval, to the Quarterly Conference and the District Board of Church Location and Building. It shall be the duty of the District Board of Church Location and Building to ascertain if the financial plan will provide funds necessary to assure prompt payment of all proposed contractual obligations, and to report its conclusions to the church in writing. (See Par. 706.)

9) If a loan is needed, the provisions of Pars. 171-172 shall be complied with.

10) A contractual obligation for the building shall not be entered into by the church until the church has cash on hand, pledges payable during the construction period, and a loan (where necessary) or written commitment for a loan, which will provide funds necessary to assure prompt payment of all proposed contractual obligations.

11) In cases where no contractual obligation is involved, and the building is constructed on a plan for volunteer labor, the church should have cash on hand, pledges payable during the construction period, and a loan (where necessary) or written commitment for a loan, which will provide funds necessary to assure prompt payment of all accounts when due.

12) The Quarterly Conference may commit to the Board of Trustees of the church concerned any building or remodeling program. In this case, the Board of Trustees shall follow the procedure outlined in this Paragraph for the Committee of the Quarterly Conference.

Par. 705. Delete Paragraph 705,

¶ 705. *Before beginning or contracting for the building, purchase, or remodeling of church or parsonage property, the price of such purchase, the plans, specifications, and location of such building or remodeling, and the probable cost thereof shall be submitted to the Board of Church Location and Building of the District in which the property is located. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to remodeling the cost of which does not exceed ten per cent of the value of the building affected.*

and substitute the following, so that this Paragraph shall read:

Par. 705. The District Board of Church Location and Building shall approve all proposed local church building

sites, ascertaining that such sites are properly located for the community to be served and adequate in size to provide space for future expansion and parking facilities. (See Par. 155 (1).)

Par. 706. Delete Paragraph 706 which reads as follows:

• 706. *It shall be the duty of this Board to study carefully the feasibility and financial soundness of said undertaking and to report its conclusions to the charge making such proposal.*

Substitute the following for Par. 706; so that this Paragraph shall read:

Par. 706. 1) Before beginning or contracting for the building, purchase or remodeling of church or parsonage property the Local Church involved shall submit to the District Board of Church Location and Building, for its consideration and approval, the following information: the need for the proposed facilities, the preliminary architectural sketches (these sketches should clearly outline the location on the site of all proposed present and future expansion), an estimate of the probable cost, and a financial plan for defraying the proposed cost. (Such architectural sketches may be submitted to the Department of Architecture of the Division of National Missions, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania, for review without charge. (See Par. 1237(2).)

2) When the Local Church has secured final architectural plans and specifications and a reliable and detailed estimate of the cost of the proposed undertaking as provided in Par. 192(8) this data shall be submitted to the District Board of Church Location and Building for consideration and approval.

3) It shall be the duty of this Board to study carefully the feasibility and financial soundness of said undertaking and to ascertain if the financial plan will provide funds necessary to assure prompt payment of all proposed contractual obligations. The Board shall report its conclusions to the church making such proposal in writing.

4) The proposals of this Paragraph shall not apply to remodeling, the cost of which does not exceed ten percent of the value of the building affected.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 78; F, 78; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS
PAGES 66 THROUGH 216 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS
OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2988

*Calendar No. 103. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 959.*

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following statement:

We desire to express our appreciation to the Staff of the Board of Missions for its remarkable Report to The General Conference of 1956. We congratulate the Board and the Staff upon their success not only in making the Board a more unified and effective instrument in furthering the Missionary Program of The Methodist Church, but also in leading the Church to such unprecedented achievements in the past quadrennium. We are thrilled by this comprehensive and statesmanlike presentation of the progress made in so many varied fields, and are challenged by this discerning and realistic analysis and statement of the needs, opportunities, and issues facing us today.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 78; F, 78; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE ON
MISSIONARY EDUCATION PAGES 217 THROUGH 222 OF THE
1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2989

*Calendar No. 104. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 959.*

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following statement:

We desire to commend the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education on the quality and adequacy of its Program of Missionary Education as described in its Report to The General Conference of 1956. We are confident that the various kinds of Missionary Education being used will

result in the increased interest and concern needed for our Methodist missionary enterprise in the future.

DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;

REPORT NO. 14. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 79; F, 79; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF PAGES 605 THROUGH 613 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2990

Calendar No. 105. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 960.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following statement:

We rejoice in the far-flung Program of Relief described in the Report of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief to The General Conference of 1956. We desire to commend the Committee and its Staff for their efficient administration of the funds entrusted to them. The reading of this Report makes one proud to be a member of a Church that is always ready to respond so generously to the suffering of the world.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 72; F, 72; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: REFERENCE OF SUBJECT MATTERS OF MEMORIALS TO BOARDS AND AGENCIES FOR STUDY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 106. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 960.

The Committee recommends that the following action be taken with reference to the above Memorials:

That the following Memorials be referred to the Board of Missions for reference to the proper Division or Section and to the other Agencies of the Church as indicated:

No. 2614—Board of Missions

No. 3177—Co-ordinating Council

- No. 3420—Board of Missions
No. 3425—Board of Missions
No. 3426—Board of Missions
No. 3427—Board of Missions and Council on World Service
and Finance
No. 3431—Board of Missions
No. 3432—Co-ordinating Council
No. 3435—Board of Missions

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 72; F, 72; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENCE REPORT

**MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2611, 2620, 2966, 3411, 3412, 3414,
3415, 3416, 3417, 3424, 3433, 3439**

*Calendar No. 208. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 960.*

The Committee recommends **non-concurrence** on the above
memorials.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. MISSIONS

M, 104; P, 78; F, 78; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: FUNDS FOR NEW MISSION WORK

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2617

*Calendar No. 144. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 960.*

The Committee refers the subject matter of this Memorial
to the Council on World Service and Finance for study
during the 1956-1960 quadrennium.

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS (*), *Chairman*;
DOW KIRKPATRICK, *Secretary*.

NO. 11. PENSIONS

Chairman—Lester A. Kilpatrick (Michigan—NC)

Vice-Chairman—Millard F. Pierce (*) (North Mississippi—SE)

Secretary—Roland P. Riddick (Virginia—SE)

(For complete personnel of the Committee, see Journal, Page 56.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the support of Retired and Supernumerary Ministers, widows, and dependent children of deceased Ministers, not including Bishops.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for this Report. For list of Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. PENSIONS

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1956

SUBJECT: PENSION LEGISLATION

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. SEE "NOTE" REPORT

AMENDED May 4, 1956. See Journal, Pages 756-757, 762. May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 790. May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 974.

Calendar No. 41. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 753-769, 787-791, 974.

(NOTE: Where changes in the 1952 *Discipline* are recommended, the full text as amended is shown; recommended changes are printed in bold face type: recommended deletions from a Section are omitted from the text, as revised; deletions of entire Sections are specifically noted.

The title **General Board of Pensions** is to be substituted for the title *Board of Pensions*, wherever it appears, and the title **Annual Conference Board of Pensions**, or its abbreviated form **Conference Board of Pensions** is to be substituted for the title *Board of Conference Claimants* wherever

it appears throughout the text of Part VIII of the 1956 *Discipline*.)

PART VIII

PENSIONS AND PERMANENT FUNDS

CHAPTER I

GENERAL BOARD OF PENSIONS

SECTION I.

Organization

¶ 1601. 1. There shall be a General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church with its principal office and place of business in Chicago, Illinois, having the general supervision and administration of the support of Conference Claimants of The Methodist Church, The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Illinois, which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois in that name (formerly known as "The Board of Pensions and Relief of The Methodist Episcopal Church") and The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Maryland, which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland in that name (formerly known as "The General Fund for Superannuates of The Methodist Protestant Church"), and The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Missouri, which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri in that name (formerly known as "The Board of Finance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South") shall be continued, subject to the direction, supervision, and control of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church.

2. The general supervision and administration of the Pension and Relief Systems and Plans of The Methodist Church, subject to the direction, supervision, and control of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, shall be conducted by and through the General Office of the General Board in Chicago, Illinois.

3. The office at St. Louis, Missouri, of The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Missouri, shall be continued under and subject to the direction, supervision and control of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church. The General Board shall have authority to establish, maintain, and discontinue from time to time such subordinate offices as the General Board shall deem proper and advisable.

4. There shall be one Executive Committee, elected by The General Board, which Committee shall respectively be

elected by and serve as the Executive Committee of the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, and as the Executive Committee of each of the three Constituent Corporations, unless otherwise required by applicable laws of the said respective States of incorporation, in which case the General Board shall recognize and such corporations shall have power to comply therewith.

The Executive Secretary of the General Board shall be an *ex officio* member of the General Board, and of the Board of Directors of each of the three Constituent Corporations.

A member of the Board shall serve during the term of office for which he was elected or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Members elected by a Jurisdictional Conference need not be Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

2. The Members of the General Board shall constitute the membership of the Board of Directors of each and all three of the aforesaid Constituent Corporations.

3. In all matters not specifically covered by General Conference legislation, the General Board shall have authority to adopt rules and policies for the administration of the support of Conference Claimants.

4. The annual meetings of the General Board and of the Boards of Directors of said respective constituent Corporations shall be held at the same date and place; at which time the General Board shall review and consider responsibilities committed to its care and take such action as the General Board shall deem to be advisable in the furtherance of the best interest of the Pension Program of The Methodist Church. Special meetings of the General Board may be called by any two Officers mentioned in Par. 1603, Sec. 1.

¶ 1603. 1. The General Board shall elect quadrennially from its own membership a President, Vice-President, and a Recording Secretary. At the first meeting of the General Board following the respective meetings of the Jurisdictional Conferences, it shall elect a General Secretary and one or more Assistant General Secretaries for terms of four years. The Treasurers of the respective Corporations shall be elected by the General Board for terms of four years. The aforesaid Treasurers may be persons who are not members of the General Board. A vacancy in the office of General Secretary or of an Assistant General Secretary, or a Treasurer, shall be filled by the General Board for the remainder of such unexpired term.

2. A vacancy in the membership of the General Board

shall be filled for the unexpired term by the **General Board**.

3. A majority of the members of the **General Board** shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II.

Authorizations

¶ 1604. The General Board of Pensions is authorized to adopt and further any and all plans, undertake any and all activities, and to create, obtain, accept, receive and administer any and all trust or other funds or property for the purpose of increasing the revenues, and providing for, aiding in, and contributing to the support, relief, assistance and pensioning of Methodist Ministers and their families, Conference Claimants of The Methodist Church, and other Church Workers and Lay Employees in The Methodist Church and its constituent Boards, Organizations, and Institutions; and to do any and all acts and things necessary and convenient in connection therewith or incident thereto; and to perform any and all other duties and functions from time to time imposed or directed by The General Conference of The Methodist Church.

¶ 1605. 1. The General Board is authorized to receive, hold, manage, merge, consolidate, administer, invest and reinvest by and through its Constituent Corporations, all Connectional Pension Funds, subject to the other provisions of the "*Discipline*," and with due regard to any and all special contracts, agreements and laws applicable thereto. (For Rules and Regulations of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, see ¶¶ 1642-1657; for Rules and Regulations of the Lay Employees Pension Fund, see ¶ 1658.)

2. The General Board is authorized to receive, hold, manage, administer, invest and reinvest, by and through its Constituent Corporations endowment funds belonging to Annual Conferences, or other funds for the support of Conference Claimants to be administered for the benefit of such Annual Conferences; *provided*, that at no time shall any part of the principal of the Endowment Funds be appropriated by the General Board for any purpose. The net income of such Endowment Funds shall be accounted for annually to the General Board and paid over to the Annual Conferences concerned for the benefit of the Conference Claimants of the respective Annual Conferences.

3. The General Board by and through its constituent Corporations is authorized and empowered to receive any gift, devise or bequest made or intended for the benefit of disabled, Superannuated, or Retired Ministers, widows of

Ministers and the dependent children of Ministers, such persons being commonly called Conference Claimants of The Methodist Church (being successor to The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church), and if the language or terms of any gift, devise or bequest be inexact or ambiguous, the General Board shall dispose of or administer the same in the manner deemed most equitable according to the apparent intent of the donor as determined by the General Board, after careful inquiry into the circumstances in connection with the making of such gift, devise, or bequest.

4. The three Constituent Corporations shall, until otherwise determined by the General Board, continue to collect, receive and administer such gifts, devises and bequests and other funds as may be specifically designated to them by donors, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the General Board with respect thereto. All undesignated gifts, devises, bequests and donations shall be collected, received and administered under the direction of the General Board.

¶ 1606. The General Board shall adopt ways and means of increasing the Endowment Funds to be administered, either for the General Board or for the Annual Conferences by obtaining gifts, annuities, bequests, and also for the purpose of increasing the current contributions of the Pastoral Charges for Conference Claimants.

¶ 1607. The General Board shall share in the funds raised for the World Service Budget of The Methodist Church, as provided for in ¶¶ 741 and 742 and enabling acts.

CHAPTER II

PERMANENT FUNDS

¶ 1608. The Chartered Fund shall be administered by the General Board for the benefit of all the Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences in The Methodist Church the boundaries of which are within the United States, its territorial and insular possessions, and Cuba, unless The General Conference shall order otherwise; and once a year the net earnings of the fund, after provision for depreciation, shall be divided equally among such Annual and Provisional Annual Conferences in accordance with the Restrictive Rule contained in ¶ 9 § 5.

¶ 1609. The General Board shall order and direct that the income from the General Endowment Fund for Conference Claimants (formerly known as the General Endowment Fund for Superannuates of The Methodist Episcopal Church,

South) now held by The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, Incorporated in Missouri, shall be distributed on account of service of Conference Claimants rendered in an Annual Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or service rendered in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church; provided, however, that the distribution of the aforesaid income shall be restricted to Annual Conferences, which Annual Conferences or their predecessor Annual Conferences participated in raising this said Fund, in proportion to the number of approved years of annuity responsibility of each such Annual Conference as shall be determined by the General Board.

¶ 1610. Delete entire paragraph.

¶ 1610. *For provisions concerning the joint operation of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund by the Illinois Corporation and the Missouri Corporation, and the Plan of the Fund, see ¶¶ 1642-57.*

¶ 1611. 1. Whenever two or more Annual Conferences or Provisional Annual Conferences are to be merged, in whole or in part, there shall be elected by each Conference affected a Distributing Committee of three members, and three Alternates, which Committee shall act jointly with similar Committees of three members each from the other Conference or Conferences involved in the merger of such Conferences; said Joint Distributing Committee shall have power and authority: (1) to allocate the Pension Responsibility involved; (2) to distribute equitably the Permanent Funds and other Pension Assets of the Conference or Conferences affected, taking into consideration in the division to the successor Conference or Conferences the number of churches, Ministerial Conference Members, and Pension Responsibility involved. It shall be governed by the legal restrictions or limitations of any contract, pledge, deed, or other instrument.

4. The General Secretary of the General Board shall call and convene the organization meeting of the Joint Distributing Committee. The General Secretary may, in writing, appoint some Officer of the General Board to act in his stead.

6. The Distributing Committee shall keep complete minutes of its transactions, and a copy thereof shall be filed with the Secretary of each Annual Conference of The Methodist Church involved and with the General Board of Pensions.

7. Until the work of the Distributing Committee shall have been completed, the corporate organization of the Annual Conference in the process of merger shall be main-

tained. After the Distributing Committee shall have completed its work, the Officers of such corporation, subject to the completion of its business, shall dissolve or merge it, they being authorized to do so by the Annual Conference involved.

CHAPTER III

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION I.

Authorization

‘ 1612. 1. Annual Conferences are authorized to establish and maintain Investment Funds, Preachers Aid Societies, and Organizations and funds of similar character, under such names, plans, Rules, and regulations as they may determine, the income from which shall be applied to the support of Conference Claimants. It is recommended that each Annual Conference provide a Corporation to administer its permanent funds, under some other corporate name than that used by the **General Board of Pensions**; the **Directors of which shall be elected, or otherwise designated, by the Annual Conference where permissible under the laws of the State of incorporation.**

2. All distributable funds, unless otherwise ordered by the Annual Conference, shall be disbursed by the **Conference Board of Pensions** excepting only such funds as are otherwise restricted by specific provisions or limitations in gifts, devises, bequests, trusts, pledges, deeds or other similar instruments, which restrictions and limitations shall be observed.

3. On and after June 1, 1956, it shall not be permissible for any Annual Conference or Permanent-Fund Organization thereof, to deprive its Conference Claimants who are Conference Claimants in other Annual Conferences of the privilege of sharing in the distribution of the earned income of such Permanent Funds through the clearinghouse operations as provided hereinafter in ‘ 1636; *provided, however, that a lien may be filed on the annuity of any Conference Claimant on account of unpaid assessments, obligations or pledges owed to such permanent fund, in accordance with ‘ 1634.*

SECTION II.

Annual Conference Board of Pensions

‘ 1613.

2. The Conference Board of Pensions shall be composed

of not less than twelve members, not indebted to or beneficiaries of Conference Claimants' Funds of the Conference, effective Ministers and Laymen in equal number, **to be elected for a term of eight years** and so arranged in two equal classes that one-half shall be elected quadrennially; and in addition thereto any Ministerial Member of the Annual Conference or Lay Member of a church within the Annual Conference who is a member of the **General Board of Pensions**. A vacancy in the membership of the **Conference Board of Pensions** shall be filled by the Board for the remainder of the Conference year in which the vacancy occurred, and at the next session thereof, the Annual Conference shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3. a) The **Conference Board of Pensions** shall organize by electing a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve during the ensuing quadrennium, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. These Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee; *provided*, however, that three members may be added thereto by the **Conference Board of Pensions**. The office of Secretary may be combined with that of Treasurer. **The Treasurer may be a person who is not a member of the Board, in which case he shall not be a member of the Executive Committee.** Calls for special meetings of the **Conference Board of Pensions** shall be issued by the Secretary on request of the Chairman, or the Vice-Chairman, when the Chairman is unable to act.

5. The **Conference Board of Pensions** shall report to the Annual Conference the names, addresses, and years of **approved** service of the Conference Claimants, the names of those who have died during the year, the names of the dependent children of deceased Ministerial members of the Conference, and any other useful information, and shall show separately the amount paid to each by the Conference from the Annuity and Necessitous Funds.

8. The Annual Conference shall constitute its **Conference Board of Pensions** a Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support, for the purpose of comparing the records of amounts paid on support of Pastors and Conference Claimants by each Pastoral Charge, computing the proportional distribution thereof, and keeping a permanent record of defaults; or the Conference may organize a special Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support, which shall keep permanent records and furnish necessary information to the **Conference Board of Pensions** regarding adjustment of Annuities. (§ 1624.)

10. The Conference Board of Pensions shall investigate carefully all cases in which applications have been made by Conference Claimants for relief or Necessitous Appropriation, so as to determine equitably the amount of relief to be granted in each case.

SECTION III.

Financial Policy

* 1613. A. 1. *Financial Policy*—The following Rules shall apply to financial administration of Annual Conference Pension and Pension-related Permanent Funds:

1. Persons connected in any way with the securities, real estate, or other forms of investment sold to or purchased from such funds shall be ineligible to serve on the Investment Committee responsible therefor.

2. No Officer or Member so related shall receive a personal commission, bonus, or remuneration in connection with the purchase or sale of securities or other properties.

3. The principle of diversification of investments shall be observed, in order to obtain proper geographical and class distribution of Investment Commitments.

4. Real property may be accepted as consideration for gift Annuity Agreements only with the stipulation that the Annuity shall not exceed the net income from the property until such property shall have been liquidated. Upon liquidation, the Annuity shall be paid upon the net proceeds at the established Annuity Rate.

5. They shall not offer higher rates of Annuity than those listed in the Annuity Schedule approved by the Council on World Service and Finance.

6. Upon the order of the Annual Conference, there shall be printed in its Yearbook a list of the investments held by each of such Organizations directly or indirectly under the control of the Conference, or such list may be distributed directly to the Members of the Conference at their request. A copy of all such lists concerning Conference Claimants shall be filed annually with the General Board of Pensions.

7. Borrowing money in any Conference year by a Conference Corporation or Organization to enable the Conference Board of Pensions to complete payment of Annuities at a designated Annuity Rate shall be done only on authority of the Annual Conference granted by three-fourths vote of the Members present and voting.

8. No Officers or Members, or Local Church or Church

Organization, shall be eligible to obtain a loan in any amount from such Pension Funds.

CHAPTER IV

PENSION CODE

General Regulations

The administration of the Pensions and support of Conference Claimants within the Annual Conferences situated in the United States shall be the responsibility of the **General Board of Pensions**, and shall be governed by the Rules and Regulations contained in the following Code, and such amendments thereto as may hereafter be adopted.

¶ 1617.

2. At his own request, the Annual Conference may place any Ministerial Member thereof in the Retired Relation, with the privilege of making an Annuity Claim, if he has attained age sixty-five or completed forty years of full time **Approved Service, as defined in ¶ 1618**, prior to the first day of the session of the Annual Conference to which said request is presented. (See ¶ 639.)

¶ 1618.

2. The following years of Approved Service in the Effective Relation or On Trial in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, as defined in § 8 of this Paragraph, are eligible to be counted for the purpose of determining the Annuity Claims payable thereon:

a) As Pastor, Associate or Assistant Pastor, or other Minister in a Pastoral Charge.

(h) Service rendered prior to December 31, 1946, as a Chaplain on full-time duty, in case no Pension is granted for such years of service by the employing Organization, Institution or Agency related to the Commission on Chaplains of The Methodist Church as set forth in ¶ 1581; *provided*, however, that provision for Pension on account of service rendered after December 31, 1946, as a Chaplain on full-time duty shall be made by the Chaplains Pension Fund administered in connection with the Joint Contributory Annuity Fund in accordance with Rules and Regulations to be determined jointly by the **General Board of Pensions** and the Commission on Chaplains.

9. Delete entire section.

9. **Illinois Corporation** shall mean the Corporation of the Board of Pensions having the administration of Pension

Work in the Northeastern, the North Central, the Western, and the Central Jurisdictions.

10. Delete entire section.

10. Missouri Corporation shall mean the Corporation of the Board of Pensions having the administration of Pension Work in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions.

‘ 1620.

3. The widow of a deceased Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference or of a deceased Approved Supply Pastor who remarries shall have no Annuity Claim during such marriage until her attainment of age 65, at which time her Annuity Claim may be reinstated; but if such subsequent marriage be dissolved by such husband's death or by legal process, the Annual Conference on recommendation of the Conference Board of Pensions may reinstate her Annuity Claim thereafter subject to the provisions of the Pension Code.

5. The Clearinghouse is hereby authorized to assign and transfer the obligation for the payment of the claims of the widow and minor children of a deceased Member of an Annual Conference to such other Annual Conference as said widow may request in writing, subject to the consent of the Conference Board of Pensions of the Annual Conference thereby obligated; *provided*, however, that the requirements of Divided Annuity Responsibility as set forth in ‘ 1636 shall be observed.

6. AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ON RECOMMENDATION OF ITS BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS, MAY, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, GRANT ANNUITY AND OR NECESSITOUS RELIEF TO A WIFE FOR HER YEARS OF APPROVED SERVICE, WITHOUT GRANTING ANNUITY TO HUSBAND WHO MAY HAVE DISQUALIFIED HIMSELF BY SOME MORAL DERELICTION, MENTAL ILLNESS OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND THE WIFE'S CONTROL.

‘ 1621.

2. The claim of an unmarried dependent child shall become effective immediately upon the death of the father and shall cease upon attainment of age sixteen. If the child be kept in a standard school, the age limit may be extended, not to exceed five additional years, by action of the **Conference Board of Pensions**. Upon recommendation of the **Conference Board of Pensions** and approved by two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference given annually a Claim may be

validated for a child past sixteen years of age in case of evident mental or physical incapacity to provide self-support; *provided*, that such mental or physical incapacity became apparent prior to the attainment of age twenty-one and shall have continued thereafter; and *provided*, furthermore, that before allowing such Claim the **Conference Board of Pensions** shall require a medical certificate and may require subsequent certificates certifying the continuance of such incapacity.

¶ 1622. *Claim of a Missionary*.—1. A regularly commissioned Missionary of the Board of Missions, holding membership in an Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference or connected with a Mission, shall be entitled to make an Annuity Claim upon the Division of the Board of Missions which provides his support.

2. A retired Missionary who has been granted the Retired Relation in a foreign Annual Conference shall be entitled to make an Annuity Claim upon an Annual Conference in the United States on account of approved years of service rendered therein. Such claim shall be presented to the **General Board of Pensions**, and payments due thereunder shall be collected from the Conferences concerned and forwarded to the Claimant by the **General Board of Pensions** in such manner as it may deem most expeditious and economical.

¶ 1623. *Apportionments*. 1. **The recommended Standard Annuity Rate shall be a sum equivalent to one per cent of the average salary of the Conference.** (See ¶ 1618 §§ 5, 6.)

The Annual Conference, on recommendation of the **Conference Board of Pensions**, shall determine the **Annuity Rate payable**; whereupon the said Board shall compute the amount necessary to meet the prospective annuity disbursements according to the Annuity Rate determined. After taking into consideration any amount to be received from other sources for the support of Conference Claimants, the total amount necessary shall be apportioned to the several Pastoral Charges of the Conference on such basis as the Annual Conference may from time to time determine. In case the basis of Apportionment adopted is that of a percentage of the cash salaries of the Ministers, where there is more than one Minister serving a Pastoral Charge the Apportionment thereto shall be on the basis of all cash salaries paid to such Ministers.

4. The Apportionment for aged and disabled Supply Pastors, if any, shall be combined with the Apportionment for regular Conference Claimants.

5. The Apportionment to a federated church, if and when

it is served by a Ministerial member or an Approved Supply Pastor of the Annual Conference, shall be made on the same basis as the Apportionments to the Pastoral Charges of the Annual Conference; *provided*, however, that an Annual Apportionment may be made to a federated church in accordance with the terms of an agreement between the **Conference Board of Pensions** and such federated church.

¶ 1624. *Proportional Payment*. 1. The amount payable by any Pastoral Charge on the Apportionment to it for the support of Conference Claimants and for the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund shall be directly proportionate to the total amount of cash salary or salaries paid by the charge to the Minister or Ministers serving it. When the apportionment to the Pastoral Charges for the support of Conference Claimants has been determined, payments made thereto by each Pastoral Charge shall be exactly proportionate to the amount of salary or salaries paid to the Minister or Ministers serving it. (¶ 822, 823)

2. The amount apportioned to each Pastoral Charge for the support of Conference Claimants and for the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer monthly or quarterly, and the Conference Treasurer shall remit monthly to the Treasurer or Treasurers of these respective Funds.

4. The Conference Board of Pensions shall render a statement annually to all Ministers of the Conference who have failed to observe the provisions of this Paragraph, indicating the amounts in default for that and all preceding Conference years, and copies thereof shall be sent to the Clearinghouse of the General Board of Pensions and the information contained thereon shall be recorded upon the Service Record of the individual Ministers concerned.

¶ 1625. 1.

(e) Moneys received from all Special Offerings for distribution to Conference Claimants.

2.

(b) Money received from the Apportionment to the Pastoral Charges, *provided* that each Annual Conference shall set aside for necessitous and emergency distribution such part of its fund as it may deem necessary, but not to exceed **five per cent** of the total amount collected on Apportionment to the Pastoral Charges.

3. The Conference Board of Pensions MAY pay Annuities in quarterly or monthly installments.

4. The amount received for the support of Conference

Claimants each year from the Pastoral Charges in advance of the Conference sessions shall be reserved for appropriation and expenditure during the ensuing Conference year, *provided, however, that the Annual Conference now paying on the current income basis may continue to do so temporarily, but as quickly as feasible shall change to a collection of income one year in advance of payment.*

¶ 1629. *Service Records* 1. The General Board of Pensions shall maintain complete Service Records of Ministerial Members of the Annual Conferences, compiled from the answers to the Disciplinary questions as published in the Annual Conference Journals and in the General Minutes of The Methodist Church.

¶ 1629.

2. Power to revise, correct, or adjust a Minister's Service Record as it concerns his Annuity lies with the Annual Conference solely. **It is recommended that, prior to the revision of a Member's Service Record, the General Board of Pensions be requested to review the revelant data and report its findings.** Such revisions, corrections and adjustments, after having been adopted by the Annual Conference concerned, shall be published in the Annual Conference Journal as a personal notation in the answers to the Disciplinary questions, and notice thereof shall be sent to the General Board of Pensions by the Secretary of the Annual Conference. (¶ 651 question 46)

¶ 1630.

8. A Minister cannot present his Credentials to and be accepted into the Ministry of another Denomination and at the same time retain his standing in an Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. Such action constitutes withdrawal from our Ministry; *provided, however, that if a Ministerial Member while in good standing in an Annual Conference voluntarily withdraw from the Ministry of The Methodist Church in order to enter the Ministry of another Church, upon the attainment of age sixty-five and retirement from the Ministry of such other Church or Denomination, upon recommendation of the Conference Board of Pensions and a three-fourths vote of THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING IN the Annual Conference in which Ministerial Membership was last held, he may be recognized as a Conference Claimant and allowed an Annuity Claim on account of Approved Service in The Methodist Church.*

20. Money received for the support of Conference Claimants shall be appropriated only for the payment of Pension or relief benefits to Conference Claimants and the adminis-

trative costs of the Pension Program, *provided*, also, that relief may be granted to an Approved Supply Pastor who has been retired by reason of age or disability prior to having rendered ten years of Approved Service.

¶ 1631. *Special Conference Claimants.* 1. An Approved Supply Pastor who shall have rendered not less than ten years of full-time Approved Service as Pastor of a Charge may upon retirement make an Annuity Claim as a Special Conference Claimant; *provided*, however, that any period of less than one full year of service in any Conference may not be counted, and *provided*, furthermore that the years of full-time service rendered to a Board, Institution, or Agency of The Methodist Church may be counted when determining eligibility, but the Annuity as a Special Conference Claimant shall be based only upon Full-time Approved Service as Pastor of a Charge.

5. In necessitous cases, the Conference Board of Pensions may grant relief to Special Conference Claimants subject to the approval of the Annual Conference.

¶ 1634.

2. a) The Annual Conference having a claim for unpaid assessments in connection with its funds for Conference Claimants against a Ministerial Member of another Annual Conference, through its Conference Board of Pensions, shall file such claim with the Clearinghouse within two years following the date of transfer from the Conference having the claim; *provided*, however, that a claim may be filed at any time prior to, but not later than, December 31, 1957 against a Ministerial Member whose transfer occurred prior to June 1, 1956.

b) The Clearinghouse shall file a copy of said claim with the Conference Board of Pensions of the Annual Conference to which the Member has been transferred, shall send a copy thereof to the Member concerned, and shall record the claim upon the Service Record of the Member concerned.

3. a) The Annual Conference which had previously filed a claim in accordance with § 2 of this Paragraph, may file a lien through the Clearinghouse against the Annuity of a Conference Claimant for the unpaid amount of the said claim; *provided*, however, that the said lien shall be filed within one year of the date of retirement or the death of the Minister concerned, whichever first occurred. Thereupon, the Clearinghouse shall request the Annual Conference concerned to deduct the unpaid amount of the Claim from the Annuity of the Conference Claimant against whose Annuity the said lien has been filed, and to remit to the

Clearinghouse as soon as practicable the amounts deducted.

b) The amount of any deduction made under this Section shall be subject to the limitations provided in § 1 of this Paragraph; and, furthermore, it is hereby stipulated that interest on liens of this character, if charged, shall be computed only at simple interest. The Clearinghouse shall have no responsibility for transmission of moneys collected under the Sub-section until such moneys have been remitted to it, **nor shall any "debtor" Annual Conference be permitted to withhold or deduct a part of the money it is required to pay to the Clearinghouse with the intent of satisfying in advance any claims which the Annual Conference may desire to make under this Sub-section.**

¶ 1635. *Operation through the General Board of Pensions.*

1. When authorized by the Annual Conference, the **Conference Board of Pensions** may deposit all or any part of the funds under its control with the **General Board** as set forth in ¶ 1605 § 2.

2. The Annual Conference may authorize the **General Board** to make the periodical payments to the Conference Claimants; and in such case the **Conference Board of Pensions** shall prepare annually a complete schedule of the plan of distribution for the guidance of the **General Board** in making such payments, and shall co-operate fully with it, in order to ensure efficient and prompt service. Checks issued, as the General Board may determine, under the provisions of this Section, shall show plainly the name of the Conference for which the disbursements are made.

3 **The General Board** shall be entitled to collect an annual service fee, figured on a cost basis, for the work specified in the preceding Section.

4. **The General Board** shall furnish annually to the **Conference Board of Pensions** a Report showing full details of the transactions under § 2 of this Paragraph.

¶ 1636.

Delete Section 3.

3. *Beginning with the first sessions of the Annual Conferences held after January 1, 1953, the Executive Secretaries of the Board of Pensions shall organize a Unified Clearinghouse System covering the territories of the Illinois and the Missouri Corporations respectively. Clearinghouse accounting for divided annuity responsibility shall be done for each Territory separately, but with the provision that service in any case in the Territory of the Corporation other than the one doing the accounting shall be cleared through*

the other Corporation and not through the individual Annual Conference concerned.

¶ 1637. *Annuity Responsibility in Missions or Provisional Annual Conferences.* 1. The responsibility for the Annuity on account of years of Approved Service in a Mission or Provisional Annual Conference, within the United States, shall rest jointly with (a) the Mission or Provisional Annual Conference concerned, (b) the **General Board of Pensions**, and (c) the Division of National Missions.

2. The revenue for Annuity purposes covering such service shall be provided by the Mission or Provisional Annual Conference concerned, the **General Board of Pensions**, and the **Division of National Missions** in accordance with such plan or plans as may be mutually agreed to by the aforesaid parties.

¶ 1638. Delete.

¶ 1638. *Distribution of Income.*—1. *The Missouri Corporation receives funds for distribution from income on General and Conference Endowments and/or other Special Trust Funds held by said Corporation, as provided in* ¶ 1605.

2. *The funds available for general distribution by the Missouri Corporation shall be distributable annually upon the basis of years of approved service, as provided in* ¶ 1609.

3. *Income from Conference Endowment Funds, administered by the Missouri Corporation, shall be remitted annually to the Annual Conference concerned to be distributed as set forth in* ¶ 1612 § 2 and ¶ 1625.

4. *Income from Special Trust Funds shall be distributed as specifically prescribed by the terms of the respective trusts.*

5. *Further Conference or Jurisdictional Funds shall be distributed in accordance with the purpose for which such funds were raised.*

¶ 1639. Delete.

¶ 1639. *Acceptance of Claim of Widow and Dependent children.*—*Upon recommendation of the Board of Conference Claimants and by rote of the Annual Conference concerned, an Annual Conference within the territory of the Missouri Corporation may recognize as its Conference Claimants the widow and minor dependent children of a deceased former member of said Conference who, at the time of his death, was a member of another Annual Conference.*

¶ 1640. Delete.

¶ 1640. *Annuity Responsibility in a Mission.*—1. *The responsibility for the annuity on account of years of approved service in a Mission within the territory of the Missouri Corporation shall rest jointly with (a) the Mission concerned, (b) the Annual Conference or Conferences in which the members of the Mission hold their Conference membership, and (c) the Division of National Missions.*

2. *The revenue for annuity purposes covering such service shall be provided by the Mission concerned, the Annual Conference or Conferences concerned, and the Division of National Missions in accordance with such plan or plans as may be mutually agreed to by the aforesaid parties.*

CHAPTER V

MINISTERS RESERVE PENSION FUND

¶ 1644.

3. A Minister received by transfer into an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference on or after the date of entry of the Conference into the Fund shall be classed as a new entrant while serving in such Conference; *provided*, however, that members received by transfer past forty years of age shall not be accepted as Members of the Fund unless an initial provision for Service Annuity be made by or for them in such manner and amount as shall be satisfactory to the Executive Officers of the **General Board of Pensions**.

5. The accrued Service Obligation of an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference under the Pension Code for a Member of the Fund may be funded by such Conference upon entry into the Fund in such manner and amount as shall be satisfactory to the Executive Officers of the **General Board of Pensions**.

¶ 1646. Contributions by Members. 1. An annual contribution, the equivalent of three per cent of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in ¶ 1618 § 6 of the Pension Code), shall be paid directly to the Fund by each qualified Member thereof in quarterly installments, payable in advance in accordance with the schedule of payment dates as determined by the **General Board of Pensions**; *provided*, however, that if his support (as defined in ¶ 1643 § 2) be less than the average salary of the Conference, a Member may elect to contribute annually the equivalent of three per cent of such support; and *provided*, furthermore, that by vote of an Annual Conference, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reserve Pensions, the amounts of the annual

contributions required of Members of the Fund shall be withheld by the Treasurers of the Pastoral Charges or Organizations concerned, and remitted directly to the Fund in monthly or quarterly installments. Such contributions shall be applicable to income Annuity Credit only.

7. Additional member contributions. Subject to such limitations, regulations and conditions as the General Board of Pensions may adopt, a Member of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund may pay into the Fund, in addition to the required Member Contributions, such amounts as he may elect for the purpose of providing an Income Annuity or other benefits additional to the Income Annuity *provided* through the regular contributions of the Member.

¶ 1647. Pensions. 1 Service Annuity. (No Change)

2. Income Annuity. (No Change)

3. Refund Option. At the time of entering upon his Pension, a Member of the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund may elect a refund option under which he shall receive a reduced Pension, but with the provision that if the Pension payments received by the Member and his widow aggregate less than the Income Annuity Credits of such Member at the time of retirement, there shall be paid to his designated beneficiary or to his estate, as he shall have designated, an amount equivalent to the excess of such Income Annuity Credits over such Pension Payments.

¶ 1648. Widow's Pension. 1. If a Member of the Fund die prior to retirement his widow shall receive a Pension consisting of an Income Annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of her deceased husband's Income Annuity Credits and a Service Annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of 70 per cent of said deceased husband's Service Annuity Credits.

2. If the Service Annuity of a widow be less than \$600, at the discretion of the General Board of Pensions, she may be granted Annually an additional amount from the Disability, Widows and Children's Fund; *provided*, however, that in such case the total of the Service Annuity and the grant shall not exceed \$600 per annum. The Income Annuity payable under the provisions of § 1 of this Paragraph shall be paid in addition to said Service Annuity and said grant.

¶ 1651. *Refunds*. 1. Upon ceasing to be a Member of an Annual or Provisional Annual Conference prior to retirement, a Member of the Fund shall receive as a refund, in lieu of all other benefits, a sum equivalent to the total of his own contributions to the Fund, together with the regular

interest accumulated thereon; *provided*, however, that if such Member enter the Ministry of another Church or Denomination, and allow his accumulated Income Annuity Credits to remain in the Fund, then his accumulated Income Annuity Credits and Service Annuity Credits shall be applied in accordance with the Provisions set forth in ¶¶ 1647 and 1648; and *provided*, furthermore, that the exercise of this privilege does not confer any right to make a claim on the Fund for disability or other benefits not specifically provided for in this Paragraph.

¶ 1652. A. *Death Benefit*. If a Member of the Fund die before entering upon a Pension, a benefit may be paid in one sum out of the Contingent Fund to the widow, if any, of the Member, in accordance with Rules and Regulations which shall be adopted by the General Board of Pensions. ¶ 1656.

4. Contributions by Members. a) An annual contribution, the equivalent of three per cent of the average salary of the Conference (as defined in ¶ 1618 § 6 of the Pension Code), shall be paid directly to the Fund by each qualified Member thereof in quarterly installments, payable in advance in accordance with the schedule of payment dates as determined by the General Board of Pensions; *provided*, however, that if his support (as defined in ¶ 1643 § 2) be less than the average salary of the Conference, a Member may elect to contribute annually the equivalent of three per cent of such support, and *provided*, furthermore, that by vote of an Annual Conference, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reserve Pensions, the amounts of the annual contributions required of Members of the Fund shall be withheld by the Treasurers of the Pastoral Charges or Organizations concerned, and remitted directly to the Fund in monthly or quarterly installments. Such contributions shall be applicable to Annuity Credit only.

4. A. *Additional Member Contributions*. Subject to such limitations, regulations and conditions as the General Board of Pensions may adopt, a Member of the Partial Reserve Pension Fund may pay into the Fund, in addition to the required Member contributions, such amounts as he may elect for the purpose of providing an Income Annuity or other benefits additional to the Income Annuity provided through the regular contributions of the Member.

7. e) At the time of entering upon his Pension, a Member of the Partial Reserve Pension Fund may elect a refund option under which he shall receive a reduced Pension, but with the provision that if the Pension Payments received by the Member and his widow aggregate less than the Income Annuity Credits of such Member at the time of retirement,

there shall be paid to his designated beneficiary or to his estate, as he shall have designated, an amount equivalent to the excess of such Income Annuity Credits over such Pension Payments.

8. *A. Death Benefit.* If a Member of the Fund die before entering upon a Pension, a benefit may be paid in one sum out of the Contingent Fund to the widow, if any, of the Member, in accordance with Rules and Regulations which shall be adopted by the General Board of Pensions.

(NOTE: The title General Board of Pensions is to be substituted for the title *Illinois Corporation* wherever it appears in Chapter VI.)

CHAPTER VI

LAY EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND

¶ 1658. 1. c) The Fund shall be held, administered, and disbursed by the General Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, by and through its Constituent Corporations.

2. c) Lay Employee shall mean any person, other than a Minister, a Probationer for the Ministry or an Approved Supply Pastor, employed in the United States of America by an employer, as hereinbefore defined, after such person shall have been so employed for one continuous year; *provided*, however, that at the request of the employer and employee the employee may be enrolled at an earlier date, on such terms and conditions as shall be provided in Rules and Regulations which shall be adopted by the General Board of Pensions.

CHAPTER VIII

COMMITTEE ON PENSION LEGISLATION

¶ 1665. The General Board of Pensions shall appoint from its membership a Committee on Pension Legislation for the quadrennium 1956-60, which shall consist of **two Bishops**, and one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdiction, whose responsibility it shall be to study the operation of the various Pension Programs of The Methodist Church and to present recommendations to The General Conference of 1960.

Special consideration shall be given to the following:

1) The feasibility and desirability of providing for minimum pensions for Ministers and widows of Ministers.

2) The feasibility and desirability of permitting an Annual Conference to recognize an Annuity Claim of the

divorced wife of a Ministerial Member or former Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference.

LESTER A. KILPATRICK, *Chairman*;
ROLAND P. RIDDICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. PENSIONS

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: PENSION OF A BISHOP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2778

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 972.

Calendar No. 150. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 972.

The Committee recommends the following: That Paragraph 435, Section 2, of the *Discipline* be amended by changing the period at the close of the Paragraph to a comma and adding these words: "**and upon such certification he shall receive a Pension from the Episcopal Fund on account of his service as a Bishop and from the Annual Conference or Conferences on account of APPROVED service rendered respectively thereto,**"

so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

A Bishop may voluntarily resign from the Episcopacy at any session of his Jurisdictional Conference. A Bishop so resigning shall surrender to the Secretary of his Jurisdictional Conference his Consecration Papers, and he shall be furnished with a Certificate of his Resignation which shall entitle him to membership as a Traveling Elder in the Annual Conference of which he was last a member, or its successor, **and upon such Certification he shall receive a Pension from the Episcopal Fund on account of his service as a Bishop and from the Annual Conference or Conferences on account of APPROVED service respectively thereto.**"

WHEN HE, OR HIS SURVIVING WIDOW AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN, BECOME CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS, THE EPISCOPAL FUND SHALL PAY A PENSION ON ACCOUNT OF HIS SERVICE AS BISHOP, AND HIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OF CONFERENCES, ON ACCOUNT OF HIS APPROVED SERVICE THEREIN.

LESTER A. KILPATRICK, *Chairman*;
ROLAND P. RIDDICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. PENSIONS

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

**SUBJECT: PENSION LEGISLATION—REPEAL OF PARAGRAPH
346, 1952 DISCIPLINE**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3020

*Calendar No. 151. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 973.*

We recommend that Paragraph 346, 1952 *Discipline* be deleted.

¶ 346. *When a minister in Full Connection fails to be advanced in his work in the Conference Course of Study for a given year, said year shall not be counted as a year of effective service, unless he is in attendance upon a school approved by the University Senate or is excused by a two-thirds vote of his Conference upon the recommendation of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.*

LESTER A. KILPATRICK, *Chairman*;
ROLAND P. RIDDICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. PENSIONS

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: PENSION LEGISLATION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2775, 2991, 3012, 3030

*Calendar No. 152. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 973.*

Action taken:

Committee adopted Memorials Numbered 2775, 2991, 3012, and 3030 in principle in current legislation.

LESTER A. KILPATRICK, *Chairman*;
ROLAND P. RIDDICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. PENSIONS

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: PENSION LEGISLATION REFERRED

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2779, 3011, 3018, 3029, 4527

*Calendar No. 153. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 973.*

Action Taken: Committee recommends that Memorials

Numbered 2779, 3011, 3018, 3029, and 4527 be referred to the Committee on Pension Legislation for consideration and report to the 1960 General Conference.

LESTER A. KILPATRICK, *Chairman*;
ROLAND P. RIDDICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. PENSIONS

M, 49; P, 39; F, 39; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: PENSION LEGISLATION NON-CONCURRENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2770, 2771, 2773, 2774, 2776, 2777,
3015, 3019, 3021, 3022, 3023, 3024, 3025, 3026, 3027, and
3028

*Calendar No. 214. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 974.*

The Committee voted Non-Concurrence on the above Memorials.

LESTER A. KILPATRICK, *Chairman*;
ROLAND P. RIDDICK, *Secretary*.

NO. 12. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Chairman—J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC)

Vice-Chairman—C. Anderson Davis (East Tennessee—C)

Secretary—George E. Clary, Sr. (South Georgia—SE)

(Complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 57.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to the Board of Publication and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For list of Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF METHODIST
HISTORICAL RECORDS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2762

*Calendar No. 80. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 802.*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests had before it Memorial No. 2762 on the subject of an Official Depository of Methodist Historical Records, and after amendment of the Memorial voted concurrence as follows:

Whereas, the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, which is the Official Historical Body of The Methodist Church, has established headquarters in a fireproof archives building erected at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, by persons interested in the preservation of Methodist history without cost to the Association; and

Whereas, this archives building contains a valuable collection of Wesleyana and Methodistica under the care of competent librarians; and

Whereas, there is no other such archives center of a Connectional nature for the Records and Historical Materials of The Methodist Church, which should be carefully preserved for posterity;

Therefore, The General Conference is hereby memorialized to designate the Association of Methodist Historical Societies as an official depository of the records and historical materials of The Methodist Church.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;

GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

**SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF A HISTORY OF AMERICAN
METHODISM**

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2763, 2942

*Calendar No. 31. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 803.*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests had before it Memorials Nos. 2763 and 2942 on the subject of the publication of a History of American Methodism and learned that this matter had been under consideration by our Publishing House. Therefore, after amendment, your Committee voted concurrence as follows:

Whereas, The British Methodist Church has officially authorized the preparation of a new History of Methodism and has set up a Committee to supervise its preparation; and

Whereas, There is not in print a definite and adequate History of American Methodism, and no such work has been written for many decades;

Therefore, We recommend that the Book Editor and the Board of Publication be requested to make a further study of the possibilities of such a publication.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;

GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 3. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 59; P, 39; F, 23; A, 8; N, 8

SUBJECT: NEW CHURCH PAPERS PROGRAM ENDORSEMENT

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. RESOLUTION

AMENDED May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 805.

*Calendar No. 32. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 803.*

Whereas, the Board of Publication, acting under a mandate of the 1952 General Conference, has had the courage and foresight to launch this Bold Publishing Venture creating a mid-monthly Methodist family magazine *Together* and a Monthly Journal for Pastors and others closely related to the Program of the Church, *The New Christian Advocate*,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved: That The General Conference now in session does approve the announced plans for these two aforementioned Magazines;

That we commend the Board of Publication, the Publishing Agents and their Staffs for their foresight and daring in launching this "Bold Venture."

That we urgently recommend to the various Jurisdictions, Conferences, Districts, and Local Churches that every effort be made to the end that these periodicals be made available to those for whom they are intended through having the subscription costs carried in the regular Local Church Budgets.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

The amendment of William W. Reid (New York East—NE), accepted by J. Otis Young, Chairman of the Standing Legislative Committee on Publishing Interests, no objection being raised by any member of the Committee, or by any member of The General Conference, was added to the Report as follows:—(See Journal, page 805.)

"I move that this be added to it as instruction for help to the Committee in planning the paper.

That we ask The Publishing House in printing this to consider these items:—

That there is inadequate news coverage, we feel, both because of the small space allocated to news and because the monthly publication cannot present news while it is timely;

The lack of Editorial opinion as indicated in the sample copies; and inadequate discussion of issues which will be before the Church in the next few years."

REPORT NO. 4. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M. 59; P. 47; F. 46; A. 0; N. 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: RECORD AND REPORT FORMS, AND STATISTICAL
BLANKS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2759, 2766, 2764, 2929, 2935, 2945,
4362, 4363

*Calendar No. 36. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 805.*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests voted to refer

these Memorials, proposing certain changes in Report and Record Forms, directly to the Council on World Service and Finance for consideration, as the responsibility for the preparation and editing of such forms is in the Council under Par. 1120 (6) of the *Discipline*.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 43; F, 41; A, 0; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: REVISION OF *Discipline*, PART VII, CHAPTER IV,
DEALING WITH THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2941 3010, 4771

AMENDED May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 807-813.

Calendar No. 74. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 806-814.

Proposed General Conference legislation affecting The Methodist Publishing House, primarily for the purpose of harmonizing the *Discipline* with the new corporate structure and the recommendations of the 1952 General Conference.

We recommend that Part VII, Chapter IV, of the 1952 *Discipline*, dealing with The Methodist Publishing House, be amended as follows:

Par. 1123, line 2, change *a* to **the**; line 3, delete the words *Publishing Agents elected by the Board*, and substitute **an Executive Officer elected by the Board, who shall be the Publisher of The Methodist Church**; lines 4 and 5, delete, *find it necessary or expedient to establish* and substitute **determine**. The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1123. The Methodist Publishing House shall be under the direction and control of **the Board of Publication, acting through an Executive Officer elected by the Board, who shall be the Publisher of The Methodist Church**, and such other Officers as the Board may **determine**.

Par. 1124, line 1, change the words *produce of* to **income from**; line 2, change the words *setting up proper* to **providing adequate**; lines 3, 4, and 5, delete the words *and necessary expansion, shall be paid into a single fund and distributed annually by the Board of Publication* and substitute the words **and allowing for reasonable growth and expansion, shall be appropriated by the Board of Publication and distributed annually**. The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1124. The **net income** from the operations of The Methodist Publishing House, after **providing adequate reserves** for the efficient operation of the business and **allowing for reasonable growth and expansion**, shall be **appropriated by the Board of Publication and distributed annually** to the several Annual Conferences for the persons who are and shall be Conference Claimants.

Par. 1125, line 1, insert the words **net income from the operations**; line 3, delete the words *operations, and the distribution of net produce, after setting up proper reserves, as above provided*, and substitute the following: **operating requirements and the Conference Claimants as provided in Par. 1124, and Par. 9 (5).**

The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1125. The **net income from the operations** of The Methodist Publishing House shall be appropriated to no other purpose than its own **operating requirements and the Conference Claimants as provided in Par. 1124 and Par. 9(5).**

Par. 1126, line 7, change *Publishing Agents* to **Executive Officer**; line 8, change *are* to **is**. The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1126. The members of the Board of Publication, and their successors in office, are declared to be the successors of the incorporators named in the Charters of The Methodist Book Concern issued by the States of New York and Ohio, and in the Charter of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church issued by the State of Pennsylvania. The **Executive Officer** elected from time to time under this or any subsequent *Discipline* is declared to be the successor in office of the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, named in the Charter issued to the Corporation of that name by the State of Tennessee.

Par. 1127, delete section 2, as follows: *In its discretion to cause to be created and established a new Corporation to bear the name and style of The Methodist Publishing House, under the Charter of which the operations and functions of The Methodist Publishing House may be carried on and executed.*

Substitute therefor the following:

Par. 1127. 2. **The Board of Publication shall continue to exercise the powers and administer the duties and responsibilities conferred upon it as an Agency of The Methodist Church through the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois,**

or through such other means and Agencies as the Board of Publication may from time to time determine to be expedient and necessary in order to give full effect to the purposes expressed in this Chapter.

Par. 1128. Delete entire Paragraph, which reads: *In the event of the creation and establishment of The Methodist Publishing House, Incorporated as authorized by Par. 1127, the property, produce, and income of such new Corporation shall be held by it as an Agency of The Methodist Church and shall be subject to the control and direction of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, as set forth from time to time in the Discipline. In carrying out and executing its operations and functions, such new Corporation shall be entitled to use, manage, operate, and otherwise utilize all property and assets of each of the four existing Corporations, identified in Pars. 1126-27, of every kind, character, and description (other than its corporate powers and franchises), and all income therefrom, and avails thereof, for the purposes and objects defined in Pars. 1122, 1124-25. The governing body of each of the four existing Corporations from time to time shall take all such action which the Board of Publication deems to be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of this Paragraph. Such new Corporation shall assume all legal obligations of each of the four existing Corporations in force at the time the new Corporation commences operations. The new Corporation and the Board of Publication shall be without obligation to account for principal or income to any of the four existing Corporations or otherwise report to them, except that the new Corporation shall return to each of the four existing Corporations custody and control of the latter's real property and account for the net amount of any other assets received from such existing Corporation, if and when such return and accounting shall be directed or required by the Board of Publication or The General Conference.*

Substitute therefor the following Paragraph:

Par. 1128. 1. Under the corporate structure of Board of Publication of The Methodist Church, incorporated in the State of Illinois in accord with authority delegated to the Board of Publication by The General Conference of 1952, and subject to the provisions of the preceding Paragraphs of this Chapter, the Board of Publication is authorized and empowered to conduct its general operations under the name of The Methodist Publishing House.

2. The property, assets and income of said Illinois Corporation shall be held by it, under the direction of the Board of Publication, as an Agency of The Methodist Church and

shall at all times be subject to the control and direction of The General Conference of The Methodist Church as set forth from time to time in the *Discipline*.

3. In carrying out and executing its operations and functions, the Board of Publication, Incorporated, shall be entitled to hold, use, manage, operate and otherwise utilize all property and assets of every kind, character and description of each of the other four Corporations under the direction of the Board of Publication identified in Paragraph 1127 of this Chapter (other than its corporate powers and franchises), and all income therefrom, and avails thereof, for the purposes and objects defined in this Chapter.

4. The governing body of each of the five existing Corporations under the direction of the Board of Publication shall from time to time take all such action which the Board of Publication deems necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of this Paragraph and Chapter.

5. The Board of Publication of The Methodist Church, Incorporated, shall be liable for and shall execute and satisfy all legal obligations of each of the other four Corporations named in Paragraph 1127 of this Chapter, but neither it nor the Board of Publication shall have or be under any obligation to account for principal and income to any such other Corporation or to otherwise report to any of them: *provided*, however, that said Illinois Corporation shall return to each of the other four Corporation's custody and control of its real property and account to it for the net amount of any other assets received from such other Corporation if and when such return or accounting shall be directed or required by the Board of Publication or by any General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Par. 1130, renumber to 1129. Line 2, delete the words *two of whom shall be* and substitute the word **including**; line 3, delete *for a term of four years, not eligible to succeed themselves*. Lines 11, 12 and 13, delete the words *the Bishops being counted among the Ministerial Members from the Jurisdictions in which they serve. It shall be the duty of the Board of Publication*, and substitute **it shall be the duty of the Secretary of The General Conference**. Line 18, change *term* to **tenure**; delete the word *elected*. Line 20, substitute the word **twelve** for the word *eight*; after the phrase, *In the first election*, insert **as nearly as may be, one-third of the members from each Jurisdiction**; line 21, delete the words *the other half* and substitute **one-third**; and following the words *for eight years* insert **and one-third for twelve years**. Beginning on line 23, delete the sentence *In order to provide*

for a continuing Board, it is recommended that at least one-half of the members to be elected shall be chosen from the present membership of the Board of Publication. Line 28, following the word *vacancy*, insert for the **unexpired term**. Line 30, substitute **President of the Board of Publication, Incorporated**, for *Publishing Agents*; and on line 30, after the words *shall be*, insert the word, **an**. Line 31, change *members* to **member**.

The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1129. The Board of Publication shall consist of forty-five members, **including** two Bishops selected by The Council of Bishops. The remaining members shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences on a ratio which will provide for an equitable distribution among the various Jurisdictions, based on the memberships thereof, *provided* that no Jurisdiction shall be represented by fewer than two members. Membership on the Board shall be equally divided, as far as practicable, between Ministers and Laymen. It shall be the duty of **The Secretary of the General Conference** to inform the various Jurisdictional Secretaries of the number of members to be elected from their Jurisdictions, the ratio of such representation being computed on the basis of the latest official membership statistics available. The **tenure** of office of any member of the Board of Publication shall be limited to **twelve** years. In the first election, as **nearly as may be, one-third of the members from each Jurisdiction** shall be elected for only four years, **one-third for eight** years, and **one-third for twelve years**, the Jurisdictional Conference determining the tenure of office of each member elected. In case a vacancy occurs between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference for any cause, the Board shall fill the vacancy, **for the unexpired term**, from that Jurisdiction in the representation of which the vacancy occurs. The **President of the Board of Publication, Incorporated**, shall be **an ex officio member** of the Board, without vote.

Par. 1131, renumbered to 1130. Delete entire Paragraph, as follows: *The Board shall meet as soon as practicable after the Jurisdictional Conferences for organization and the adoption of such regulations as it may deem necessary or desirable. The Board shall meet annually, and special meetings may be held at such times and places as the Board may appoint, or at the call of the Chairman. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman whenever requested, in writing, by one-third of the members. At all meetings of the Board a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.*

Substitute therefor the following:

Par. 1130. The Board shall meet annually. The place and time of all meetings shall be designated by the Board but if they fail to do so then the time and place shall be designated by the Chairman. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman upon his own initiative or by the Board. Special meetings shall also be called by the Chairman upon written request of one-third of the members of the Board. At all meetings of the Board a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Par. 1132, renumber to 1131. Line 2, delete the words *the condition of*; line 4, after the word *make*, insert the word **written**; line 5, delete the words *Jurisdictional Conferences, and*, and substitute **Church through**.

The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1131. The Board shall keep a correct record of its proceedings and shall examine carefully **into the affairs of** The Methodist Publishing House and make **written Report** thereof to the **Church through The General Conference**.

Par. 1133, renumber to 1132. Line 2, delete the words *the Publishing Agents, the* and substitute **President (Publisher)**; line 3, delete the words *papers of the Church, and*; substitute **Church papers**; at the end of the *Paragraph add* and other salaried Officers provided for by this Chapter.

The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1132. The Board shall fix the salaries of the following officers: **President (Publisher)**, Book Editor, the Editors of the Official **Church Papers**, the Editor of Church School Publications, and other salaried Officers provided for by this Chapter.

Par. 1134, renumber to 1133. Delete the entire Paragraph, which reads:

The Board of Publication shall provide for the continuation of the quarterly, Religion in Life, and determine the Budget which shall be allowed for its publication. The Book Editor shall be the Editor. Substitute the following:

Par. 1133. The Board of Publication, at its discretion may continue the publication of the quarterly, Religion in Life, with the Book Editor responsible for its editorial content.

Par. 1135, delete the entire Paragraph, which reads:

The Board shall have authority to fill vacancies occurring during the intervals of Jurisdictional Conferences in any of the offices mentioned in this Chapter.

Par. 1136, renumber as 1134.

Par. 1137, renumber as 1135. Lines 3 and 4, change the words *Chairman of the Board, who shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee* to read **Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Board, who shall serve respectively as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Executive Committee.** Line 6, delete the words *of the six Jurisdictions* and substitute the word **Jurisdiction**; substitute **President** for *Publishing Agents*. Line 7, change *ex officio members* to **an ex officio member**. At the end of the Paragraph delete *until the next meeting of the Board* and add **subject to confirmation by the Board at its next meeting.**

The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1135. The Board of Publication shall elect from its membership an Executive Committee, of sixteen members, including the **Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Board, who shall serve respectively as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Executive Committee.** Not more than four members of the Executive Committee shall be from **any one Jurisdiction.** In addition, the **President** shall be **an ex-officio member** without vote. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Executive Committee shall be filled by it, **subject to confirmation by the Board at its next meeting.**

Par. 1138, renumber as 1136. Line 1, after the word *and*, insert **may**; lines 2 and 3, delete the words *and only those powers which the Board of Publication may delegate to it*; and substitute **the powers of the Board except those expressly reserved for Board action by the Discipline or by the Corporate Charter and By-laws.**

The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1136. The Executive Committee shall have and **may** exercise **all the powers of the Board except those expressly reserved for Board action by the Discipline or by the Corporate Charter and By-laws.** It shall meet quarterly to examine the affairs under its charge and shall keep and submit to the Board correct records of its proceedings. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chairman upon his own initiative, and shall be called upon the written request of five members of the Executive Committee. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION III. Change heading "*Publishing Agents*" to **Executives.**

Par. 1139, renumber as 1137. Delete Paragraph which reads:

The Board of Publication shall elect, quadrennially, two Publishing Agents. (Note: The General Conference of 1952 recommended to the Board of Publication, for its consideration and determination, the proposal of the Church Survey Commission that there should be one Publishing Agent instead of two, the title for the function to be determined by the Board.)

Substitute therefor the following:

Par. 1137. Officers of each Corporation under the direction of the Board of Publication shall be elected annually in accordance with its Charter and By-laws.

Par. 1140. Delete the Paragraph, which reads as follows:
The Board shall have power to prescribe regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter, for the government of the Publishing Agents; and in all such regulations, as well as in their entire management, both the Board and Publishing Agents shall keep in view the objects for which The Methodist Publishing House is established, and shall strive to accomplish this object in the most efficient and economical manner.

Par. 1141. Delete entire Paragraph which reads as follows:

The Board shall determine the functions of the Publishing Agents so that there shall be unity and efficiency in the operations of The Methodist Publishing House.

Par. 1142, renumber as 1138. Delete Paragraph which reads:

The Publishing Agents shall be the Administrative Officers of The Methodist Publishing House, under the supervision and direction of the Board, subject to the adjustment of their functions by the Board as authorized in this Chapter.

Substitute the following:

Par. 1138. The Executive Officer elected pursuant to Par. 1123 shall also be elected the President of each Corporation under the direction of the Board of Publication.

Par. 1143, renumber as 1139. Delete Paragraph, which reads:

The Board shall require the Publishing Agents to report to the Executive Committee at least once in each quarter the state of the current business of The Methodist Publishing House during that period.

Substitute the following:

Par. 1139. The Board shall require written quarterly Reports to the Executive Committee covering the current condition and operating status of the business.

**THE BOARD SHALL REPORT THE PERSONNEL AND SALARIES OF ALL EXECUTIVES IN THE QUADREN-
NIAL REPORTS TO THE 1960 GENERAL CONFER-
ENCE.**

Par. 1144, renumber as 1140. Line 1, change *Publishing Agents* to **President (Publisher)**. Line 4, change *they* to **he**.

The Paragraph will then read :

Par. 1140. The **President (Publisher)**, with the approval of the Board, shall have authority to extend the business of The Methodist Publishing House in such manner as **THEY** may judge to be for the best interests of the Church.

Par. 1145, renumber as 1141. Line 1, change *Publishing Agents* to **President and other Corporate Executive Officers**. Line 2, change *bonds* to **bond**. Line 3, after the word *their*, insert the word **respective**; and delete the remainder of the sentence which reads: *as Publishing Agents and as Treasurers of The General Conference or other Bodies of The Methodist Church*. Insert it also shall authorize the execution of a **blanket bond covering all Staff personnel, whose responsibilities justify such coverage**. Beginning on line 6, delete the remainder of the Paragraph, which reads: *The bonds covering each account shall be determined by the Board, and the several premiums paid by each account, and the Chairman of the Board shall be the custodian of the Agents' bonds above mentioned. The Publishing Agents, acting in the capacity of Treasurers of these various funds, shall submit to the Board annually, and oftener if requested, an audited Report of each account, the cost of said Report being a charge against the account covered*. Substitute: **The amount of the bonds shall be fixed by the Board and said bonds shall be subject to the approval of the Board. The premiums for said bonds shall be paid by the Board, and the Chairman of the Board shall be the custodian of the bonds.**

The Paragraph will then read :

Par. 1141. The Board shall require the **President and other Corporate Executive Officers** to give bond conditioned upon the faithful discharge of their **respective** duties. It also shall authorize the execution of a **blanket bond covering all Staff personnel whose responsibilities justify such coverage**. The amount of the bonds shall be fixed by the Board and said bonds shall be subject to the approval of the Board. The premiums for said bonds shall be paid by the

Board, and the Chairman of the Board shall be the custodian of the bonds.

Par. 1146, renumber as 1142. Lines 2 and 3, change *Publishing Agents* to **President**. The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1142. The Board shall have power to suspend, after hearing, and to remove, after hearing, the **President** or any of the Officers created by this Chapter, for misconduct or failure to perform the duties of their office.

Par. 1147, renumber as 1143. Revise Paragraph which now reads: *The Board of Publication shall elect quadrennially by ballot a Book Editor, who shall edit all the books of our publication, except those issued by other Agencies of the Church for promotional purposes, and books approved by the Curriculum Committee to be edited by the Editor of Church-School Publications. In the preparation of general textbooks in the field of Christian education he shall consult and collaborate with the Editor of Church-School Publications. The Book Editor shall perform such other editorial duties as may be required of him by the Board of Publication. He shall have joint responsibility with the Publishing Agents in passing on all manuscripts considered for publication.*

The Paragraph would then read:

Par. 1143. The Board of Publication shall elect quadrennially a Book Editor, who shall have a joint responsibility with the Publisher for approving manuscripts considered for publication. He shall edit all the books of our publication, including "Religion in Life." In the case of materials authorized by the Curriculum Committee in the field of Christian Education which are to be edited by the Editor of Church-School Publications he shall collaborate with the Church-School Editor whenever such collaboration is necessary or desired. He shall perform such other editorial duties as may be required of him by the Board of Publication. **He shall not have responsibility for materials issued by other Boards and Agencies of the Church for Program or Promotional Purposes.**

SECTION V. Change heading "*A Weekly Religious Paper*" to **general church periodicals.**

Par. 1148.1. Renumber as Par. 114.1. Delete section 1, which reads: *There shall be published by the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church a weekly religious paper known as The Christian Advocate. (Note: The General Conference of 1952 referred to the Board of Publication, with power to act, the recommendation of the Church Survey*

Commission regarding a periodical for Pastors and a periodical for the family.)

Substitute therefor the following:

Par. 1144.1. The Board of Publication of The Methodist Church is authorized to publish a periodical for Pastors, and a periodical for the family which shall be a General Magazine informative and vital to the religious life of all Methodists. The Board may, at its discretion, issue such editions of the Official periodicals as in its judgment may be deemed advisable.

Section 2. Delete entire section, which reads as follows:
The Board of Publication may issue such editions of The Christian Advocate as in its judgment may be deemed advisable.

Section 3, renumber as Section 2. Lines 1, 2, and 3, delete the words *an Editor quadrennially, and shall from time to time elect such Associate Editors as may be necessary.*

Substitute the following: **The Editors of these General Church Periodicals and shall define their general responsibilities.** The Paragraph will then read:

2. The Board of Publication shall elect quadrennially the Editors of these General Church Periodicals and shall define their general responsibilities.

Delete Section 4, which reads: *The general powers and responsibilities of the Editor and Associates shall be defined by the Board of Publication.*

Section 5, renumber as Section 3.

Section 6, renumber as Section 4. Delete section, which reads: *All other details of the publication of The Christian Advocate and the Central Christian Advocate shall be directed by the Publishing Agents, subject to the supervision and control of the Board of Publication and its Executive Committee.*

Substitute the following:

4. All other details relating to the publishing and distribution of these periodicals, not specifically delegated to the Editors, shall be under the Direction of the Publisher.

Section 7, renumber as Section 5.

Section 8. Delete section, which reads: *In case of a vacancy among the Editors, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Publication for the unexpired term.*

Par. 1149. Renumber as Par. 1145. In line 6, change the word President to Chairman.

The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1145. There shall be an Editor of Church School Publications elected quadrennially by the Board of Education from nominations of a joint Committee of the Board of Publication and the Editorial Division of the Board of Education, which Committee shall be composed of the **Chairman** of the Board of Publication, the President of the Board of Education, and two members, from the Board of Publication and two members from the Editorial Division of the Board of Education. The election of the Editor shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Publication. A vacancy in this office shall be filled by the same procedure.

Par. 1150, renumber as Par. 1146.

Par. 1151, renumber as Par. 1147. In lines 3 and 4, substitute **Publisher** for **Publishing Agents** so that the Paragraph will read as follows:

Par. 1147. There shall be a Curriculum Committee, which shall include in its membership the Editor of Church-School Publications, the Book Editor, and the **Publisher**, and which shall determine the curriculum of the Church School. The Editor of Church-School Publications, after final approval by the Board of Education, shall prepare the materials to be produced for use in Church Schools, including Methodist Youth Fellowships, training schools, and all other Agencies related in any way to the work of the Board of Education. The Committee shall also make plans for the improvement and circulation of the Church-School Literature.

Renumber Paragraphs 1152, 1153, and 1154, respectively, as Nos. 1148, 1149, and 1150.

In Par. 1153 (renumbered as 1149) line 6, change *Publishing Agents* to **Publisher**.

Par. 1155, renumber as Par. 1151. Line 1, change *The Board of Publication and the Publishing Agents* to **The Board of Publication and the Publisher** shall. Line 4, change the **Publishers** to **The Methodist Publishing House**. The Paragraph will then read:

Par. 1151. **The Board of Publication and the Publisher** shall have authority to decline to publish any item of literature when in their judgment the cost would be greater than should be borne by **The Methodist Publishing House**.

Par. 1156, renumber as Par. 1152. Line 2, delete *Committee on the*; line 8, change *Publishing Agents* to **Publisher**, so that the Paragraph will read:

Par. 1152. The Editor of Church-School Publications and the Chairman of the Editorial Division of the Board of Edu-

cation shall have the right to sit with the Board of Publication for the consideration of matters pertaining to the joint interests of the Board of Publication and the Board of Education and shall have the privilege of the floor, without vote. The **Publisher** shall have the right to sit with the Board of Education for the consideration of matters pertaining to the joint interests of the Board of Education and the Board of Publication and shall have the privilege of the floor, without vote.

Par. 1157, renumber as Par. 1153.

Pars. 1158 and 1159, renumber as Pars. 1154 and 1155 respectively.

Par. 1162, renumber as Par. 1156. Line 8, change \$50,000 to \$100,000, so that the Paragraph will read:

Par. 1156. The Methodist Publishing House shall not buy, sell, or exchange any real estate except by order of The General Conference, or, between the sessions of The General Conference, by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board of Publication; nor shall the Board authorize any new buildings or make any improvements, alterations, or repairs to existing buildings to cost in excess of \$100,000, except by order of The General Conference, or between sessions of The General Conference, by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Board. In either case, such vote shall be taken at a regular or called meeting of the Board; and, if at a called meeting, the purpose of this meeting shall have been stated in the call. (See Paragraphs 1107, 1115 (7) for additional requirements and restrictions.)

Par. 1163, renumber as 1157. Line 3, change \$25,000 to \$100,000, so that the Paragraph will read:

Par. 1157. The erection of a new building, or the improvement, alteration, or repair of an existing building, involving an expenditure of not more than \$100,000, may be authorized by the vote of a majority of the Executive Committee. These provisions shall not prevent the making of investments on mortgage security or the protection of the same, or the collection of claims and adjustments. See Paragraphs 1107, 1115 (7) 1156 for additional requirements and restrictions.)

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 40; F, 40; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE JOURNALS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. SEE REPORT

*Calendar No. 75. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 975.*

Your Committee had before it the Journals of each of the six Jurisdictional Conferences. We find the Journals well kept, their Reports and daily record systematically displayed. The Northeastern, Southeastern, North Central, and South Central Journals are indexed; the Western and Central Journals are not.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 42; F, 40; A, 0; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: DISCOUNT ON BOOKS FOR METHODIST MINISTERS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2939

*Calendar No. 111. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 975.*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests carefully considered the subject of Discount on Books for Methodist ministers, as proposed in this Memorial, and recommends that the matter be referred to the Board of Publication for review of its policy discounts.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 41; F, 38; A, 2; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: RACIAL SEGREGATION IN THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2924, 2925, 2927, 2933, 2940

*Calendar No. 112. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 975.*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests carefully considered the above-numbered Memorials on Racial Segregation in The Methodist Publishing House, and the Resolution referred to it by action of The General Conference on April 26th. In view of the information given to the Committee, it respectfully recommends the following:

We note with approval the steps toward abolishment of segregation taken so far by The Methodist Publishing House

in its various offices and printing plants, and urge the continuance of the process of integration until it is completed. Further, believing that The Methodist Church, being an Inter-Racial Church, should take the lead in bettering employment practices, we recommend to The Methodist Publishing House that it give members of every race an equal opportunity in both employment and promotion at all levels of its organization.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 41; F, 40; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION, PAGES 9
THROUGH 39 OF 1956, QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3009

*Calendar No. 113. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 976.*

The Methodist Publishing House experienced in this last quadrennium the greatest period of growth and service. This is revealed through several "measures of service" in the Quadrennial Report:

1. Measured in its financial aspects:

\$71,167,178.73 in Net Sales, \$20,250,866.33 above the preceding four years;

\$17,013,997.63 in Net Worth, \$4,314,896.45 above the Net Worth in 1951;

\$1,850,000.00 appropriated for Conference Claimants, lifting the Publishing House total support for this great cause through the years to \$15,468,198.00.

2. Measured by the circulation of Church School Literature and Church Papers:

A gain of 886,484 copies over the preceding quadrennium to a total circulation of 6,834,644 per issue as of May 31, 1955.

3. Measured in terms of publishing:

7,186,505 books produced, compared to 6,473,789 in the preceding four years;

An increase in Church School supplies from 65,974,652 units to 97,452,593;

A gain in Church Bulletin circulation from 64,110,650 copies to 247,014,900.

4. Measured in terms of printing:

85,252,259 pounds of paper used, 15,013,964 above that of four years ago; total ink and paper used in terms of carloads, 2,863 freight cars.

5. Measured in terms of retail service:

Through the 12 regional Mail-order Houses and 15 Cokesbury Book Stores unprecedented service has been rendered to the Local Churches and individual customers in meeting their needs for books, Bibles, audio-visuals, and church and Church-School supplies.

For the remarkable record indicated by the foregoing figures, and more fully stated in the Quadrennial Reports, we express profound appreciation to the Board of Publication, to the Publishing Agents, Lovick Pierce and J. Edgar Washabaugh, and to the 1,950 employees of The Methodist Publishing House. We also express appreciation for their foresight in long range planning, making provisions for growth and further increased service of The Methodist Publishing House.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 38; F, 37; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: POLICIES REGARDING LEADING METHODIST PUBLICATIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2932

AMENDED AND REFERRED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 976.

Calendar No. 114. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 976.

Inasmuch as this Memorial deals with a plan for publications issued by several Boards of the Church, and this subject is covered by a Report from the Co-ordinating Council, the Committee on Publishing Interests refers this Memorial to the Co-ordinating Council **AND THE COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION.**

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 42; F, 42; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: PROMOTIONAL PUBLICATIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2936, 2938, 2944, 2946, 2947

*Calendar No. 115. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 976.*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests voted to refer these Memorials to the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, as they deal with the publication of Promotional Periodicals and Materials.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman;*

GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 12. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 41; F, 41; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: EDITING THE "*Discipline.*"

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. SEE REPORT

*Calendar No. 118. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 976.*

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following Resolution:

That the Book Editor, the Secretary of The General Conference, and the Publisher be charged with editing the *Discipline*. The Editors in the exercise of their judgment shall have authority to make such changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance.

The Committee further recommends that the 1956 *Discipline* be published as soon as possible after the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conferences and that there be included therein the Directory listing the Bishops, the members of the various Boards and Commissions of the Church insofar as information is available at the time.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman;*

GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary.*

REPORT NO. 13. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 41; F, 41; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: REVISION OF HYMNAL AND HYMNAL FOR SMALL CHURCHES

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3152, 3166

Calendar No. 119. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 977.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests carefully considered Memorials Nos. 3152 and 3166, relating to the Hymnal, and inasmuch as these matters are being studied by the Commission on Worship this Committee recommends reference to that Commission for its study and action.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 41; F, 40; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENCE MEMORIALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 1949, 2760, 2765, 2767, 2768, 2769, 2919, 2922, 2923, 2926, 2928, 2930, 2931, 2934, 2937, 2948, 3013, 3016, 3017, 3162

Calendar No. 210. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 978.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests had before it the above-numbered Memorials and after careful consideration of each Memorial, voted Non-Concurrence.

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. PUBLISHING INTERESTS

M, 50; P, 43; F, 41; A, 0; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2943

Calendar No. 269. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 978.

The Committee concurred in the Memorial to continue the *Central Christian Advocate* and voted to retain Par. 1148 Sec. 5 of the 1952 *Discipline* which reads as follows:

"There shall be published the *Central Christian Advocate*, for service in the Central Jurisdiction. Its Editor shall be elected quadrennially from the Central Jurisdiction by the Board of Publication."

J. OTIS YOUNG, *Chairman*;
GEORGE E. CLARY, SR., *Secretary*.

NO. 13. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Chairman: Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE).

Vice-Chairman: Frederick E. Maser (Philadelphia—NE).

Secretary: Mrs. Arthur L. Young (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W).

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 42.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to Ritual and Orders of Worship.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For list of Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 16; F, 15; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 27, 1956

SUBJECT: REVISION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3156

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 906.

Calendar No. 34. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 905.

The Committee recommends that the Commission on Worship be authorized to prepare a revision of the Book of Worship to be presented for consideration by The General Conference of 1960; copies of such suggested revision to be in the hands of Delegates to The General Conference at least six months prior to its convening.

TO AVOID CONFUSION FOR WORSHIPPING CONGREGATIONS DURING THE PERIOD WHEN REVISION IS BEING PLANNED, THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE IS DIRECTED TO CONTINUE THE 1952 EDITION WITHOUT CHANGE DURING THE 1956-1960 QUADRENNIUM.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;

MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON WORSHIP AND THE FINE ARTS, PAGES 668 AND 669 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3139

Calendar No. 107. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 906.

The Committee votes concurrence in the Report of the Commission on Worship and The Fine Arts pages 668 and 669 of the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of the Boards and Commissions with the following amendment:

To the last line, bottom page 668, continuing at top of page 669 reading as follows:

Since the "*Discipline*" is becoming so large the Commission expresses the hope that it will be made a Book of Law for the Church, and that all Ritual Services will be included in the Book of Worship. In that case the "Book of Worship" would become the Ritual Book and the "*Discipline*" the Book of Law.

Add the following:

with the understanding that the Rituals for Baptism, Reception into Membership, the Holy Communion, Marriage, and Burial of the Dead, be included in the "*Discipline*," the "Book of Worship," and the "Methodist Hymnal."

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;

MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 13; F, 13; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON WORSHIP

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3141

Calendar No. 108. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 907.

The Committee recommends that the following be substituted for Par. 2007, page 628 of the "*Discipline*," and inserted in its proper place in Part VII as one of the Administrative Agencies of the Church:

There shall be a permanent Commission on Worship of The Methodist Church.

The Commission shall be composed of the following (nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by each General Conference): 2 Bishops, 1 Minister and 1 Lay person from each Jurisdiction, 3 members from the Church at Large and the Book Editor *ex-officio*. Vacancies during the quadrennium shall be filled by The Council of Bishops.

The Officers of the Commission shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary, elected on a quadrennial basis in such manner as the Commission may determine. The Commission shall meet at least once a year and at such other time as the Commission and its Officers shall determine.

The expense of the Commission shall be borne by the General Administration fund. The Commission shall present a proposed Budget to the Council on World Service and Finance for its consideration and action.

The functions of the Commission shall be:

1. To cultivate beauty, dignity and meaning in the worship experience of the Church.

2. To encourage by means of Manuals and other Publications, by seminars, workshops, and any other media good taste and practice in the conduct of worship, church music, church architecture and the use of the arts in the church.

3. When need arises to prepare Forms of Worship and to revise existing Orders of Worship for recommendation to The General Conference.

4. To supervise all future editions of the Book of Worship as may be authorized by The General Conference.

5. To make recommendations to The General Conference concerning possible future editions of The Methodist Hymnal.

6. To advise with any of the General Agencies of the Church in the publication and circulation of any Orders of Service and other liturgical materials bearing the imprint of The Methodist Church.

7. To advise with official publications of the Church concerning material offered in the fields of worship and liturgical arts.

8. To consult with the Television, Radio and Film Commission on matters of joint concern.

9. To encourage in our theological seminaries and Pastors' Schools the best possible instruction in the meaning and conduct of worship.

10. To advise with those responsible for planning the Program of The General Conference and other General Assemblies of the Church regarding the worship services on these occasions.

11. To offer suggestions and direction to the Worship Commissions of the various Conferences and of the Local Church.

12. To relate The Methodist Church to the Department of Worship and the Arts of the National Council of Churches of Christ and to the Inter-Denominational Bureau of Architecture.

It shall be the purpose of the Commission to enrich and not to govern the devotional life of the Church, recalling our dual heritage of liturgical and free worship, and that it is not necessary "that Rites and Ceremonies instituted by man should be everywhere alike."

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;

MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: PRAYER FOR DOUBLE RING CEREMONY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2792, 2793, 2794

Calendar No. 116. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 908.

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part X, Chapter I, in Paragraph 1917: on page 535, line 5, delete the words "*This ring*," and in their place substitute the following words, "**the wedding ring**";

so that this sentence will read "**the wedding ring** is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, signifying unto all the uniting of this man and this woman in holy matrimony, through the church of Jesus Christ our Lord."

In the line immediately following, after the words, "Let us pray," insert the following:

Bless O Lord, the giving of these rings, that they who wear them may abide forever in thy peace, and continue in

thy favor: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(or, in the case of a single ring ceremony)

Then follows the prayer as given in the present "*Discipline*."

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: TRIBUTE TO BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. COMMITTEE

Calendar No. 117. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 908.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

In the steadily growing movement clearly recognizable in our Church toward a richer and more meaningful experience of corporate worship, no one has played a more distinguished part than Bishop Ivan Lee Holt.

His devotion and labors in this field have been of long standing. He was a member of the Hymnal Commission which produced the present Methodist Hymnal. Ever since Unification he has been Chairman of successive General Conference Commissions on Worship, and as such gave leadership to the creation of the Book of Worship. Furthermore, since its publication he has been constantly on the alert to introduce it where it was not known, and to encourage its use in the congregation, the minister's study, and the homes of our people, until it has deeply enriched the devotional life of the entire Church.

In the discharge of the duties of his office Bishop Holt has through his unique gifts of mind, taste and spirit given a luminous example as to how corporate worship and the sacramental and liturgical office of the Church may be exalted with beauty and spiritual significance. Again and again at General meetings of the Church and at Ecumenical gatherings, he has prepared and conducted services of worship which have been an inspiration to many, and set a high standard for similar occasions. It is fitting that this special ministry should have been climaxed at his approaching retirement by planning and presiding at the Communion Service of this General Conference.

Therefore the Committee on Rituals and Orders of Worship wishes to join the General Conference Commission on Worship and the Fine Arts in acknowledging the great debt the entire Church owes to Bishop Holt for his contribution and leadership in this highest of all arts, the public worship of Almighty God, and in saluting him with our affection and the assurance that his influence among us will ever abide.

Paul Burt

Secretary, Commission on Worship

Nolan B. Harmon

Chairman, Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship

Mrs. Arthur L. Young (*)

Secretary, Committee on Ritual and Orders of Worship

REPORT NO. 6. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: AN AMENDED ORDER FOR ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES TO MEMBERSHIP IN AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE AN ORDER FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3168

Calendar No. 147. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 909.

The Committee recommends the insertion in Par. 1924, page 570 of the "*Discipline*," following the "Hymn of Praise which may be followed by an address by the Bishop" the following:

Admission on Trial

Here the Bishop shall cause to stand before him those who are to be Admitted on Trial, and address them as follows:

Dearly Beloved: This is a solemn hour in your life and also a high moment in the proceedings of this Conference. You are entering into a holy fellowship and you are following in the footsteps of those who have sought to spread scriptural holiness through the lands of the earth. There is no calling more sacred than that which you now enter, and no privilege more meaningful than that which comes to you through this holy ministry. Before this Annual Conference, I ask you:

Is it your purpose following the leadership of God's spirit,

to give faithful diligence to the work of the ministry?

"It is my purpose, with God's help, to give myself fully to the work of this ministry, and to serve God faithfully all my days."

After this the formal vote of the Conference on admitting the candidates to membership On Trial shall be taken. Then those received shall return to their seats.

Admission Into Full Membership

Here the Bishop shall cause to stand before him those who are to be Admitted into Membership.

To be followed by the act of dedication as at bottom of page 570.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 14; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: AN ORDER FOR THE BREAKING OF GROUND FOR A CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3170

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 909.

Calendar No. 148. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 909.

The Committee recommends insertion in the proper place in the *Discipline* the following **"Order for the Breaking of Ground."** This service was prepared by The Commission on Worship and The Fine Arts on referral by The General Conference of 1952.

AN ORDER FOR THE BREAKING OF GROUND

At the time appointed let the congregation assemble at the site set apart for the new church building.

HYMN 18 *"For the Beauty of the Earth," or other suitable hymn, the people standing.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into His courts.

People: **Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.**

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

(Here let the people bow in prayer.)

INVOCATION *The minister.*

Let us pray.

O Lord God, almighty and most merciful, Whom the heavens, even the heaven of heavens, cannot contain, much less temples built with hands, but Who dwellest with men, and delightest Thyself in the fellowship of Thy peoples: cleanse our hearts, we beseech Thee, from all evil thoughts and desires, and vouchsafe Thy divine presence and blessing, both that those things may please Thee which we do at this present, and also that we may at length obtain Thy favor with life everlasting in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT *Here let the people unite with the minister in prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, Who art ever exalted, yet always nigh, grant that we may worthily offer unto Thee, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, this ground upon which we stand, to be made holy with sacred aspiration and divine purpose, as a place upon which to build a temple and a sanctuary, where Thy glory shall be manifest among us and where all people shall come to call upon Thy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER *The Minister.*

O eternal God, our Heavenly Father, Who hast committed to us the work of building a temple to Thy blessed name; grant that when Thy gospel is preached in this place it may be in demonstration of Thy spirit and with power; that when Thy Holy Sacraments are here administered, it may be that those spiritual graces which the outward signs but represent, shall flow into the hearts of Thy people. Here let men worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Here when thy people come to offer their gifts upon Thine altar, let them consider Thy Son who, though He was rich, for their sakes became poor, that they, through His poverty, might become rich. Let the fullness of Thy love fill the people, and let Thy presence be in this place; and upon the church to be builded here, let Thy spirit, O God, Descend; and within this sanctuary let Thy glory dwell, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM *Here let the people stand and remain standing until after the Gloria Patri.*

The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek Thy face.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors.

And the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors.

And the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory?

The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is one Body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all and in all. But unto every-

one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ. From Whom the whole body fitly jointed together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Here let the minister offer an extempore prayer which may be followed by a brief address.

DECLARATION *The Minister.*

To the glory of God and in the presence of this congregation, I now request that ground be broken for M—— Church. Upon you as members of this congregation rests the responsibility and privilege to cause a church to rise here which shall be devoted to the honor and worship of Almighty God our Father, and to the glory of His blessed Son and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

THE BREAKING OF GROUND *Here let those selected come forward and as each turns a spadeful of earth let him repeat one of the following sentences to which the people will respond.*

That a church may rise herein which the ancient gospel of her Lord shall be proclaimed,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where little children shall learn to love God and grow in the beauty of Christian grace and character,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where through the years countless youth shall come to worship, pause to pray, and rise to serve,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where the weary and heavy laden shall find that inner peace which the world can neither give nor take away,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where the Word of God shall be so read **AND PREACHED** that it becomes the Living Word, and the Sacraments so administered that all life becomes a sacrament,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where moments of meditation and hours of worship may be touched with life-giving reality,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where those who seek first the Kingdom of God, may dedicate themselves to the unfinished tasks of evangelizing the whole of life,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here, where multitudes shall be refreshed in spirit, relieved from pain, released from bondage, redeemed from sin,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where the unsearchable riches of Christ shall bear fruit in making our human loves constant, our homes Christ-like, and our families creative centers of Christian influence,

We break this ground today.

That a church may rise here where all who bow in sorrow shall rise in faith in Him, in Whom to believe is life eternal,

We break this ground today.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, in communion with the saints in all ages, and remembering the heritage that has been given to us, we offer Thee our praise and thanksgiving.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Help us to accept the privilege and responsibility of this Thy fellowship of faith; here may we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

So may we fulfill the law of love.

Enable us, by Thy grace, to dedicate ourselves this day to the great task which dost lay upon our heads and consciences.

In all that we do, be Thou, O Lord, our Strength and Help.

Reveal to us the beauty of Thy perfect love, the joy of our living Lord, so that with glad hearts we may move forward in paths of high devotion and great achievement.

Be Thou, O Lord, our Guide and Help for evermore. Amen.

BENEDICTION

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: AN ORDER FOR THE ORGANIZING OF A CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4354

*Calendar No. 149. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 910.*

The Committee recommends insertion in the proper place in *The Discipline* the following "Order for the Organizing of a Church"—

AN ORDER FOR THE ORGANIZING OF A CHURCH

PRELUDE *The people in devout meditation.*

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE *The District Superintendent (or Pastor authorized by him).*

Dearly beloved, we are met on this occasion to establish a new congregation of The Methodist Church, which is a part of the Body of Christ: and to that end we dedicate ourselves and this hour.

The Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the promotion of His worship and the due administration of His word and ordinances, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

HYMN 379 *"I love thy kingdom, Lord," the people standing.*

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Behold, I will gather them out of all countries: and I will bring them again unto this place: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will turn away from them to do them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from Me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land

assuredly with My whole Heart, and with My whole Soul.

LITANY

For the revelation of Thy Word to humankind as it has come through patriarchs, prophets, and sages,

We praise Thy name, O Lord.

For salvation from sin, for redeeming love, and for all the ministry of the Gospel as it has blessed the seeking souls of men,

We praise Thy name, O Lord.

For the glorious hope of immortality, and the life of eternal fellowship.

We praise Thy name, O Lord.

For the high and holy privilege of knowing our lives redeemed, of following the way and spirit of Jesus Christ, and of accepting responsibility in the Church of Christ,

We praise Thy name, O Lord.

For the purpose of establishing this church, and in the full hope that it will render a complete ministry of redemption, education, worship, fellowship, and service,

We pledge ourselves, O God, to Thee this day. Amen.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATION *The District Superintendent shall give opportunity for those in attendance to present themselves for membership by Certificates of Transfer and on Profession of Faith and, when he is satisfied as to the genuineness of their faith and purpose, shall receive those who present themselves, using the regular forms in the Ritual. After this he shall complete the organization of the church as prescribed in the Discipline.*

DECLARATION OF ORGANIZATION

The District Superintendent shall say:

By what name shall this church henceforth be known?

To which the Pastor, Chairman of the Official Board or Other Official shall answer:

It shall be called the N.— Methodist Church.

Then shall the District Superintendent say:

In accordance with the laws and the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church, I hereby declare that N.— Methodist Church is duly constituted and organized for the Glory of God, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the service of humanity.

THE LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience Godliness; and to Godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren, nor unfaithful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.

HYMN 416 *"Blest be the tie that binds."*

THE ADDRESS

HYMN 381 *"The Church's One Foundation," the people standing.*

BENEDICTION

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 1, 1956

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENCE REPORT

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 245. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1025.

The Committee recommends non-concurrence in Memorials numbered as follows: 2780-2791, 2795, 2796, 2798, 2799, 2800, 2801, 3143, 3144, 3147, 3148, 3149, 3150, 3154, 3155, 3157, 3158, 3159, 3160, 3161, 3163, 3164, 3165, 3167, 3169, 3172, 3173, 3174, 4355, 4838.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman*;
MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. RITUAL AND ORDERS OF WORSHIP

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: REFERENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3145, 3151, 3153, 4353

*Calendar No. 254. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 910.*

This Committee recommends that the above Memorials
be referred to the Commission on Worship.

NOLAN B. HARMON, *Chairman;*

MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG (*), *Secretary.*

NO. 14. STATE OF THE CHURCH

Chairman: Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark)

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Secretary: Lloyd A. Gustafson (North Iowa—NC)

Assistant Secretary: Charles S. Kendall (Southern California-Arizona—W)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 59.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to social service, labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and those elements, factors, and aspects of the social and spiritual welfare of the Church not made the responsibility of any other committee.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For list of Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 56; F, 54; A, 1; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 28, 1956

SUBJECT: THE METHODIST CHURCH AND RACE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2731, 2732, 2733, 2734, 2735, 2736, 2748, 2749, 2752, 2753, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2757, 2758, 3280, 3282, 3285, 3334, 3509, 3510, 3511, 3512, 3514, 3515, 3682, 3684, 3685, 3687, 3688, 3742

AMENDED May 1, 1956. See Journal, Page 406. May 2, 1956.

See Journal, Page 449.

Calendar No. 33. Adopted May 2, 1956. See Journal, Pages 406-422, 448-455.

The teaching of our Lord is that all men are brothers. The Master permits no discrimination because of race, color, or national origin.

The position of The Methodist Church, long held and frequently declared, is an amplification of our Lord's teaching. "To discriminate against a person solely upon the basis

of his race is both unfair and unchristian. Every child of God is entitled to that place in society which he has won by his industry and his character. To deny that position of honor because of the accident of his birth is neither honest democracy nor good religion." (The Episcopal Address, 1952 and 1956).

There must be no place in The Methodist Church for racial discrimination or enforced segregation. **RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE NOT ATTAINED THIS GOAL, YET REJOICING IN THE PROGRESS MADE, WE RECOMMEND THAT DISCRIMINATION OR SEGREGATION BY ANY METHOD OR PRACTICE, WHETHER BY CONFERENCE STRUCTURE OR OTHERWISE IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, BE ABOLISHED WITH REASONABLE SPEED.** The growing spirit of brotherhood throughout the Church strengthens our confidence that, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to go forward.

There is a changing racial climate in our world, largely growing out of the teachings of the Christian Church. The conscience of society has become increasingly sensitive regarding racial discrimination and injustice. Methodists unite with people of all lands and all faiths in a determined effort to eliminate these unchristian practices. We look to the ultimate establishment of a truly Christian society.

The Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States relative to segregation make necessary far-reaching and often difficult community readjustments throughout the nation. We call upon our people to effect these adjustments in all good faith, with brotherliness and patience. In doing this all racial groups must be willing to admit their imperfections and seek to correct them. Let these things, however, be done in love lest the cause of Christ suffer at our hands.

It is our desire to accomplish the realization of Christian brotherhood and full participation by all in every aspect of the Church's life. We join other people of good will around the world in moving toward the day when all races shall share richly without discrimination or segregation in the good things of life. Therefore we resolutely go forward with the work begun with respect to race relations in the Church and in our world.

In this spirit, we recommend the following:

1. That the Institutions of the Church, Local Churches, colleges, universities, theological schools, publishing agencies, hospitals, and homes carefully restudy their policies

and practices as they relate to race, making certain that these policies and practices are Christian.

2. That Methodists in their homes, in their work, in their churches and in their communities actively work to eliminate discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. That parents, teachers and others who work with children and youth help create attitudes which make it easy to live in harmony with those of other races.

3. That Methodist churches in changing neighborhoods, rather than seeking new locations, early prepare their people to welcome into their fellowship all races as they become a part of their community.

That our Pastors, upon whom rests the responsibility of receiving individuals into church membership, discharge that responsibility without regard to race, color, or national origin.

4. That Bishops, District Superintendents, Pastors and Lay Leaders seek ways for the implementation of better fraternal relations between the Central Jurisdiction and other Jurisdictions where they are adjacent, by closer co-operation at Annual and District Conferences and at Local Church levels.

5. That Methodists at National and Inter-National meetings of the Church make provision for equality of accommodations for all races without discrimination or segregation.

6. That the many racial and national groups which make up our Methodist world fellowship be afforded the opportunity without discrimination to enjoy full participation in all the activities of the church.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;

LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 2. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 47; F, 47; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: RELIGION AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. REQUEST FROM FLOOR OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE, MAY 2

*Calendar No. 177. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1004*

The May 2 session of The General Conference referred to your Committee a Resolution asking that Paragraph 2028

of the 1952 *Discipline* dealing with "Religion and the Public Schools" be presented again in the 1956 *Discipline*. Your Committee recommends that the request be granted.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 3. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 47; F, 45; A, 1; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: THE SOCIAL CREED

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2737, 2742, 2745, 2750, 2751, 3301, 3311, 3342, 3349, 3351, 3352, 3503, 3690, 3718, 3729, 3730, 3732, 3738, 3739, 3008, 3302

AMENDED May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 842, 848.

Calendar No. 176. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 841-851.

THE METHODIST SOCIAL CREED

I. Our Heritage. The interest of The Methodist Church in social welfare springs from the gospel and from the labors of John Wesley, who ministered to the physical, intellectual, and social needs of the people to whom he preached the gospel of personal redemption.

In our historic position we have sought to follow Christ in bringing the whole of life, with its activities, possessions, and relationships, into conformity with the will of God.

As Methodists we have an obligation to affirm our position on social and economic questions.

II. Our Theological Basis. The Methodist Church must view the perplexing times and problems which we face today in the light of the teachings of Jesus. Jesus taught us to love our neighbors, and seek justice for them. To be silent in the face of need, injustice, and exploitation is to deny Him.

We believe that God is Father of all peoples and races, that Jesus Christ is His Son, that all men are brothers, and that man is of infinite worth as a child of God.

We believe that "the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." Our own capacities and all we possess are gifts of the Creator, and should be held and used in stewardship to Him.

We believe that a Christian society is essential to the full nurture of a Christian person.

We believe that sin, both individual and social, stands under the judgment of God, and that the grace of God in Christ is available for redemption in all areas of life as we seek in penitence and obedience to do His holy will.

We believe that all persons have supreme value in the sight of God, and ought to be so regarded by us. We test all Institutions and practices by their effect upon persons. Personality is oppressed in many parts of the world, and we seek its emancipation and those things which will enrich and redeem it. Since Jesus died for the redemption of human life we believe we should live to help save man from sin and from every influence which would harm or destroy him.

III. Our Declaration of Social Concern. Applying the foregoing principles The Methodist Church declares itself as follows:

(A) **The Family.** We seek equal rights and justice for all men; protection of the individual and the family by high standards of morality; Christian education for marriage, parenthood and the home; adequate housing, proper regulation of marriage, and uniform divorce laws.

We stand for regulation of working conditions for women, especially mothers, and safeguards for their physical and moral environment; for the abolition of injurious child labor; for the protection, education, spiritual nurture, and wholesome recreation of every child; and for religious and educational programs which will secure these ends.

(B) **Economic Life.** 1. Christianity and the Economic Order. With full acknowledgment of Stewardship under God and accountability to Him, we stand for the acquisition of property by Christian processes and the right of private ownership thereof. We refuse to identify Christianity with any economic system. We test every economic order by the commands of our Christ and judge its practices by the Christian gospel. We believe that it is our duty not only to bring Christ to the individual, but also to bring the society within which we live more nearly into conformity with the teachings of Christ. We believe that the free democratic way of life ruled by Christian principles can bring to mankind a society in which liberty is preserved, justice established, and brotherhood achieved. We therefore pledge ourselves to sustain these values and to implement the teachings of Christ by voting our Christian convictions in all elections, by participating in political action as party members or independents and by offering and supporting candidates who will translate our social ideas into social reality.

2. **Poverty and Unemployment.** We believe that the eco-

conomic development which makes possible material plenty for all, places upon us great moral responsibility in that the physical and spiritual development of millions of persons throughout the world is now needlessly hindered by poverty. We therefore stand for the abatement and prevention of poverty everywhere.

We believe that it is our Christian duty to provide for all men opportunity to earn an adequate livelihood. Since lack of significant employment tends to destroy human self-respect, we believe that workers must be safeguarded from enforced unemployment.

3. Wealth. We recognize the perils of prosperity. Our Lord has told us that we cannot serve God and mammon. As Christians we must examine earnestly before God both our personal and business practices, lest we **UNWITTINGLY** adopt the standards and assumptions of a materialistic society to the exclusion of our Christian stewardship.

Since Churches and their Institutions as well as individuals own property, invest funds, and employ labor, care must be exercised that all such relationships conform to the highest Christian standards. Any judgment upon society must "begin at the house of God."

4. Working Conditions. We oppose all forms of social, economic, and moral waste. We urge the protection of the worker from dangerous and unsanitary working conditions, and from occupational diseases.

We stand for reasonable hours of labor, for just wages, for a fair day's work for a fair day's wage, for fair working conditions, for periods of leisure, and for an equitable division of the product of industry.

5. Social Benefits for Workers. We stand for security for old age, for insurance against injury to the worker, and for increased protection against those preventable conditions which produce want.

6. The Right to Organize for Collective Bargaining. We stand for the right of employees and employers alike to organize for collective bargaining; protection of both in the exercise of their right; the obligation of both to work for the public good.

7. Rural Life. We recognize the basic significance of rural areas in relation to population supply, natural resources, community life, and Christian culture. Methodism, because of its large rural membership and world-wide impact must lead in developing an adequate Christian program in rural areas everywhere. This should pertain to people in their re-

lationship to God, to the soil and all natural resources, and to family, Church, and community welfare. We believe the farmer should have opportunity to earn a fair income.

8. Urban Life. Our society is becoming increasingly urban. The city is a center of power for good or ill, and its shifting multitudes desperately need the guiding and healing power of religion. The Church must recognize that the city exhibits great needs and offers amazing opportunities for Kingdom building.

9. Christian Vocation. We believe that every adult should be engaged, so far as possible, in some vocation productive of common good. Every such vocation should be viewed as a Christian calling, and our daily work as a sphere of service to God for the advancement of His Kingdom.

(C) Intoxicants and Narcotics. Total abstinence is the historic position of our Church. We seek to protect the individual, the home and society from the social, economic and moral waste of any traffic in intoxicants and habit-forming drugs and from the invasion of the home by the advertising of alcoholic beverages. We urge objective and scientific study of the effects of alcoholic beverages and narcotics, and the use and support of educational processes in teaching abstinence through knowledge of these effects. The Church should also seek to understand the causes of alcoholism and drug addiction, and to give help to their victims in a healing and redemptive ministry and fellowship.

(D) Treatment of Crime. We stand for the application of the redemptive principle to the treatment of offenders against the law, to reform of penal and correctional methods, and to criminal court procedure. For this reason we deplore the use of capital punishment.

We recognize that crime, and in particular juvenile delinquency leading to crime, is often a result of bad social conditions. Christian citizens and Churches have a special opportunity and responsibility for creating those conditions of family life, wholesome recreation, vocational training, personal counseling and social adjustment by which crime may be reduced.

(E) Freedom from Discrimination. We stand for the rights of racial groups and insist that the social, economic, and spiritual principles set forth in this Creed apply to all races alike. We urge individual Christians and churches to make a serious and prayerful examination of their own attitudes and practices in regard to racial equality and fellowship with the determination to bring our practices into conformity with Christian ideals.

(F) War and Peace. 1. Principles. We stand for these propositions: Christianity cannot be nationalistic; it must be universal in its outlook and appeal. War makes its appeal to force and hate, Christianity to reason and love. The influence of the Church must therefore always be on the side of every effort seeking to remove animosities and prejudices which are contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ. It does not satisfy the Christian conscience to be told that war is inevitable. It staggers the imagination to contemplate another war with its unspeakable horrors in which modern science will make possible the destruction of whole populations. The methods of Jesus and the methods of war move in different directions.

It is not enough to declare the evil of war: we must actively and constantly create the conditions of peace. Among these are the promotion of understanding, reconciliation, and good will; the relief of suffering, the lifting of living standards around the world; concern for the freedom and welfare of dependent and subject peoples; the removal of racial tensions, the taking of all available steps toward disarmament; the giving of encouragement and support to patient negotiation by our leaders. These efforts must be viewed as a personal Christian responsibility and steadfastly undergirded with prayer.

2. Inter-National Co-operation. We believe that the United Nations as the agency and symbol of International Co-operation, should be given our support. The issues before it merit our careful and continuous study. In the realm of Inter-National affairs, the United Nations is our best hope for peace.

We believe that world peace is advanced by the United Nations and other Inter-National organizations and by more social use of our national resources. To missionary work as in the past, we need to add new forms of Inter-National social Co-operation.

3. The Christian Conscience and War. The Methodist Church, true to the principles of the New Testament, teaches respect for properly constituted civil authority. It encourages both love of country and love of all men. Believing that government rests upon the support of its conscientious citizens, it holds within its fellowship those who sincerely differ as to the Christian's duty in regard to war. We ask and claim exemption by legal processes from all forms of military preparation or service for all religious conscientious objectors, as for those of the historic peace Churches. We also recognize the right of the individual to answer the call of his government according to the dictates of his

Christian conscience. In both of these situations members of The Methodist Church have the authority and support of this Church.

(G) **Civil Liberties and Civil Rights.** We stand for the recognition and maintenance of the rights and responsibilities of free speech, free assembly, and a free press, and for the encouragement of free communications of ideas essential to the discovery of truth.

We stand for the right of all individuals and groups to advocate any peaceful and constitutional method for the solution of problems that may confront society.

We stand upon the principle of testing every such proposal in the light of the teachings of Jesus.

IV. Our Mandate—Read, Study, Apply. We recommend that this Social Creed be presented to our congregations orally or in printed form at least once a year, and that frequent references be made to it. We further recommend that in every Local Church a Committee shall encourage the study of our Social Creed and seek in every possible way to apply its principles.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*

REPORT NO. 4. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M. 80; P. 44; F. 44; A. 0; N. 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN FAMILY

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3258, 4518

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THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The modern family is struggling against great difficulties; the tensions created by the world situation; uncertainties due to the present military demands on youth; inadequate housing; uprooting of families due to unprecedented population shifts; and the coarsening influence of many mass media on the lives of children.

The end result of these difficulties is evidenced by the high rate of divorce, juvenile delinquency, broken lives, and a general laxity of moral standards. It is only when the family fulfills its highest functions and is truly Christian that its members rise above these difficulties and thus aid in halting the trends threatening the home.

The home is the place where emotional weaknesses of the members of the family come to light; where children ex-

press their innate hunger to be secure, to belong, to be needed, to be recognized.

Religion and the family naturally belong together. What religion is to accomplish it can do best in the family. What the family must do, it cannot do without religion. Religion and the family are natural allies. Religion is inseparable from the family. Family life at its best is a matter of living life at the deepest level, which is a level of relationship to God.

I. What Is a Christian Family?

A Christian family is one in which parents so live the Christian life and practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

A Christian family is one in which each member is accepted and respected as a person having sacred worth.

A Christian family is one that seeks to bring every member into the Christian way of living.

A Christian family is one that accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of developing the spiritual life of each person.

A Christian family is one that manifests a faith in God, observes daily prayer and grace at meals; is committed to behavior in keeping with Christian ideals for family relations, community life, and national and world citizenship.

II. Religion and the Family

The undergirding love of God, as taught by Christian parents, by word and example, is one of the greatest sources of emotional and spiritual security for the growing life. Where the awareness of God is present, families will find opportunities for informal experience of prayer in many situations of life. The beauties of nature, the joys of comradeship, the tragedies of bereavement, the elation that comes with good fortune, the facing of common problems—all these can be shared with God in the simple words of prayer.

In addition to these moments of informal religious expression, the Christian family will provide for planned periods of worship. This will include the participation in leadership by children as well as by adults. There is no substitute for the Bible as a central aid to worship when parents read it with appreciation for the growing needs of children. We recommend the use of such resources for worship as *The Christian Home*, *The Upper Room*, and the devotional materials in the Church-School Literature.

III. Marriage Relations

Marriage is an achievement. It doesn't just happen. It comprises a growing oneness in which emotional adjustments from time to time are affected by an understanding of right ways of living together. We believe that planned parenthood, practiced in Christian conscience, may fulfill rather than violate the will of God.

1. **Preparation.** It is increasingly obvious that if marriage is to succeed, there must be adequate preparation. Therefore, it is recommended that a regular course of instruction for youth on the Christian ideals of friendship, courtship, and marriage be given in each Local Church, using the available materials. In our Youth Assemblies, Camps, and Institutes, qualified persons should give counsel on personal problems, social relations, duties and privileges of Christian marriage. Suitable books, pamphlets and audio-visual resources should be made available for young people. It is further recommended that Courses of Instruction for young married couples on home building, income budgeting, child training, life adjustments, and personality problems be given by each Local Church.

The time has come when every person planning marriage should have the opportunity for skilled and careful counseling by Ministers or Staff Workers who are prepared in this field. If this is to be done, Pastors must be trained to guide young people through pre-marital and post-marital counseling.

2. **Mixed Marriages.** Religious convictions should be a strong tie in marriage. Recent research has emphasized the importance of common cultural and religious backgrounds as the foundations of successful marriage. It is, therefore, strongly urged that each young person consider carefully before becoming engaged to anyone who does not have a similar religious background. It is important that Protestant youth discuss this problem with their Ministers before it is too late. Ministers are urged to discuss with both youth and parents the likelihood of failure in mixed marriages.

3. **Divorce.** Divorce is not the answer to the problems that cause it. It is symptomatic of deeper difficulties. The Church must stand ready to point out these basic problems to couples contemplating divorce, and help them to discover and, if possible, to overcome such difficulties. In addition, the Church must stand ready to depict the unhappy circumstances that are to await the divorced person. As a Christian Church and as Ministers, we are obligated to aid, by counsel, persons who have experienced broken marriage, and to

guide them so that they may make satisfactory adjustments.

IV. Relationships in the Home

It is living together within the family that is the final test of religious living. The highest qualities are found in the life and character of Jesus Christ; these must be manifest in daily family living.

If we want to help the children in our homes develop there must be an inner acceptance of each child. He must be loved for himself with all the limitations he may possess. In each instance he must be treated as an individual.

1. Parent-child relations. We recognize that parents are constantly teaching in the home in unrecognized ways as well as in their conscious effort. Parents, in co-operation with the Church-School Teacher, should make possible the Christian education of their child throughout the week. There is great need for parents to interpret to their children in a Christian way the present world issues and needs, the politics of National and Inter-National Relationships, the efforts of the people of the world through the United Nations to do those things which make for peace and more abundant life, the complex problems created by the use of beverage alcohol and narcotics, and the need for adhering to Christian moral standards amid the tensions and pressures of our present-day living. There is also need for parents to guide their children in learning how to evaluate the propaganda to which they are constantly subjected through newspapers, magazines, radio, television and movies. At these points the Church and the family can support and strengthen each other in their ideals of personal conduct and social righteousness.

2. Co-operation. We recommend that our churches co-operate with other Agencies in the community that are working for the improvement of family life and for the strengthening of Christian character. The National Conference on Family Life has demonstrated one way in which the Boards and Agencies of the Church can work together for the promotion of Christian family living.

3. Sex education. Parents must assume the responsibility of interpreting to each child, before his adolescence, the facts regarding the origin of life. If properly instructed, parents are best fitted to educate their children in regard to sex, but if they have been negligent, then qualified persons in the Church should reverently teach the beautiful truths of life. We recognize that sex education is not mere information. It includes also the formation of attitudes and habits.

4. Mass media. Parents must also help their children

evaluate literature, radio, and television programs which come into the home and counteract the undesirable publicity brought into the home through these mass media in terms of Christian and wholesome attitudes, to the end that their children will develop a taste for the best.

5. **Three-generation families.** In the family there must be a recognition of the older adult. Medical science is making life increasingly longer. Older adults need and should have a significant place of recognition as members of the family circle.

V. The Church and the Family

The Church and the family need each other. Through their support of the Church, parents teach by example the importance of the Church in the life of the nation. When they neglect the Church, they teach their children that the Church is of little importance in the lives of people.

To help parents understand the importance of teaching in the home, and the best methods for guiding their children, it is recommended that Local Churches make provision for study classes and discussion groups on child development, family relationships, and the teaching of religion in the home, using the helpful materials provided through the regular publications of the Church.

There is value in all the members of the family worshipping together both in the home and the Church. It is expected that Local Churches will provide resources and help for the family worship experiences. Churches are encouraged to hold occasional special services at which the entire family can worship together, and the service will be planned for the participation of all age groups.

It is important for the churches to focus attention on the family at frequent intervals during the year. Especially do we recommend the observance of National Family Week as provided in The Methodist "*Discipline*" (par. 233, section 5).

Parents and teachers are urged to meet together frequently to discuss the Christian nurture of children and ways in which they can work together for better teaching. Parents are urged to read together with their children the lesson materials provided by the Church. Teachers are urged to keep parents informed regarding the objectives of the lesson materials and to point out ways in which parents can further these objectives through home participation.

VI. Legislation

To protect both the individual and society from hasty

marriages we favor legislation requiring a period of days or weeks between the application for a marriage license and the granting of it. This will allow sufficient time for consideration on the part of the two persons concerned. We also favor a longer interval between application for and granting of divorce.

We recommend laws requiring a medical examination of both contracting parties, and the refusal of a license to those unfitted physically or mentally by heredity or otherwise for the responsible state of matrimony.

We further favor uniform marriage and divorce laws.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: STRUCTURE OF BOARDS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2722, 2723, 2724, 2725, 2726, 2727, 2728, 2729, 2730, 2747, 3299, 3300, 3303, 3336, 3505, 3720, 3721, 3722, 3723, 3724, 4442

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1005.

Calendar No. 179. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 1005-1008.

The Committee views with favor the many Memorials indicating a desire on the part of the Church that the Board of Temperance, the Board of World Peace and the Board of Social and Economic Relations become a single Board which would continue all the work being done by these separate Agencies.

We recommend:

1. That to further this desire there be established where desired, on the Local Church level a Commission on Christian Social Relations, whose duties will comprise those previously assigned to the Committee on World Peace, the Committee on Social and Economic Relations and the Committee on Temperance.

AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY, IF IT SO DESIRES, UNIFY INTO ONE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS THE FUNCTIONS AND CONCERNS OF ANY TWO OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BOARDS:—BOARD OF WORLD PEACE, BOARD OF TEMPERANCE, AND BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

3. That the Co-ordinating Council continue its studies on the General and Jurisdictional levels in co-operation with

representatives of the Board of Temperance, Board of World Peace and Board of Social and Economic Relations looking forward to the presenting of a plan for uniting those agencies at The General Conference of 1960.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: WORLD ORDER AND INTER-NATIONAL PEACE
MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2738, 2739, 2740, 2741, 2743, 2744, 3007, 3180, 3279, 3293, 3301, 3319, 3327, 3350, 3493, 3496, 3497, 3507, 3689, 3733, 3734, 3735, 3736, 3737, 4447

AMENDED May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 852-856.
Calendar No. 180. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 851-857; 860.

WORLD ORDER AND INTER-NATIONAL PEACE

The role of the Church in today's world situation is clear. Its task is to help mankind attain freedom, human rights, justice, adequate living standards, self-government and the co-operation of all nations for the maintenance of peace.

With the development of increasingly horrible weapons of mass destruction, mankind stands at the threshold of possible extinction. In the face of this situation, Christians everywhere are confronted with a definite challenge.

Motivated and mobilized by the spirit of Christ and challenged by world conditions, Christians are in a strategic position to make the Gospel articulate in world affairs to the end that peace may become real and dynamic.

The Individual and Peace:

From the Episcopal Address of The General Conference in 1956 we read:

"The attainment of enduring peace is primarily a matter of knowledge and spirit. Wars continue not because they are inevitable but because the people 'do not know the ways of peace' and therefore have not aimed at 'whatever makes for peace.' We have educated society to live in a world of war and not in a world of peace which explains why, when wars are won, the peace is so quickly lost."

The Methodist Church is in accord with the following expression of the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches of 1954 on the Church and Inter-National Relations:

"Christians everywhere are committed to world peace as a goal. However, for them 'peace' means far more than mere 'absence of war'; it is characterized positively by freedom, justice, truth and love. For such peace the Church must labor and pray."

We call upon individual Methodists to hold fast to the Gospel of the Christ of peace. One of the foundations of a warless world finds its origin within the thinking of the individual Christian. Hatred and prejudice must be overcome by love as the cementing bond of brotherhood. When the teachings of Jesus are fully accepted and implemented by virile, vigorous action, war as a means of settling Inter-National disputes, will die. As war disappears, thereby setting the world free from the tyranny of destruction, man will be able to build anew, within a truly Christian structure, an environment of lasting freedom and peace.

Moral and Spiritual Aspects of Peace:

The primary conditions of peace lie in the attitudes of men. Since it holds in its keeping the moral and spiritual forces for a peaceful world, the Church has a unique and God-given responsibility. The position of our Church is made clear in the Social Creed, Par. 2024, page 716, 1956 *Discipline*.

Certainly the Church can be an Agency of great power for the establishment of a world community, as has been demonstrated by the Missionary and Ecumenial Movements. That the bonds of brotherhood among Christians have held so firm during the recent years of war and Inter-National tension is occasion for humble thanksgiving to God. From the beginnings already made, a wider world community must be fashioned through co-operation with persons of all religious faiths. To this ideal we dedicate ourselves unflinchingly.

Man's Struggle Toward Self-Government:

Since World War II there has been a surge toward self-government and self-determination on the part of subject peoples. Old imperialisms are breaking up. Colonial and dependent territories are seeking freedom and political independence. These affected peoples are struggling for the knowledge, the tools and the skills necessary to provide themselves with a standard of living designed to alleviate hunger, disease, exposure and ignorance. They are seeking, and many have already gained, a new status in the family of Nations.

We re-affirm the Christian's undying interest in freedom

and self-government for all people. We urge all governments to support the aspirations of non-self-governing peoples through such educational, medical and technical aid as may assist them to gain independence and to set up stable Democratic governments and Christian social practices for themselves.

Mankind Comprises One Family :

We believe that all peoples, irrespective of color, race, caste, creed or national origin, are one family of God's creation. Differences within this family may exist according to individual circumstances, but we commend to all of us, as children of God, diligence in understanding the conditions confronting our brothers of all lands and dedicated earnestness in applying ourselves toward helping them achieve and maintain harmony and understanding one of the other.

Opposition to Materialistic Ideologies :

The Christian Religion stands in direct opposition to Materialistic Ideologies prevalent in many places in the world. These Ideologies, with their disregard for human rights, their scorn for the dignity of the individual and their failure to acknowledge the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, are abhorrent to basic Christian principles.

We believe the best defense against these Materialistic Ideologies is found in the preservation and growth of Christian Democratic Institutions and in the daily practice of the Christian way of life. We believe that such growth and practice provide powerful stimulus to the elimination, as rapidly as possible of :

- (a) Racial and class distinction;
- (b) Economic conditions which cause hunger, disease and ignorance for large segments of the human race and;
- (c) The political suppression of human rights.

We believe that Christian concern for the physical and spiritual welfare of all people will promote unselfish sharing of essential goods and the values of life which God has so lavishly provided. Such sharing will give great impetus to the elimination of the basic causes of war.

Implementing World Peace :

Peace is the gift of God but it is appropriated by man only through the practice of love and co-operation. The peace of God cannot be contained within any one Nation, Economic System or Religion. To be a stable and lasting reality it must become Universal.

No one Nation or group of Nations, pitted against other Nations, can initiate or maintain world peace. It can only be the result of understanding, forbearance and co-operation on the part of **all Nations**.

We give thanks to God for the United Nations and its Agencies, and their continued efforts to create peace in the world. Particularly do we commend the United Nations for its direct approach, exploration and action on crucial problems that arise periodically throughout the world which pose a direct threat to the peace of the world. We are extremely grateful, too, for the enlightened political leaders and representatives of various individual Nations who so courageously share their part of the responsibility for world peace.

We believe there is continuing and urgent need to use more fully the various Agencies of Inter-National understanding and co-operation which are presently available in the United Nations. We believe the United Nations and its Agencies should be supported, strengthened and improved. Moreover, if these facilities are to become most effective, the United Nations with membership open to all Nations, must be given sufficient authority to enact, interpret and enforce world law against aggression and war.

We call upon the government of the United States to expand its leadership in an effort to bring about such Charter Revisions as are necessary to facilitate the work of the United Nations in maintaining Inter-National order and in preventing the outbreak of war.

We recognize, however, that it is upon the Church that the major responsibility for guiding the world toward lasting peace rests. The Church can, and should, reach directly into the hearts of individuals of all Nations. Political leaders are often blind to the fears of insecurity, poverty, destruction and war with which so much of mankind is enshrouded.

We believe that the Church, through its genuine concern for every man regardless of race, color or national origin and through the compassionate love of the Lord Jesus Christ, can effectively disintegrate these man-made barriers to understanding and brotherhood so essential to world peace.

Universal Disarmament:

The necessity for universal disarmament is urgently apparent.

Jesus said, "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword." Translated into terms of the current world problem,

a continued program of competitive armaments by the major blocs of world powers leads toward financial bankruptcy and the irrecoverable dissolution of material and power, if not to the abyss of mutual annihilation.

The menace of the arms race is recognized by the disarmament proposals made by the United States in terms of a system of aerial inspection and by Russia in terms of strategically located inspection teams. The fact that the proposals of one Nation may not be satisfactory to the other, must not discourage us from insisting on the continuous search for mutually satisfactory bases for universal disarmament and the hearty approval of all efforts made in the Councils of the Nations toward that end. Nor need it deter **any** Nation from creating and announcing to the world a definite plan for progressive disarmament as an invitation for other Nations to participate in it.

The vision of what can be done constructively to lift the level of the life of the world with the money now being expended for stock piles of military preparations in men and materiel, should we find the way to alleviate this military financial burden, is a further incentive for our untiring effort.

An even greater cost of war is represented by the tragic sacrifice of human life. This, indeed, is the greatest cost of all. We cannot estimate the leadership in the arts, sciences and humanities which has been lost to our civilization through the grim toll of conflict. War, indeed, must cease and universal disarmament is the prime and potent factor toward that end.

Of this we are sure, that we cannot achieve any permanent disarmament apart from a fundamental agreement among the nations subject to enforceable Inter-National authority.

We, therefore, affirm as the imperative goal for the effort of all Nations a universal disarmament through the United Nations. We urge all Methodists to keep themselves informed on the progress of the nations toward this gateway to peace and to let their representatives in government know of their determination that a solution to this universal problem must be found.

Because of possible deleterious hereditary effects of atomic radiation and the reported miscalculations on a previous hydrogen bomb test, we urge discontinuance of nuclear explosions by all Nations and recommend, instead, the further development of atomic energy for peaceful uses.

The Individual and Military Training:

We believe our task to be the revelation of the message of

Jesus of Nazareth; a message of love, of healing, of reconciliation and of the removal of prejudice and hatred. We find the utilization of war as a method of settling Inter-National Issues unacceptable in theory and practice.

We believe it is the task of every Nation to develop and utilize existing processes for the attainment of a peaceful settlement of Inter-National disputes. The Church dedicates itself to lend every assistance to government for the attainment of this goal.

We reaffirm traditional Methodist opposition to any system of peacetime universal military training. We appeal to the United States to give bold leadership looking toward the universal abolition of peacetime conscription by or through the United Nations.

REGARDING THE DUTY OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN, OPINIONS SINCERELY DIFFER. FACED BY THE DILEMMA OF PARTICIPATION IN WAR, HE MUST DECIDE PRAYERFULLY BEFORE GOD WHAT IS TO BE HIS COURSE OF ACTION IN RELATION THERETO. WHAT THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN MAY NOT DO IS TO OBEY MEN RATHER THAN GOD, OR OVERLOOK THE DEGREE OF COMPROMISE IN OUR BEST ACTS, OR GLOSS OVER THE SINFULNESS OF WAR. THE CHURCH MUST HOLD WITHIN ITS FELLOWSHIP PERSONS WHO SINCERELY DIFFER AT THIS POINT OF CRITICAL DECISION, CALL ALL TO REPENTANCE, MEDITATE TO ALL GOD'S MERCY, MINISTER TO ALL IN CHRIST'S NAME.

We believe it is our obligation to render every assistance to the individual who conscientiously objects to service in the military forces. He should receive counsel concerning his rights in this respect; assistance in bringing his claim before the proper authorities; and support in securing recognition thereof.

Thousands of our sons and daughters have, with sincere Christian conscience, responded to the call for service in the military forces. We are obligated to provide pre-induction counselling and educational material prepared by the related Agencies of the Church; such as the Board of Education, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, et cetera. This material should be directed toward the wise use of leisure time and the challenge to Christ-like living during their military service. We believe particular emphasis should be directed to the service man's bearing a good witness for Christ, the Church and the Nation while on duty outside his country.

In meeting these obligations, we reiterate our unswerving

opposition to the principle of militarism and any dependence for security upon the sword alone.

We call upon local Methodist churches to enlist the interest of, and to offer hospitality to, the men and women of the Armed Services who are stationed in or near their communities. We further recommend that the home Pastors of those young people who have entered military service, urge them to continue their active church affiliation and participation in the Methodist churches nearest the points they may be assigned.

Technical Assistance and Foreign Aid:

We sincerely acknowledge the liberal contribution of the United States and other countries for food and other material resources together with technical assistance to benefit the under-developed areas of the world.

We believe that economic assistance, which seeks to make the benefits of scientific advance and industrial progress available for the improvement of under-developed areas is both an example of Christian love and practical Inter-National Brotherhood.

We urge that the United Nations Program of Technical Assistance and the United States Program of Foreign Aid (Point IV) be supported hereafter on a long-range rather than an annual basis. Necessary safeguards to insure against such aid being used for either military or political expediency should be provided. Study should be continued to determine the Areas of greatest need for distribution, and the Agencies through which the distribution should be made (with consideration given to the Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development).

Personnel employed in these projects should be of the highest character and should ever seek, through the implementation of the aid program, to develop better human relations as well as better economic conditions.

We also commend and urge increased support of technical assistance by Denominational and Inter-Denominational Programs as well as by private Foundations and Agencies.

Civil Liberties

The American Declaration of Independence declares that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are the inalienable rights of every human being. This implies that these rights are not the gifts of governments, but the gifts of God. Civil governments exist, not to confer these rights, but to guarantee them to all men alike and to protect all men in the fullest

possible enjoyment of them. The right to be free implies not only the freedom of the body but the freedom of the mind.

In this time of fear, areas of freedom of speech and thought are being narrowed all over the world. Everywhere there is increasing limitation of the expression of variant ideas and opinions, and even of factual information. Thought control uses the techniques of absolute censorship, surveillance by secret police, torture, imprisonment and death. The techniques are those of social rejection, calling of names, demands for "loyalty oaths," denial of employment, irresponsible accusations and assertion of "guilt by association."

In any of these cases the results are false and inadequate information, degradation of the human mind and shackling of the human spirit. In such an atmosphere suspicion becomes fear, fear becomes hatred, and hatred becomes war. Our role is not to suppress ideas, but to open channels of communication so that men can come to know the thoughts of their neighbors, and so that the best thoughts of all men can come to be possessions of all mankind.

We who are Christians profess that Christ came to demonstrate the character of God and reveal that God is love. Love is the power of God at work in human relations. Against such power no earthly barriers can stand, no earthly armies ultimately can prevail. This power can be ours. We need only dare to use it.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. STATE OF CHURCH

M, 80; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: STUDY PLAN FOR LONG-RANGE PROGRAM

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3316, 3697, 4450, 4452, 4453

Calendar No. 181. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1006.

Refer to Co-ordinating Council.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 52; F, 28; A, 24; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: ANNUAL STUDY PROGRAM ON DISARMAMENT AND
INTER-NATIONAL RELATIONS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3278, 3298, 3307, 3308, 3314, 3318,
3328, 3329, 3491, 3492, 3494, 3495, 3498, 3499, 3500, 3501,
3502, 3506, 3660, 3726, 4436, 4444, 4448, 4451, 4841

*Calendar No. 182. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1006.*

Be It Resolved, That we refer to the Quadrennial Committee on the Local Church in each Annual Conference, the recommendation incorporated in the Memorials listed above, that the "Emphasis under Christ and our Freedoms," number 1—"To work for the creation of a responsible society," be implemented in every church by an Annual Study Program of Disarmament and Inter-National Relations. Materials for this Study Program to be made available through the Commission on World Peace.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 51; F, 50; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

*Calendar No. 183. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1006.*

Recommendation on Conscientious Objectors From the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches

We submit the following statement of principles on Conscientious Objection, formulated by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, with recommendation that it be ratified by The General Conference of The Methodist Church, assembled at Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25, 1956 to May 8, 1956:

1. Conscientious objection shall be recognized as objection to performing military training or service, and to performing combatant duties or activities in support of war, with the understanding that every conscientious objector has the duty to render equivalent service toward the safeguarding of the community.

2. In countries where legislation provides for the recognition of conscientious objection, conscientious objectors should make use of such provisions, including registration and other arrangements for an orderly witness to conscience.

3. In every country a conscientious objector shall be entitled to appeal to an impartially constituted Civilian Tribunal established to deal with cases of conscientious objection.

4. The proceedings of all Civilian Tribunals for conscientious objectors shall be open to the public.

5. In no country shall the death penalty be imposed, in peace or war, upon any civilian for conscientious objection. The conscientious objector as such shall suffer no derogation of human rights.

6. A conscientious objector shall be entitled to exemption from the normal requirements of the laws of military training and service, it being understood that provision shall be made for exemption in one of the following ways:

a) Exemption without conditions;

b) Exemption conditional upon the acceptance of work of a civilian nature under civilian control, such work to be specified by a Civilian Tribunal;

c) Exemption conditional upon the performance of non-combatant duties only.

7. Every conscientious objector granted exemption shall receive a certificate of status and exemption for purposes of identification.

8. An applicant for registration as a conscientious objector who is aggrieved by any order of a Civilian Tribunal for conscientious objectors shall be entitled to appeal to a higher Civilian Tribunal.

9. A conscientious objector shall be entitled at any time to request a Civilian Tribunal to change the classification of his exemption.

10. With due recognition of the sacrifices demanded of all citizens in time of crisis, the conditions of alternative non-military service to which a conscientious objector is directed shall not be different from current conditions of similar non-military employment.

11. A conscientious objector performing alternative service of a non-military character shall be entitled to appeal to the Tribunal if required to perform work which he deems to be of a **military** nature.

12. A conscientious objector shall be in the same position as a person in military service in respect to reinstatement in his previous occupation after this period of service.

13. The "non-combatant" conscientious objector shall be

entitled to receive an official assurance that he will not be called upon at any time to bear arms.

NOTE: In every case these rights should be taken to apply equally to women as to men.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 48; F, 39; A, 6; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: RESEARCH IN WORLD PEACE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3338

*Calendar No. 184. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1007.*

We recommend to the General Board of World Peace the encouragement of specific and intense research and scholarship, on the part of Christian faculty members, in the history, arts, practices and methods of government, which research is necessary for the implementation of Paragraph 2026 (6) of the "*Discipline*."

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: GENERAL BOARD OF WORLD PEACE—AGE OF
YOUTH MEMBERS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3289

*Calendar No. 218. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1007.*

Resolved: That the 1952 "*Discipline*" Chapter XII, Paragraph 1545 be amended by substituting in line seven (7) the term "**Twenty-three Years**" instead of "*twenty-one years*" so that Youths under the age of twenty-three years at the time of election shall be eligible for membership on the Board of World Peace.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3335

Calendar No. 219. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1007.

We recommend that Paragraph 1557 of the "*Discipline*" be amended by adding in line 8 after the words "of the Board" the words "**upon nomination of the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction concerned,**" so that the Paragraph shall read as follows:

Paragraph 1557. The Board shall elect a Bishop as President, a Vice-President, a recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other Officers as are necessary. These Officers, with four other elected members of the Board, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of its meetings. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled at any regular or duly called meeting of the Board **upon nomination of the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction concerned.** The General Secretary shall be elected by the Board and serve *ex-officio*. Staff personnel shall be approved by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the President and the General Secretary.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. STATE OF THE CHURCH

M, 80; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS NON-CONCURRENCE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NO. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 220. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1007.

The Committee recommends non-concurrence on the following Memorials: 2731, 2732, 2733, 2734, 2735, 2736, 2743, 2746, 2747, 2748, 2749, 2752, 2753, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2757, 2758, 3140, 3280, 3282, 3285, 3286, 3287, 3304, 3312, 3313, 3317, 3326, 3332, 3334, 3337, 3340, 3341, 3430, 3504, 3509, 3510, 3511, 3513, 3514, 3515, 3682, 3684, 3685, 3686, 3687, 3688, 3698, 3699, 3700, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, 3706, 3707, 3708, 3709, 3710, 3711, 3712, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3716, 3717, 3719, 3725, 3728, 3731, 3743, 3744, 3745, 3746, 3747, 3748, 4437, 4438, 4440, 4449, 4637.

CHARLES C. PARLIN (*), *Chairman*;
LLOYD A. GUSTAFSON, *Secretary*.

NO. 15. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

Chairman: Lynn H. Corson (New Jersey—NE)

Vice-Chairman: Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. (North Texas—SC)

Secretary: Mrs. Frank E. Lochridge (*) (South Dakota—SC)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 42.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to temperance and prohibition of the liquor traffic and all matters relating to the Board of Temperance and to the interests and activities made by the law of the Church the concern of this Board.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For list of Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 15; F, 14; A, 1; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: GENERAL RESOLUTION ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3119, 3120, 3121, 3122, 3130, 3132, 3133, 3353

AMENDED May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 816-821.

Calendar No. 80. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 816-822, 1000

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following General Resolution on Temperance and Public Morals and asks that it be printed in the Appendix of the 1956 Methodist *Discipline*.

Beverage Alcohol

The Methodist Church reasserts its long established conviction that intoxicating liquor cannot be legalized without

sin, and continues its unceasing battle against intoxicating liquors. Our Church, from its very nature, stands at variance with the liquor traffic. For it to be silent in its opposition would be to be disloyal in its function. Therefore, to be true to itself, The Methodist Church must be militant in opposition to the liquor traffic.

Against the confused moral judgments of our age with respect to drinking and the liquor traffic, The Methodist Church lifts the clear voice of the Christian conscience. The teaching of Christ emphasizes, as one of its basic principles, the sacredness of each human personality. The use of alcoholic beverages impairs the functions of the body and mind. It slows perception and judgment. It delays reaction.

It not only impairs physical health but, more important, impairs the tenderness of conscience. It deteriorates character. We are stewards of our bodies. We are stewards of an ability to think straight. Anything which blights and destroys human personality is fundamentally opposed to the gospel of Christ. We therefore stand for the Christian principle of total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages of any kind. Our people should regard abstinence as an essential part of witness to the faith we profess and as evidence of loyalty to the high ideals for which our Church stands.

The use of alcoholic beverages violates the Christian principle that we are each our brother's keeper. We are stewards of our influence upon others. He who uses alcoholic beverages may by his example lay a stumbling block in the path of a brother and thus contribute to the destruction of another human personality. The influence of personal example is a sacred trust. For a Christian the use of intoxicating liquors is a fundamental moral issue which must be determined in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The drinking of alcoholic beverages is increasingly responsible for the disintegration of the home as witnessed by social service records and those of divorce court proceedings. It is a major cause of public disorder, disaster, and traffic injuries and fatalities. It causes poverty and produces economic waste in industry and commerce. It is a corrupting influence upon the conduct of public affairs. It is a most formidable obstacle to the good life.

Since human welfare decreases as the drinking of alcohol increases, we stand opposed to the continuation of the organized liquor traffic. The Church must be vigorous in its op-

position to it. The truth concerning the personal and social evils of alcohol has been clouded by the falsehoods cleverly presented in liquor advertising and propaganda.

We denounce the continued invasion of the American home by liquor advertisers who seek to indoctrinate even our children in the use of alcoholic beverages, through magazines, newspapers, radio, television and other media. We deplore governmental toleration of this practice, and call on the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to prevent the use of radio, television and other Inter-State means of advertising for such purposes.

We are deeply concerned over the growing practice of permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages through drug and grocery stores in a deliberate attempt to win the housewife as a customer. This practice also makes these beverages more accessible to minors.

We commend the Secretary of Defense for his action in prohibiting the sale of package liquors on most armed services installations. We urge the extension of this policy to include the outlawing of beer and liquor by the drink on all armed forces installations.

WE COMMEND THOSE AIRLINES THAT REFUSE TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THEIR AIRPLANES, AND REQUEST EACH OF THE OTHER AIRLINES TO JOIN IN THIS VOLUNTARY POLICY. WE ALSO CALL ON THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD AND THE CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON AIRPLANES. WE REQUEST THE RAILROADS AND ALL OTHER PUBLIC CARRIERS LIKEWISE TO STOP THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THEIR METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION.

Knowledge must always precede conviction, and without conviction there can be no successful social reform. We, therefore, as a matter of major importance, call upon our churches vigorously to declare and teach the truth concerning the personal and social evils resulting from the use of alcoholic beverages. To do this, we ask them to use and support the best methods of educational procedure in every Agency of our Church.

We urge and support education in our public schools regarding the harmful effects of the use of alcoholic beverages.

WE RECOMMEND THAT ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO THE METHODIST CHURCH REFRAIN FROM ACCEPTING AND PRINTING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO.

The Methodist Church takes the position that laws should be enacted controlling and prohibiting the traffic in alcohol. The right of the people to enact such legislation to protect their homes and communities is a fundamental legal and moral right. Adequate relief can come only through total abstinence for the individual, and effective prohibition for the State.

We give our unqualified endorsement to the Program of our Board of Temperance which now centers around these four major emphases:

1. Positive Education for a life free from beverage alcohol. This is the heart of the Board's total effort. It is a broad and comprehensive educational program designed to reach all Methodists and without which there can be no consistent and effective action for abstinence.

2. Commitment to Abstinence is a natural and logical outgrowth of commitment to Christ. The Board of Temperance encourages individuals to commit their lives to sobriety as an essential manifestation of their Christian faith.

3. Rehabilitation of those who suffer because of beverage alcohol is clearly the obligation of all Christians. The Board gives guidance to thousands of Pastors and Laymen who deal person-to-person with individuals and families seeking their help.

4. Legislation as an effective means to outlaw beverage alcohol is a natural outgrowth of the concern of informed citizens. The Board stimulates Local, State and National Legislation to protect individuals, families and communities from the pressures of the organized traffic in beverage alcohol.

Corruption in Politics

We call attention to the fact that distressing corruption in the administration of public affairs is closely related to moral evil. The crimes of vice finance crimes of violence and institutionalize them. Our citizens should demand the most rigid integrity upon the part of public servants and should support this demand by full participation in public affairs.

The great majority of public servants are not corrupt, but corruption to any degree must be regarded as a menace to political freedom.

Narcotic Drugs

While alcohol is the narcotic drug most far-reaching in its evil effects upon our people, traffic in the opiates such as heroin and marijuana has caused profound concern to all humane people. The distribution of the drugs ordinarily known as narcotics has recently become much more prevalent, with destructive results to the body, mind and soul of many people, particularly those still in their formative years. We commend the efficiency of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, the State Legislatures and the various City Police Departments which have taken effective action, and we rejoice in the improvement which has resulted. This, however, gives no cause for complacency; Christian compassion demands a continuing and intelligent concern.

Gambling

Gambling is a menace to business integrity; it breeds crime and is destructive of the interests of good government; it is in intimate relationship with vice and governmental corruption. As has been stated in the 1956 Episcopal Address, "The passion to get something for nothing inflamed by widely publicized gambling schemes has resulted in the undermining of the basic moral and economic laws of life." Constructive measures taken to disorganize this traffic in evil deserve warm approval and support from Christian citizens.

The dubious gains of petty gambling are neither needed nor wanted in financing the work of the Church. All Methodist churches **SHALL** abstain from the use of raffles, lotteries, and other forms of games of chance in the raising of money for the purposes of the Church and should protest similar gambling practices by secular organizations in their communities.

Tobacco

In the 1956 Episcopal Address the Bishops of Methodism stated that the widespread use of tobacco now "confronts society with a serious health problem, but is also becoming an increasing danger as a fire hazard. Social amenities and personal courtesies often suffer through the thoughtlessness resulting from the dominant demands for the satisfaction

of this habit-forming practice regardless of the comfort and rights of others."

We are deeply concerned over the increase in the use of tobacco, especially among youth, and we protest against the misleading and suggestive advertisements for the promotion of its sale.

In the interest of a larger Christian influence and service we issue our solemn warning to youth against all such deceptive propaganda and urge them to abstain **from the use of tobacco in all its forms**. We remind our adult membership that the principle of right example must be considered in regard to the use of tobacco.

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF JURISDICTIONAL BOARDS OF
TEMPERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3113

*Calendar No. 81. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 823.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter XI, Section II of the *Discipline*. In Paragraph 1538, line 5 and following, delete the sentence. "*If and when established, the Board shall be composed of the active Bishops of the Jurisdiction and eighteen other Members, six of whom shall be Ministers, and twelve Laymen, two of whom shall be Young People under the age of twenty-five, five of whom shall be Men, and five of whom shall be Women, elected by the Jurisdictional Conference on nomination of the Committee on Temperance.*" and in its place substitute the following sentence, **If and when established, the Board shall be composed of all the active Bishops of the Jurisdiction and eighteen other Members, six of whom shall be ministers and twelve Laymen, five of whom shall be Men and five of whom shall be Women, elected by the Jurisdictional Conference on nomination of the Committee on Temperance; and two of whom shall be Young People under twenty-three years of age at the time of their election, elected by the Board upon nomination of the National Conference of Meth-**

odist Youth, so that the entire Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 1538. There may be in each Jurisdiction a Jurisdictional Board of Temperance, hereinafter called the Board, auxiliary to the General Board of Temperance. The Board shall have headquarters to be located by the Jurisdictional Conference. If and when established, the Board shall be composed of all the active Bishops of the Jurisdiction and eighteen other Members, six of whom shall be Ministers and twelve Laymen, five of whom shall be Men and five of whom shall be Women, elected by the Jurisdictional Conference on nomination of the Committee on Temperance; and two of whom shall be Young People under twenty-three years of age at the time of their election, elected by the Board upon nomination of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. This Committee shall have as a basis of choice one Minister and two Lay Members from each Annual Conference of the Jurisdiction, who shall be nominated by the Annual Conference on the recommendation of the Board of Temperance. Members of the General Board of Temperance resident in the Jurisdiction shall be *ex-officio* Members of the Jurisdictional Board.

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD
OF TEMPERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3750

AMENDED May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 825.

*Calendar No. 82. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Pages 824-826.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter XI, Section III of the *Discipline*. In Paragraph 1541, line 7, delete the words "*under twenty-five years of age*" and in their place substitute the following words. Under twenty-three years of age at the time of their election, nominated by the Council of the Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship: also included shall be the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or her representative, and members of the General Board of Temperance AND

SUCH JURISDICTIONAL BOARD MEMBERS residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference. At the close of the Paragraph add the following sentence, **Among the Officers elected shall be a Chairman of the Board who shall be responsible for direction of the Program of Temperance in the Annual Conference**, so that the entire Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 1541. Each Annual Conference shall elect, on the nomination of the Cabinet, or otherwise as the Conference may direct, a Conference Board of Temperance, consisting of not less than ten Members and no more than eighteen Members, with equal representation of Ministers and Lay members, two of whom shall be Young People under twenty-three years of age at the time of their election, nominated by the Council of the Annual Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship; also included shall be the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or her representative, and members of the General Board of Temperance **AND SUCH JURISDICTIONAL BOARD MEMBERS** residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference, the remainder of the Lay membership consisting of an equal number of Men and Women. Its duty shall be to promote the work of the Board within the bounds of the Annual Conference. It shall have power to elect its own Officers and raise its own funds; *provided* that no general funds collected for the General Board shall be allocated to the Conference Board except by action of the General Board. **Among the Officers elected shall be a Chairman of the Board who shall be responsible for direction of the Program of Temperance in the Annual Conference.**

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;
MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF TEMPERANCE

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3114

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 995.

Calendar No. 83. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 995.

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter XI, Section III of the *Discipline*. In Paragraph 1543, line 1, delete the word "*Secretary*" and substi-

tute in its place the word **Director**. In lines 3 and 4, delete *Temperance*" so that the entire Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 1543. There shall be a District **Director** of Temperance in each District, appointed by the District Superintendent and publicly assigned by the Bishop to carry forward the work of temperance in the several Districts of the Annual Conference. Should a vacancy occur in this office during the Conference year, such vacancy may be filled by appointment of the District Superintendent.

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: COMMITMENT DAY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3138

Calendar No. 84. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 996.

The Committee recommends the following change in Part VII, Chapter XI, Section I of the *Discipline*. In Paragraph 1537 add the following at the close of the Paragraph, **this day shall be designated as Commitment Day and shall be observed on the first Sunday in December. Because it shall be primarily a spiritual observance, it is suggested that no Special Temperance Offerings be requested on that day, so that the entire Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:**

Paragraph 1537. To enlist Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages, and to challenge church members to creative action for a sober home and social life, there shall be a Special Day of Commitment each year, to be promoted by the Board of Temperance through the Jurisdictional and the Annual Conference Boards of Temperance. **This Day shall be designated as Commitment Day and shall be observed on the first Sunday in December. Because it shall be primarily a spiritual observance, it is suggested that no Special Temperance Offerings be received on that day.**

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

**SUBJECT: ABSTINENCE FROM ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND
OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3131

*Calendar No. 85. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 997.*

The Committee recommends that The General Conference re-enact Paragraph 2023 of Chapter 5 of the Appendix of the 1952 *Discipline* and that said Paragraph be printed in the Appendix of the 1956 *Discipline*. The Paragraph appears as follows:

Paragraph 2023. Abstinance Among Church Leaders. It is recommended that no member be nominated for or appointed to any official position in the Church or Church School who is not a morally disciplined person, with special reference to total abstinance from alcoholic beverages. (See Paragraph 207.)

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: TEMPERANCE CRUSADE

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3117, 3118

*Calendar No. 86. WITHDRAWN May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 998.*

The Committee recommends that The General Conference set aside a one-year period in the forthcoming quadrennium, said period to be established by the Co-Ordinating Council, for a concerted emphasis throughout the Church on the subject of Temperance Education; that such a Crusade for Temperance be waged as an aggressive and determined effort to stem the tide of crime and delinquency in our country; that it be adequately financed to include a Nationwide Program of paid advertising in newspapers and paid Television Programs which will bring to the general public the true facts about the vicious, degrading influence of beverage alcohol and narcotics on the American people and culture.

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 14; F, 14; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1002.

**SUBJECT: CHANGES IN PERSONNEL OF GENERAL BOARD OF
TEMPERANCE**

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3138

*Calendar No. 87. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Pages 999; 1002.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter XI, Section I of the *Discipline*. In Paragraph 1532 after "Conference": in line 4, delete the word "and." At the close of the Paragraph add the following words, and two Youth Members, under twenty-three years of age at the time of their election, elected by the Board of Temperance upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth, (NOTE:—THE METHOD OF THE ELECTION OF YOUTH MEMBERS WAS CHANGED SO THAT THEY WOULD BE ELECTED AS MEMBERS AT LARGE. SEE JOURNAL, PAGE 1002. EDITOR.) so that this Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 1532. The Board shall consist of one Bishop from each Jurisdiction, elected by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction; one Minister and one Lay person elected by each Jurisdictional Conference; five Members at Large, to be elected by the Board; and two Youth Members under twenty-three years of age at the time of their election, elected by the Board of Temperance upon nomination by the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

(NOTE:—THE METHOD OF THE ELECTION OF YOUTH MEMBERS WAS CHANGED SO THAT THEY WOULD BE ELECTED AS MEMBERS AT LARGE. SEE JOURNAL, PAGE 1002. Editor)

In Paragraph 1533, line 3, delete the words "*by election, having regard for Jurisdictions*" and in their place substitute the following words, **upon nomination of the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs.** At the close of the Paragraph add the following sentence, **vacancies among Members at Large shall be filled by election of the Board,** so that the Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Paragraph 1533. In the event of vacancies occurring in the Board by death or resignation, the Board may fill such vacancies **upon nomination of the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction in which the vacancy occurs,** such elected mem-

bers to serve until the meeting of the next Jurisdictional Conference of which they are members. **Vacancies among Members at Large shall be filled by election of the Board.**

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUING LEGISLATION NOW IN OPERATION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3113, 3114, 3134, 3135, 3136, 3137,
3138

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 999.

*Calendar No. 88. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 999.*

Although the Committee realizes that any legislation found in Paragraphs numbered 101 through 1665 remains the law of the Church unless revised, it did receive several Memorials asking that certain legislation in the above category be re-enacted. Wishing to concur with the spirit of the Memorials listed above, the Committee voted to endorse the following items now found in the 1952 *Discipline* and trusts that they will be included in the 1956 *Discipline* as provided by the Rules.

Paragraph 149. Items 2. (d), (e) and (f) dealing with questions to be asked at the Quarterly Conference.

Paragraph 969. Setting forth provision by which a Lay Member may be tried.

Paragraph 207. The section dealing with election of morally disciplined persons to the Official Board.

Paragraph 246, Item 5. Providing for a Local Church Committee on Temperance.

Paragraph 1416. Establishing a Joint Committee on Temperance Education.

Paragraph 1526. Establishing an Inter-Board Committee on Christian Social Relations.

Paragraphs 1530, 1531, 1539, 1540, 1544, which deal with the establishment and Program of the General Board of Temperance.

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: NON-CONCURRENCE REPORT

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3112, 3115, 3116, 3123, 3124, 3125,
3126, 3127, 3128, 3129, 3137, 3353.

*Calendar No. 207. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 1025.*

The Committee did not concur with the above miscellaneous Memorials.

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

M, 26; P, 15; F, 15; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF TEMPERANCE,
PAGES 494-506 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1000.

The Committee has considered the Report of the General Board of Temperance, pages 494-506 inclusive of the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of Boards and Commissions. We commend the General Board of Temperance most heartily for their work and the Report.

LYNN H. CORSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANK E. LOCHRIDGE (*), *Secretary*.

NO. 16. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

Chairman: R. Floyd Curl (Southwest Texas—SC)

Vice-Chairman: Walter C. Gum (Virginia—SE)

Secretary: Harold C. Phend (*) (Northwest Indiana—NC)

(For complete personnel of Committee, see Journal, Page 61.)

To this Committee shall be referred all Memorials, Petitions, Resolutions, etc., relating to trustees, properties, church finances (general and local), and to such activities of the Church at large in and through its institutions and Boards as are not made the specific responsibility of any other Committee.

(NOTE—Under the Subject of each Committee Report will be found the following abbreviations: M P F A N. What do they mean?

M—Total membership of this Committee.

P—Number present when this Report was acted upon.

F—Number voting for the adoption of this Report.

A—Number voting against the adoption of this Report.

N—Number not voting.

Under the SUBJECT will be found "MEMORIAL: Serial No. or Nos." The number, or numbers, refer to the Memorial, or Memorials, used as the basis for the Report. For list of Memorials, see Report of the Committee of Reference, page 1260. Editor.)

REPORT NO. 1. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 44; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR
OVERSEAS RELIEF

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3668

*Calendar No. 62. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal,
Page 831.*

The Committee on Temporal Economy wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the work of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and urges that it be continued and strengthened in the next quadrennium.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 45; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF BISHOPS OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN ASIA

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3376, 3379

Calendar No. 63. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 831.

In view of the pending negotiations toward Church Union in Southern Asia, the Committee on Temporal Economy recommends concurrence, in principle, with the above mentioned Memorials and recommends that all details concerning possible allowances for salaries, pension rights, etc., of those Methodist Bishops who might enter the proposed United Church be referred to the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas and the Council of World Service and Finance for study and recommendations to The General Conference of 1960.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 3. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 45; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REGARDING CHURCH PROPERTY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3394

Calendar No. 64. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 831.

In Paragraph 651, following Section 45, add a new Section to be numbered "46," and renumber Sections 46 through 53 as 47 through 54.

The new Section shall read as follows:

What churches have been

- (a) **Organized?**
- (b) **Merged?**
- (c) **Closed?**
- (d) **Relocated and to what address?**

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 45; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: TRUSTEES OF JOHN STREET CHURCH

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3404

Calendar No. 65. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 831.

Your Committee recommends election of the Trustees named.

Whereas, it has been an established policy to elect nine Trustees for John Street Methodist Church, New York, N. Y., at each succeeding General Conference since 1898, we offer the following nominations for election to that position for the quadrennium 1956-1960.

The Bishop assigned to residence in New York

Leigh A. Brown
Everett R. Filley
Frederick Kraft
Charles C. Parlin
Ellis L. Phillips
Edna Stitt Robinson
Clayton Snyder
Wilson P. Tanner

We further recommend that the list of Trustees be printed in the *Discipline*.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 40; A, 2; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: CHURCH SPONSORED INSURANCE AGENCY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3669

Calendar No. 66. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 832.

The Committee commends the Division of National Missions on its studies of insurance on church properties and for its investigations into the feasibility and practicability of some plan of self-insurance.

We recommend that the Division of National Missions continue its studies and its investigations in these matters.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 41; F, 36; A, 2; N, 3

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT OF AGENCY FOR FINANCIAL CAMPAIGNS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3358

Calendar No. 67. Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Page 832.

The Committee recommends the following addition to Chapter IV, Part II of the 1952 *Discipline*:

Add the following sentence as the closing sentence of Par. 192.

No church shall engage for a Fund Raising Agent or Agency any organization or person who is not in the employ of an Annual Conference, the Board of Missions, or other Official Division of The Methodist Church without first obtaining the written consent of the District Superintendent.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 7. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 45; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES, PAGES 41-42 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2992

Calendar No. 68. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 891.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy recommends by concurrence that the Report of the Council of Secretaries, pages 41 and 42 of the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of Boards and Commissions, be accepted.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 8. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 41; F, 35; A, 2; N, 4

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: INCLUDING IN *Discipline* THE CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2920, 2921, 3357

Calendar No. 69. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 891.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy recommends by concurrence the including in the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church the Constitution of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 9. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 45; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, PAGES 677 AND 678 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2999

Calendar No. 70. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 892.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy recommends by concurrence that the Report of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, pages 677 and 678 of the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of Boards and Commissions, be accepted.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 45; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION, PAGES 648 AND 660 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF THE BOARDS AND AGENCIES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2997

Calendar No. 71. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 893.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy recommends by concurrence that the Report of the Radio and Film Commission, pages 648 through 660 of the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of the Boards and Agencies, be accepted.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 45; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METHODIST INFORMATION, PAGES 614-628 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2995

Calendar No. 72. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 893.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy recommends by concurrence that the Report of the Commission on Public

Relations and Methodist Information, pages 614 through 628 of the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of Boards and Commissions, be accepted.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 12. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 45; F, 43; A, 2; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL AID TO ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH AND JOHN STREET CHURCH AND STUDY OF METHODIST HISTORICAL SHRINES

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 73. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 893.

Whereas, Memorials numbered 2808, 2809, 2810, 2811, 2847 to 2875 inclusive, 3323, 3324, 3325, 3361, 3363, 3364, 3395, 3662, 3666, 3673, 3674, 3675, 3676, 4630, 4634, 4635, 4636, have been presented requesting financial aid for St. George's Church, and

Whereas, Memorial 3666 has been presented requesting financial aid for John Street Church, and

Whereas, we believe that a study should be made of Methodist historical sites and shrines and Report made to the next General Conference,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That request be made to the Council of World Service and Finance to increase its recommendation in the Administrative Fund to the Association of Methodist Historical Societies by \$4,250 annually, and that the same be divided as follows: St. George's Church, Philadelphia, \$2,000. John Street Church, New York City, \$2,000. To make a study and report on Methodist Historical Shrines, \$250. Total \$4,250.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 13. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 43; F, 43; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3679

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 894, 968-971.

Calendar No. 145. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 893, 968-971.

Amend Paragraph 750 as follows:

In the first two lines delete the words *To the end that duplication, overlapping and competition may be eliminated in*, and substitute the words: **in order to co-ordinate.**

Beginning with line 14, delete the words: *three Bishops selected by The Council of Bishops, etc.*, to the end of the Paragraph and substitute the following: **Six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six Members at Large, three Ministers and three Laymen chosen from the Church at Large, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference; ONE REPRESENTATIVE from each Jurisdiction elected by the Jurisdictional Conference thereof on nomination of its College of Bishops: the General Secretary (or General Secretaries) of the several General Boards and Agencies participating in World Service Funds or in Funds raised through the Week of Dedication or the Fellowship of Suffering and Service; the President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; the Chairman of the Advance Committee; and the Chairman of the Week of Dedication Committee.**

The Commission shall be constituted at the beginning of each succeeding quadrennium, and its members shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified. During the interim between quadrennial sessions of The General Conference vacancies among Members at Large shall be filled by The Council of Bishops, and vacancies among Jurisdictional representatives shall be filled by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction concerned.

As amended, Paragraph 750 will read:

1. **In order to co-ordinate** the promotion of the General Financial Causes of the Church, and to the end that our people may be informed about, and may adequately support, the General Agencies of the Church, there shall be a Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, which shall establish and maintain a Central Promotional Office operating under its authority and direction, for the purpose of promoting throughout the Church the Program of World Service, Advance Specials (Par. 759), Week of Dedication offerings (Par. 760) and other General Financial Causes except as otherwise directed by The General Conference.

2. The Commission shall be elected quadrennially and shall be constituted as follows: **Six Bishops, one from each Jurisdiction; six Members at Large, three Ministers and three Laymen chosen from the Church at Large, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference; ONE REPRESENTATIVE from each Jurisdiction**

elected by the Jurisdictional Conference thereof on nomination of its College of Bishops; the General Secretary (or General Secretaries) of the several General Boards and Agencies participating in World Service Funds or in Funds raised through the Week of Dedication or the Fellowship of Suffering and Service; the President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; the Chairman of the Advance committee; and the Chairman of the Week of Dedication Committee.

3. The Commission shall be constituted at the beginning of each succeeding quadrennium, and its members shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified. During the interim between quadrennial sessions of The General Conference vacancies among Members at Large shall be filled by The Council of Bishops, and vacancies among Jurisdictional representatives shall be filled by the College of Bishops of the Jurisdiction concerned.

Par. 751—No change.

Par. 752—No change.

Par. 753—Article 1—No change.

Par. 753—Article 2—Only change: delete sub-note, which reads as follows:—

¹ The General Conference of 1952 approved, in connection with this legislation, the following:

"To this Commission is referred the recommendation of the Church Survey Commission calling for a monthly Local Church Program Journal for Pastors, Members of Commissions and Committees, Lay Leaders, and other Local-Church Workers. This includes the recommendation regarding the merging of certain periodicals. This Journal shall contain Program and Resource Materials for use in the planning and carrying out of a Unified Program in the Local Church. The Commission may employ a Secretary to serve as Editor of the Program Journal and such other literature as it may decide upon. The objectives, policies, and content of the Program Journal shall be determined by the Commission in consultation with the General Agencies. The initial plans of the Commission regarding the merging of these periodicals into a Local-Church Program Journal shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Council for consideration and approval.

"Instead of each General Board and Agency issuing separate materials, this monthly Local-Church Program Journal shall contain in a co-ordinated way as much as possible of the material concerning the combined Program of the World Service Agencies. Correlation and representation shall be equitable in so far as the Agencies are concerned.

"Bulletins and leaflets now being issued by General Boards and Agencies separately shall be incorporated in this monthly. What under present practices are separate general mailings of Promotional Letters, Bulletins, Pamphlets, and Reports to Pastors and other Local-Church Leaders shall be incorporated in this monthly.

"An article relating to the work of a World Service Agency which

is to appear in the monthly Program Journal shall receive editorial approval by that Agency before its publication."

Par. 753—Article 3—No change.

Par. 753—Article 4—No change.

Amend Par. 754 as follows: In lines 2 and 3, eliminate the words: *a Local Church Program Journal, if established*, and substitute the words **A Local Church Promotional Program Journal, Fourth Sunday World Service leaflets, and other publications on visual aids for the promoting of General Benevolences authorized by The General Conference.**

So the amended Paragraph will read:

Par. 754. The expenses of the Commission, **including** editing, publishing, and distribution of **A Local Church Promotional Program Journal, Fourth Sunday World Service leaflets, and other publications or visual aids for the promoting of General Benevolences authorized by The General Conference** shall be paid out of World Service funds, upon a pro rata basis to be determined by the Commission and approved by the Council on World Service and Finance. The Budget of the Commission, as recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance and approved by The General Conference, shall be a prior charge against World Service funds.

Amend Paragraph 755 as follows:

In line 1 change the word *may* to **shall**.

In lines 5 and 6 eliminate the words: **One representative, of the Cabinet, the Missionary Secretary, etc.,** to the end of the Paragraph, and substitute the words:

The resident Bishop, the District Superintendents, the Chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, and the Chairman of each of the following Boards: Board of Missions, Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, Board of Lay Activities, and of other Conference Agencies, as may be desired by the Bishop and his Cabinet, and Members of the General Commission residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference.

Paragraph 755 will then read:

755. 1. In each Annual Conference there **shall** be constituted a Conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation to promote the Program of World Service and other Benevolence Causes in the Pastoral Charges of the Confer-

ence in co-operation with the Central Promotional Office of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

2. This Commission shall be composed of the following members: The resident Bishop, the District Superintendents, the Chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, and the Chairman of each of the following Conference boards: Board of Missions, Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, Board of Lay Activities, Television, Radio and Film Commission and of other Conference Agencies, as may be desired by the Bishop and his Cabinet, and any Members of the General Commission residing within the bounds of the Annual Conference.

3. The Budget for the Commission shall be provided by the Conference through its Commission on World Service and Finance.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 14. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 38; F, 38; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, April 30, 1956

SUBJECT: ADVANCE AND WEEK OF DEDICATION LEGISLATION
MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3178, 3190, 3678

*Calendar No. 146. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 894.*

Insert a new Paragraph, numbered 757, as follows:

Par. 757. For the more adequate support of the Missionary Program of the Church, the Advance shall be organized and administered as hereinafter set forth, to the end that opportunity may be given each Local Church through the Charge Quarterly Conference to participate in the same, over and above its World Service contributions, as each may determine. (Par. 149-3.)

Par. 758, Article 1, delete:

1. A quadrennial Advance Committee shall be constituted by The Council of Bishops.

and substitute the following:

Article 1. The General Conference shall constitute a Quadrennial Advance Committee as follows: one Bishop, one Minister, and one Layman from each Jurisdiction, elected by The Council of Bishops.

Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled by The Council of Bishops. In addition, the following shall be *ex officio* members without vote: the General Secretary of the Division of World Missions, the General Secretary of the Division of National Missions, the two General Secretaries of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, a representative from the Woman's Division of Christian Service to be named by its Executive Committee, the Director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the General Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, and the Executive Director of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

Article 2. Delete the following:

The Advance Committee shall have an advisory relationship to the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation in connection with the promotion of the Advance specials (Par. 759-60), and Week of Dedication offerings (par. 761).

and substitute the following:

The Advance Committee shall have general oversight of the Advance Program in accordance with the plan and procedure hereinafter described. Advance projects shall include General Advance Specials, Week of Dedication offerings and Conference Advance Specials.

Articles 3 and 4, delete:

3. *Any changes to be made in the Agencies participating in General Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings, or in the ratio of receipts, shall be determined by the Advance Committee and the Agencies concerned.*

4. *The Budget for the promotion of Advance Projects shall be recommended by the Advance Committee to the Council on World Service and Finance for its consideration and approval.*

Par. 759, Article 1, amend and edit as follows:

On lines 2 and 3 delete the words, *special gifts and offerings, known as General Advance Specials* and substitute the words: **General Advance Specials.**

so that Article 1, as amended, shall read:

Par. 759.1. The Agencies participating in **General Advance Specials** shall be the Division of World Missions and the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Article 2. No change.

Article 3, delete as follows:

General Advance Specials shall be sent by the Local Church Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer. The Conference Treasurer shall make remittance each month to the General Treasurer. The General Treasurer shall remit monthly to the respective participating Agencies the amount received for each.

And substitute as follows:

Article 3. Receipts for General Advance Specials shall be remitted by the Local Church Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer. The Conference Treasurer shall make remittance each month to the General Treasurer. The General Treasurer shall remit monthly to the respective participating Agencies the amount received for each; *provided*, however, that when a donor church or individual so elects, remittance may be made directly to the Treasurer of the Agency administering such Special, whereupon the Agency receiving such remittance shall send to the Central Treasury a voucher for the Central Treasurer and a voucher for the Conference Treasurer.

Article 4. No change.

Article 5. No change.

Par. 761. Transpose Paragraph 761 to follow 759 and renumber as 760.

Introductory statement, no change.

Article 1. No change.

Rearrange Article 2 to become Article 3, and insert a new Article 2 as follows:

2. The Advance Committee shall name quadrennially a Week of Dedication Committee in number and composition as the Advance Committee may determine; *provided*, however, that each Jurisdiction shall have representation thereon. This Committee shall approve all askings that are included in the Week of Dedication Budget on recommendation of the respective participating Agencies, and shall determine the order of their priority, subject to the final approval of the Advance Committee or its Executive Committee. The Committee shall, in co-operation with the Committee on Promotion and Cultivation, promote the Week of Dedication throughout the Church. The Week of Dedication Committee shall report annually to the Advance Committee.

Article 2 becomes Article 3, and the first sentence is to be deleted as follows:

The objects included in the Week of Dedication askings and the amount designated for each shall be approved by

the Advance Committee on recommendation from the respective Agencies.

And the following is to be substituted :

The participating Agencies shall recommend to the Week of Dedication Committee annually, the objects to be included in the next Week of Dedication askings and the amounts recommended for each.

So that the amended Article 3 shall read :

3. The participating Agencies shall recommend to the Week of Dedication Committee annually objects to be included in the next Week of Dedication askings and the amounts recommended for each. The recommendations from the participating Agencies shall include only urgent causes not otherwise provided for, and (except in the case of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and Crusade scholarships) shall include non-recurring items only ; and in each instance assurance shall be given that the amount requested will complete the project.

Article 3 becomes Article 4, and in line 10, the words *shall be provided* are to be deleted and the words **shall receive** substituted, so that the Paragraph as amended shall read :

4. Week of Dedication offerings shall be promptly remitted by the Local Church Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer, who shall remit monthly to the General Treasurer. The General Treasurer shall remit to the participating Agencies in accordance with the ratios determined by the Advance Committee. Each participating Agency shall administer funds so received by the following rule : each object under its administration included in the Week of Dedication Budget, in the order of its priority, as determined by the Advance committee, shall receive in full the amount allotted it before any amount is remitted to the object next succeeding.

Article 4 becomes Article 5 without change of wording.

Article 5 becomes Article 6 and the first sentence in lines 1 to 3 is to be deleted as follows : *The Week of Dedication, leading up to the Sunday designated as Dedication Sunday shall be observed annually at a time determined by the Co-ordinating Council.*

And the following substituted :

The Week of Dedication shall be observed annually during the week beginning with Ash Wednesday as recommended by the Co-ordinating Council.

So that the Article as amended shall read as follows :

6. **The Week of Dedication shall be observed annually during the week beginning with Ash Wednesday as recommended by the Co-ordinating Council.** The first Sunday in Lent shall be designated as Dedication Sunday. The spiritual emphases of the Week of Dedication as determined by the Advance Committee shall receive prior consideration.

Renumber Paragraph 760 to become Paragraph 761.

Par. 761 (760 in 1952 *Discipline*) is to be amended by deleting the following words in lines 1, 2, and 3 as it may determine, *to initiate appeals for Advance Special Gifts and Offerings, known as Conference Advance Specials, etc.*

And substitute the following:

Each Annual Conference is authorized to initiate and promote Advance Specials designated as Conference Advance Specials.

So that the amended sentence shall read:

761. Each Annual Conference is authorized to initiate and promote Advance specials designated as Conference Advance Specials for Missionary and Church Extension objects within the Conference.

Article 1. Delete the entire sentence as follows:

The objects within an Annual Conference for which Conference Advance Specials are to be solicited shall be approved by the Conference Board of Missions.

And substitute the following:

1. Conference Advance Specials shall be approved and promoted by the Conference Board of Missions.

Article 2. Delete as follows:

Conference Advance Specials may be administered by the Conference Board of Missions, or they may be administered by the Division of National Missions on request of the Annual Conference concerned. When such Specials are administered by the Division of National Missions, they shall be administered and reported separate from General Advance Specials (Par. 759) administered by the Division.

And substitute the following:

2. Conference Advance Specials may be administered by the Conference Board of Missions, or by the Division of National Missions on request of the Annual Conference concerned.

Article 3. Delete the present wording as follows:

In Annual Conference Report Forms, spaces shall be pro-

vided for reporting "Advance Specials, General," and "Advance Specials, Conference" and Local Churches shall report accordingly.

And substitute the following to be numbered Article 5.

5. Annual Conference Report Forms shall include separate columns designated as "Advance Specials, General," and "Advance Specials, Conference," and Local Churches shall report accordingly.

Article 4. Divide the article with the first sentence to be numbered Article 3, deleting the following wording:

An Annual Conference may promote Conference Advance Specials by a Conference-wide Campaign to provide for its own Church Extension needs.

And substituting as—

Article 3. An Annual Conference may undertake a Conference-wide Campaign for a lump sum to be applied to its Missionary and Church Extension needs. The Funds so received shall be designated as Conference Advance Specials, and shall be administered by the Conference Board of Missions. Local Churches shall report their respective contributions as Conference Advance Specials.

And with the remainder of present Article 4 to be renumbered Article 6, deleting the present wording:

It is recommended that each Conference undertaking such Conference-wide appeal for Church Extension within its bounds set aside ten per cent of the amount received for the weaker and more urgent situations outside the Conference, such funds to be remitted to the Division of National Missions and administered by it as a General Special.

And substituting as Article 6.

6. It is recommended that each Annual Conference or District Administering Conference Advance Specials set aside each year ten per cent of the amount received for that purpose for aid to the weaker and more urgent situations outside the Conference, and that such amount be remitted to the Division of National Missions, the same to be administered by it as a General Advance Special.

Add the following as Article 4:

4. Unless the Annual Conference directs otherwise, a District within the Conference may authorize and promote Conference Advance Specials for Church Extension and Missionary needs within the District, such funds to be administered by a District Missionary Society organized for that

purpose, or by a similar body set up by the District Conference. Conference Specials that are secured and administered on a District level shall be reported by each Local Church to the Annual Conference as Conference Advance Specials.

Add as Article 7 the following:

7. The Conference Board of Missions, in co-operation with the General Board of Missions, and The General Conference Commissions on Promotion and Cultivation shall promote General Advance Specials, the Week of Dedication, and Conference Advance Specials in each Annual Conference through District Missionary Secretaries, Conference and District Missionary Institutes, and by other effective means as it may determine.

Par. 762. Opening sentence, no change.

Article 1. No change.

Article 2. No change.

Article 3. No change.

Article 4. The only change recommended is in line 5 where, near the close of the article, where the words **the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation** and are to be added.

So the amended Article 4 shall read:

4. The appeal for Advance Specials shall be channeled through Bishops, District Superintendents, and Pastors, the details of the procedure to be determined by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation in consultation with the **Joint Section of Education and Cultivation** and the Advance committee.

Article 5. In lines 1 and 2, delete the words: *this entire plan* and substitute the words: **the structure and the administration of the Advance**, so that the Article shall read:

5. Should a clear emergency arise, any feature of **the structure and administration of the Advance** may be altered by the Advance Committee on the approval of a majority of The Council of Bishops and of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Par. 763. Delete the entire Paragraph, which reads as follows:—

Conference Advance Committee, constituted as follows: the Bishop, the District Superintendents, the Conference Missionary Secretary and the President of the Board of Missions, the President of the Board of Lay Activities, the Chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, the President and Executive Secretary of the

Board of Evangelism, the President and Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, the President of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and six Lay Members, three of whom shall be women, to be selected by the Bishop and District Superintendents; *provided* that the Conference may enlarge its Advance Committee as it may determine. It shall be the special duty of the District Superintendents, in co-operation with the Committee, to encourage the churches in their respective Districts to undertake an Advance special in some amount, either General or Conference-initiated; and they shall also further and promote the Week of Dedication in their respective Districts, giving full emphasis to both its spiritual and financial aspects. (*See* ¶ 149 § 3.)

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 15. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 43; F, 43; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: CORRECTIVE LEGISLATION RE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC RELATIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3680

*Calendar No. 189. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 895.*

The Committee on Temporal Economy recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chapter XIX, Par. 1596:

In Par. 1596, Section 1, Line 1, delete the word *sole*, and in its place substitute the word "**Official**" so that this sentence of this section of the Paragraph shall read as follows:

Par. 1596, Sec. 1. The Commission shall be the **Official** General News Gathering and Distributing Agency for The Methodist Church and its General Agencies.

Par. 1596, Sec. 3, delete the last four words *the Board of Publication*, and in their place substitute the following words: **all Boards and Agencies and Editors of Area and Annual Conference Periodicals**, so that this Section shall read as follows:

Par. 1596, Sec. 3. The Commission shall maintain co-operative relationship with the Editors of **all Boards and Agencies and the Editors of Area and Annual Conference Periodicals**.

In Par. 1596, following Sec. 3, add a new Section to be numbered "4" and shall read as follows: Par. 1596.4. **There may be Area, Annual Conference, District and Local Church Commissions or Committees on Public Relations and Methodist Information to be constituted and organized as the respective Governing Bodies may determine. Such Commis-**

sions or Committees would be related to the General Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 16. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3014, 4987

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 895.

Calendar No. 190. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 895.

The Committee concurs in the following:

In line 9, after the word "education" insert the words **"The Publisher of The Methodist Church."**

In line 9 and 10 delete the words *"one each from the two Corporations of the Board of Pensions."*

In line 19 delete the words *"the Board of Publications."*

In line 20 delete the word *"and."*

In line 21, insert after the words "Methodist Information," the following: **"The Board of Pensions, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and the Commission on Camp Activities."**

In line 21, begin a new Paragraph with the sentence beginning, **"The Council shall meet periodically, etc."**

In line 24 insert after the word "Church" the following: **"It shall consider existing and emerging conditions and needs where the co-operative services of two or more Boards or Agencies are needed, and devise ways and means of meeting those needs when they fall within the disciplinary functions of two or more General Boards and or Agencies. It shall seek to further co-operation between existing Agencies in their regular work and in carrying out such additional responsibilities as The General Conference may place upon them."**

In line 26, at the end of the sentence, add: **"and quadrennially to The General Conference."**

So that the entire Par. 1598 shall read, when amended:

There shall be a Council of Secretaries, whose membership shall consist of the Chief Executives of the following Agencies: one each from the Division of World Missions,

the Division of National Missions, and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and three from the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions; one each from the Division of the Local Church, the Editorial Division, and the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education; **THE PUBLISHER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**; and one each from the following: the Board of Temperance, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Lay Activities, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Board of World Peace, the Board of Social and Economic Relations, the Commission on Chaplains, the Television, Radio and Film commission, the American Bible Society, the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education, the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, the Board of Pensions, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and the Commission on Camp Activities.

The Council shall meet periodically to consider matters of common interest and co-operation among the several General Boards and Agencies of the Church. It shall consider existing and emerging conditions and needs where the co-operative services of two or more Boards or Agencies are needed, and devise ways and means of meeting those needs when they fall within the disciplinary functions of two or more General Boards and or Agencies. It shall seek to further co-operation between existing Agencies in their regular work and in carrying out such additional responsibilities as The General Conference may place upon them. It shall report annually to The Council of Bishops and to the Council on World Service and Finance, and quadrennially to The General Conference.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 17. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 38; F, 38; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN STREET CHURCH
MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3000

Calendar No. 191. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 895.

The Committee on Temporal Economy recommends by concurrence the Report of the Trustees of John Street Church, New York City, pages 697 and 698 of the 1956 Quad-

rennial Reports of the Boards and Commissions, be accepted.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 18. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M. 51; P. 43; F. 43; A. 0; N. 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: THE COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES AND THE CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 3392

Calendar No. 192. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 896.

The Committee recommends the following changes in Part VII, Chap. II, Par. 1115, Sec. 3. In Par. 1115, Sec. 2, lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, delete the words "*the Executive Secretary of each General Agency, and the President and the Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service,*" and in place substitute the following words: "**and the Council of Secretaries,**" so that this section of the Paragraph shall read as follows:

Par. 1115, Sec. 3. In consultation with The Council of Bishops **and the Council of Secretaries**, it shall formulate and present to The General Conference, for its action and determination, plans for a Unified, On-going Program for the Church, including long-range objectives. The financial objectives shall be recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance to The General Conference for its action.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 19. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M. 51; P. 43; F. 43; A. 0; N. 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: JOINT REPORT ON RESERVE FUNDING OF THE PENSIONS OF BISHOPS PAGES 474 AND 475 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2993

Calendar No. 193. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 896.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy recommends favorably by concurrence that the Joint Report on Reserve Funding of the Pensions of Bishops, pages 474 and 475 of

the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of Boards and Commissions, be accepted.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 20. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 43; F, 43; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE PAGES 519 THROUGH 604 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2994

Calendar No. 194. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 896.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy recommends by concurrence that the Report of the Council on World Service and Finance, pages 519 through 604 of the 1956 Quadrennial Reports of Boards and Commissions, be accepted.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 21. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 43; F, 43; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION AND OF THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE PAGES 629 THROUGH 634 OF THE QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 2996

Calendar No. 195. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 896.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy recommends by concurrence that the Report of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and the Advance Committee, pages 629 through 634, of the Quadrennial Reports of Boards and Commissions, be accepted.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 22. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 43; F, 43; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: NOT LIMITING A MEMBER OF THE METHODIST COM-

MITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF FROM SERVING ON ANOTHER
AGENCY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 3181

*Calendar No. 196. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 897.*

The Committee on Temporal Economy recommends the following addition in Part VII, Chap. I, Par. 1102. In Par. 1102, line 6, and after the words "Commission on Chaplains" insert the words "**The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief**" so that this Paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

Par. 1102. No person other than a Bishop shall serve at the same time on more than one Agency, and no Bishop shall serve at the same time on more than three Agencies; *provided*, however that this limitation shall not apply to a Division or Board, to an Inter-Agency Body, or to the Commission on Chaplains, **the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief**, or the Commission on Camp Activities; and *provided*, further, that a Bishop elected to the Council on World Service and Finance shall not serve on any other Agency during his term on this Council.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 23. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 44; F, 38; A, 1; N, 5

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: CREATION OF A PROGRAM FOR INSURED CHURCH
MORTGAGES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 4633

*Calendar No. 197. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 897.*

We recommend concurrence by Resolution:

Whereas capital funds of the Church and related Institutions are being invested under standards designed to assure maximum income with safety and similar standards are used on behalf of other investment funds; and,

Whereas the Episcopal Message challenged The Conference with the statement that "churchless communities are not simply a condition of the past" and "are multiplying with the increasing mobility of our present day populations"; and,

Whereas it is necessary to mobilize our total resources to build adequate churches for new congregations; and,

Whereas it may be possible by creation of an Insured Investment Program to apply an increasing portion of our funds to the building of new churches and to procure outside funds at reasonable rates and in more adequate amounts;

Now Therefore, the Council on World Service and Finance is requested to examine the feasibility of creating a Program for the Insurance of Church Mortgages as a means of procuring at the best possible rates adequate funds for our churches from our own and outside sources.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO 24. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 43; F, 41; A, 1; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: MANDATORY MINIMUM SALARIES AND
ADMINISTRATION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 3368, 3370, 3377 and 3670

AMENDED *May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 897.*

*Calendar No. 198. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 897.*

The Committee recommends the following changes in Chap. II, Part V, of the 1952 *Discipline*:

Substitute the following for Sub-Par. 1 of Par. 836, so that Sub-Par. 1 shall read:

Each Annual Conference shall adopt a Schedule of Minimum Salary Support and shall create a Commission on Minimum Salary composed of MINISTERS AND LAYMEN whose duty it shall be to administer the Plan as adopted by the Conference. The Commission shall carefully study the number and extent of the needs for additional Ministerial support within the Conference, shall study the sources of income and present to the Conference for adoption with the approval of the Commission on World Service and Finance a Schedule of Minimum Support for Pastors, subject to such Rules and Regulations as the Conference may adopt, so long as the Rules do not conflict with the provision of this legislation. The Schedule may allow for differences in living conditions, number of dependents in Pastor's family, or any other variants the Conference may direct.

Substitute the following for Sub-Par. 3 so that Sub-Par. 3 shall read:

The Commission on Minimum Salary shall present its estimate of the amount required to comply with the Schedule

of Minimum Support for the Pastors, as adopted by the Conference to the Commission on World Service and Finance who shall apportion the amount as an item of Ministerial Support to the Districts or the Charges as the Conference may direct.

Substitute the following for Sub-Par. 4 so that Sub-Par. 4 shall read:

The Minimum Salary Fund described above shall be used to provide the Pastors who receive less than the amount of the Minimum Salary Support with an additional amount of support sufficient to make the salary approved by the Pastoral Charge, plus the supplemental aid or income from other sources equal to the Minimum Support approved by the Conference, *provided* nothing in this legislation shall be construed as limiting the right of an Annual Conference to set a maximum amount to be used in attaining such Minimum Support in any given case.

Substitute the following for Sub-Par. 5 so that Sub-Par. 5 shall read:

The Minimum Salary Commission shall see that the Funds for Minimum Salary Support are collected and disbursed.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 25 TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 44; F, 44; A, 0; N, 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE METHODIST CHURCH, INCORPORATED, PAGES 674 THROUGH 676 OF THE 1956 QUADRENNIAL REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMORIAL: SERIAL NO. 2998

Calendar No. 199. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 898.

The Committee on Temporal Economy recommends that three Quadrennial Reports of the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, Inc., appearing at pages 674, 675, and 676 of the Quadrennial Reports, General Conference 1956, be received.

We recommend that the accounts of said Board be audited as provided by Sec. 722, *Discipline* of 1952 and a copy of such audit be filed with the Secretary of The General Conference and printed in The General Conference Journal of 1956.

We further recommend that the accounts of said Board

be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant as required by the *Discipline*, Sec. 722, and a copy of each Annual Report filed with the Secretary of The General Conference.

We further recommend that the Officers of said Board receiving and holding funds of the Board be bonded as required by the *Discipline*, Sec. 722.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 26. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 42; F, 31; A, 9; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR LAY EMPLOYEES

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 4528

Calendar No. 200. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 898.

We recommend concurrence in the following:

In Par. II The Local Church, Chapter III, Section II, Paragraph 145 of the 1952 *Discipline*, after item 2 which relates to the Committee on Pastoral Relations, to add the following item:

The Committee on Lay Personnel, of which the Pastor or person designated by him shall be Chairman, shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining personnel policy for all Lay Employees and other Employees not within the jurisdiction of the Pastoral Relations Committee in keeping with highest standards of Christian practice.

This Committee shall make provision for range of compensation; working hours; vacation schedule and sick leave; and shall, after study, recommend other Lay Employee benefits such as Retirement Plan of The Methodist Lay Employees Pension Fund or other Plans in addition to the Social Security Provisions; health and hospitalization insurance; life insurance and unemployment disability compensation insurance due to illness or injury.

It should be the aim of this Committee to insure for Lay and other Employees of the Church not within the jurisdiction of the Pastoral Relations Committee rights and considerations at least no less than those representative of enlightened and Christian policies now commonly practiced by secular Institutions. This Committee shall be amenable to the Quarterly Conference.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 27. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 32; F, 31; A, 0; N, 1

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: ADVANCE THROUGH LOVE IN ACTION

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2612, 3423

Calendar No. 201. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 898.

The Committee on Temporal Economy concurs by Resolution in the following:

Whereas, under the gracious providence of God, America enjoys the greatest prosperity of any nation in history; and,

Whereas, Methodist people are enjoying a generous share of these material blessings; and,

Whereas, our Methodist people truly love God and have a sincere desire to follow Christ in compassionate service and to express their Christian love in action as demonstrated by the support given to the Bishops' Appeal for Korea, by annual increases in Advance Special giving, and by going beyond the goals of every missionary appeal of recent years; and,

Whereas, present world needs, physical and spiritual, are far beyond the resources now anticipated in Quadrennial financial plans—and hence can only be met, even partially, by additional giving—

Therefore Be It Resolved by this General Conference—That we urge all our churches to not only co-operate in all phases of the Quadrennial Program and the financial plans outlined by our Council on World Service and Finance, but also to greatly increase their Advance Special giving through the next Quadrennium in order that our Division of World Missions and our Division of National Missions, and our Committee on Overseas Relief may be better able to respond to the needs of the world with a Program of Love in Action which will represent our Christian concern.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 28. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 43; F, 39; A, 2; N, 2

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 4644

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 900.

Calendar No. 202. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 900.

The Committee concurs in the following action:

To amend the 1952 *Discipline*, Par. 172, by adding a new Paragraph, to be designated "7" as follows:

7. The foregoing (Par. 172-1-6) shall apply to all real property owned by an incorporated Local Church, except that approval of the members of said Church shall not be required for the sale of property which was conveyed to the Church to be sold and its proceeds used for a specific purpose. All such property may be sold upon adoption, by a majority of the members of the Quarterly Conference present and voting, in a regular or special meeting of the Quarterly Conference, on a Resolution authorizing the proposed action. Notice of the purpose, date and hour of such regular or special meeting shall be given at least ten days prior thereto from the pulpit of the Church or in its weekly bulletin.

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE DATE AND TIME OF THE REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT WHICH IT IS TO BE CONSIDERED SHALL BE GIVEN AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR THERETO FROM THE PULPIT OF THE CHURCH, OR IN ITS WEEKLY BULLETIN.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 29. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 40; F, 28; A, 5; N, 7

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: FINANCING CHURCH BUILDING

MEMORIAL: SERIAL No. 4632

Calendar No. 203. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 900.

We recommend concurrence in the following:

That a new Paragraph be added to Chapter IV, Section IV of the *Discipline* and to follow Paragraph 173 thereof and to read as follows:

Any unincorporated Local Church and any incorporated Local Church may, upon complying with the provisions of Sections 171 or 172 of the *Discipline* as may be applicable to them respectively mortgage its unencumbered real property as security for a loan to be made to an Annual Con-

ference Board of Missions, or a City or District Missionary Society, *provided* the proceeds of such loan shall be used only for aiding in the construction of a new church.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;

HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 30. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M, 51; P, 41; F, 35; A, 0; N, 6

Adopted by the Committee, May 2, 1956

SUBJECT: INCLUDING IN DISCIPLINE THE CONSTITUTION OF
ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. 2920, 2921, 3357

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Pages 891-892.

*Calendar No. 204. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal,
Page 891.*

The Committee refers the attention of The General Conference to Report No. 8, Calendar No. 69, appearing in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, p. 369, the Constitution of the Association of the Methodist Historical Societies to appear in the *Discipline*, to read as follows:

CONSTITUTION ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

I. ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

1. The Association of Methodist Historical Societies shall be a federation of the Jurisdictional, Annual Conference, and other Methodist Historical Societies. It shall be affiliated with the Inter-National Methodist Historical Society.

2. Its purpose shall be to gather, preserve, and disseminate materials and facts on the history of Methodism, to co-operate with other bodies, especially the Inter-National Society and the World Methodist Council, and to do any and all things necessary to the promotion and care of the historical interests of The Methodist Church. It shall maintain archives in which shall be preserved historical records and materials of every kind relating to The Methodist Church.

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The activities of the Association shall be directed by an Executive Committee designated quadrennially. It shall be composed of the Officers of the Association; the Presidents or Chairmen of the active Jurisdictional-Historical

Societies recognized by the Jurisdictional Conferences; the Executive Secretary; the active Officers of the Inter-National Methodist Historical Society and the World Methodist Council from The Methodist Church; the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*; and six ADDITIONAL persons APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS chosen because of their interest in and knowledge of Methodist history and their availability for meetings.

2. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the President and Executive Secretary.

3. It shall hold an annual meeting, elect the Officers, and exercise the authority usually incident to an Executive Body.

4. There shall be a Sub-committee composed of the Officers, which shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Executive Committee in the interim between meetings.

5. The Executive Committee and Sub-Committee may vote by mail on any matter. Mail polls shall be carried out by the Executive Secretary, who shall state clearly the propositions to be voted on and announce the results to all the members.

III. OFFICERS

1. There shall be a President, two or more Vice-Presidents, an Executive Secretary, and a Treasurer, all elected quadrennially.

2. These officers shall perform the duties usually incident to the positions. The Executive Secretary shall be the Executive and Administrative Officer and shall carry on all the work of the Association, keep the records and minutes, and do the editorial work.

3. The Executive Committee may elect such other Officers as may be needed and prescribe their duties.

IV. FINANCES

1. The Association shall be financed by appropriations of The General Conference, the sale of literature and historical materials, and the gifts of interested individuals and groups.

2. The Executive Committee shall prepare an Annual Budget based on the expected income and shall prescribe the manner of its administration.

V. AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

1. There MAY be a Methodist Historical Society in each Jurisdiction and Annual Conference of The Methodist Church auxiliary to the Association of Methodist Historical Societies.

2. The Officers, members, duties, and support of each such Society shall be determined by the Conference to which it is related.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 31. TEMPORAL ECONOMY

M. 51; P. 45; F. 45; A. 0; N. 0

Adopted by the Committee, May 3, 1956

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS

MEMORIALS: SERIAL NOS. SEE REPORT

Calendar No. 221. Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 1025.

The Committee recommends non-concurrence on the following Memorials: 2613, 2616, 2619, 2621, 2761, 2802, 2804, 2805, 2806, 2807, 3176, 3183, 3184, 3187, 3188, 3189, 3339, 3347, 3359, 3360, 3361, 3362, 3365, 3366, 3367, 3369, 3372, 3373, 3374, 3375, 3378, 3380, 3381, 3382, 3383, 3384, 3385, 3386, 3387, 3388, 3389, 3390, 3391, 3393, 3396, 3397, 3398, 3399, 3400, 3401, 3402, 3403, 3405, 3406, 3407, 3408, 3409, 3410, 3436, 3659, 3663, 3665, 3667, 3671, 3677, 3681, 3692, 3695, 4357, 4380, 4381, 4622, 4623, 4624, 4625, 4626, 4627, 4628, 4629, 4638, 4769, 4529-4621 inclusive, 4653-4720 inclusive, 4772-4815 inclusive, 4844-4868 inclusive, 4929-4981 inclusive, 4356.

R. F. CURL, *Chairman*;
HAROLD C. PHEND (*), *Secretary*.

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ADVANCE COMMITTEE

Adopted April 28, 1956. See Journal, Pages 333-338.

(See Paragraphs 758-763, 1952 Discipline)

The *Discipline* of 1952 commits to the Advance Committee general leadership and oversight of the Advance, and directs that the Committee shall make a Report of its stewardship to The General Conference. Your Committee accordingly submits, for the consideration of this Conference, an account of its labors and a summary of the Church's generous response to the Advance appeal during the quadrennium now ending.

Your Committee has exercised all care and diligence to pursue its work in accordance with the directives written in the law of the Church. We have labored to the end that every local church may have opportunity for larger participation in the Church's ever-expanding missionary program in America and Overseas. No quotas or goals have been set. We have sought only to open doors of opportunity, and our people have responded to a degree far beyond our most sanguine expectations. These voluntary gifts, coming from our local churches through Advance Specials and the Week of Dedication, now supply approximately one-half the income of the Board of Missions (exclusive of the Woman's Division) and approximately one-half the income of the Methodist Commission on Overseas Relief. This fact is eloquent proof that the missionary passion still burns in the hearts of our people, and that they will not fail in the support of the Church's far-flung ministry, when the story of a great need and a great opportunity is told them.

The Advance Committee presents in this Report only a composite picture of the gifts of our people during the past quadrennium. A more detailed accounting appears in the Report of the Executive Secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance, who serves also as Treasurer of the Advance. The participating Agencies have received from the Advance during this quadrennium to March 31, 1956 (a period of three years and ten months) the following amounts:

Division of World Missions

Advance Specials

\$11,795,908

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Week of Dedication	\$ 828,847	
		\$12,624,755

Division of National Missions

Advance Specials	\$ 1,888,078	
Week of Dedication	480,851	
		\$ 2,368,929

M.C.O.R.

Advance Specials	\$ 1,492,734	
Week of Dedication	293,132	
		\$ 1,785,866

Crusade Scholarship Fund

Week of Dedication	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
GRAND TOTAL		\$17,079,550

Our estimate is that at the end of the quadrennium, May 31, 1956, the total for General Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings will approximate eighteen and one-half million dollars.

These figures become the more impressive when we observe that, on an average during this quadrennium, an amount considerably in excess of \$13,000 has been contributed each day through Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings to the missionary work of the Church. The expense of promoting the Week of Dedication is a prior claim on the Week of Dedication Fund, and it has averaged 9.36% of receipts. It must be remembered, however, that the promotion includes the spiritual as well as the financial emphasis, and this has at least doubled the cost. The cost of promotion and administration for Advance Specials is paid out of the operating funds of the respective participating Agencies. This means that every Advance Special, to the last dime, is invested in the cause for which it is contributed with no deduction for overhead of any kind.

Advance Specials have climbed steadily upward during the entire period. This indicates that our people do not think of the Advance as an Emergency Missionary Appeal, but as a continuing opportunity for participation in the Church's unending task. The year ending May 31, 1955, was our banner year with more than four and a quarter

million dollars contributed to General Advance Specials. It is encouraging to note that contributions through the first ten months of the current year exceed by 10.61% the contributions through the corresponding period of last year.

The above figures do not take into account the amount raised for Conference Advance Specials and administered on the Conference level. Conference Advance Specials, as reported to the Central Treasurer, total \$13,696,001 for three years and six months. We have not been able to secure regular Reports from Conference Treasurers of the amounts thus raised and administered by the several Conferences. We are persuaded that the actual total is considerably in excess of the amount reported. When Conference Advance Specials, as reported, are added to the General Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings, the total amount brought into the treasury of the Church through the Advance for Missionary and Church Extension enterprises during three years and ten months of this quadrennium is not less than \$30,695,557, not including \$1,654,934 for the Bishops' Appeal for Korea. This we judge to be a phenomenal achievement in our Church-wide Missionary Program. Let it be observed that this amount is over and above the support received through World Service and Conference Benevolences. The Regular Apportionments continue to be the basic support of the Church's manifold ministry, without which our entire Program would collapse.

In the administration of these funds the Advance has had no responsibility except to insist, as the *Discipline* requires, that Advance Specials and Week of Dedication projects be properly approved and that all Advance funds be used for the specific objects for which they were contributed. In every instance we have had the complete and unqualified co-operation of the participating Agencies. The only function of your Committee has been to support and undergird the Boards and Agencies, which the Church has constituted to plan and administer its Missionary Program. It is our conviction that the Advance has been productive not only in the funds raised, but in materially quickening the missionary spirit in our local churches, and thus advancing the Kingdom on every front.

Our Pastors and people have been our indispensable allies in all that has been achieved. To them we express our abiding gratitude. The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation deserve in this connection especial mention. Acting in close and understanding co-operation, they have been our Agencies of Promotion, and the success of our endeavors is in

large measure the result of their devotion and efficiency. The District Superintendents of the Church have rendered yeoman service in the entire Advance Movement. Through them the appeal is transmitted to every Quarterly Conference. No movement or appeal is truly effective until it reaches the local congregation. These faithful men have been representatives of the Missionary Advance in forty thousand local churches, and the results are attested by the achievements of these four years.

The cost of promoting General Advance Specials is a feature worthy of especial note. In promoting these Specials throughout the entire Church the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation has expended an amount equal to only 1.05% of the total actually received. When to that is added the cost of cultivation as reported by the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions, the total cost of promotion and cultivation by both Agencies is equal to an amount considerably less than 5% of receipts.

Your Advance Committee has met annually, and the Executive Committee has met as the need required. No new organization has been set up. The appeal has been made through the regular channels of the Church. The work of the Committee has been done without expense to the Church. We have had no office or employed secretariat. The expense of meeting has been provided out of profits remaining from the sale of literature during the quadrennium 1948-1952. Neither do we come to The General Conference asking for an appropriation of any kind. We have funds on hand sufficient to take care of the expense of the Advance Committee for another quadrennium—and more. We are grateful to The General Conference and to the Church for this opportunity to serve in a great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE:

COSTEN J. HARRELL, *Chairman*;

HAZEN G. WERNER, *Vice-Chairman*;

FRANK E. BAKER, *Recording Secretary*.

2.

CHURCH UNION, COMMISSION ON

Adopted April 27, 1956. See Journal, Page 300.

(See Paragraph 2005, 1952 Discipline)

The Commission on Church Union was established by the 1948 General Conference. Its duties were:

(1) To consider specific overtures or proposals for Organic Union with other Denominations and to report to The General Conference,

(2) To initiate studies looking toward Organic Union,

(3) To confer with representatives of other Denominations in any general discussion of Church Union,

(4) To encourage Inter-Denominational Co-operation throughout the Church and to have responsibility for any Inter-Denominational activities not specifically cared for by other Agencies.

The 1952 General Conference continued the Commission and elected the following as members:

<i>Juris.</i>	<i>Bishop</i>	<i>Clergy</i>	<i>Lay</i>
N.E.	Lloyd C. Wicke	Daniel L. Marsh	Chares C. Parlin
S.E.	Wm. T. Watkins	Nolan B. Harmon	C. E. Jordan
C	Willis J. King	M. LaF. Harris	V. E. Daniel
N.C.	Edwin E. Voigt	John M. Versteeg	Rockwell F. Clancy
S.C.	Ivan Lee Holt	Umphrey Lee	Walter W. Parker
W.	A. R. Grant	Rufus C. Baker	Donald A. Odell

Bishop Holt was elected Chairman, Dr. Harmon, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Parlin (*), Secretary.

During the quadrennium, the Commission, or its Executive Committee, met five times. Its work has been in the following areas:

The Conference on a United Church in U. S. A.

Pursuant to a call by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America for discussion of Organic Union of Churches in this country, the following in December, 1949, sent representatives:

Congregational Christian Churches
Disciples of Christ
Evangelical and Reformed Church

Methodist Church

Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

National Council of Community Churches

The Protestant Episcopal Church sent observers. Bishop Holt was elected Chairman of the group. The Presbyterians withdrew after the work was under way because of involvement in their own merger plans.

Work has continued, however, and a draft of "The Plan of Union" follows at the end of this Report. The representatives have worked on the theory that the call for unity is a divine imperative. Among the participating Churches, there is mutual recognition of the ministries and sacraments but they are accustomed to operate under different forms of organization—Episcopal, Presbyterian or Congregational. Careful study indicates that the differences are more of form and terminology than substance. Meanwhile, over the years these Churches have come closer together in fraternal fellowship, mutual co-operation and spirit of unity. Has the time come for the Denominations to seriously discuss organic unity?

The attached Plan gives a possible basis. To each Church there are certain forms and customs from which it is difficult to part. In this Plan each Church would make certain concessions—for example, the Congregationists and Presbyterians would except administration by Bishops. There would be preserved within a unified structure the possibility of individual churches and individual ministers maintaining the form of relationship of their selection. This Plan is presented to The General Conference for its information. For those who feel that our steps toward unity should take the form of a United Church in the U.S.A., the Plan will indicate one way in which the differing forms and traditions can be brought together. Many hope that The Methodist Church will take the initiative and leadership in work for a United Church.

The Protestant Episcopal Church

Some years before the Uniting Conference of Methodism in 1939 there were informal conversations between the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and the Protestant Episcopal Church, looking toward Union. The Methodist Episcopal Church withdrew

from these discussions to consummate Methodist Union. In 1942 representatives of The Methodist Church and the Protestant Episcopal Church met in joint session in Cleveland. Then at the 1948 General Conference in Boston a proposal came from the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church for further discussions and this proposal had hearty endorsement from two Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church who spoke to us. Bishop Sherrill, the Presiding Bishop, and Bishop Nash, the Bishop of Massachusetts. The discussions in which your Commission is now engaged mark the third effort in a generation to bring these two Churches together.

No Plan of Union has been drafted. Your Commission feels that before this is attempted, study must be given to the prospects of establishing Inter-communion through an extension of the Orders of the Clergy in each of the two Churches along the lines suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his now famous "Cambridge Sermon." With problems of ministries and sacraments solved, it seems likely that their common history and heritages will inevitably draw these two great Denominations together.

Study is being given to a proposal for extension of Orders through reciprocal, supplemental consecration of such of the Bishops of the two Denominations as would voluntarily accept such. Such supplemental consecration of a Methodist Bishop by the Episcopal Bishops would bring the Methodist Bishop and any minister subsequently ordained by him into the apostolic succession as understood by the Church of England and the many Denominations which share this concept and are now on a basis of Inter-communion. Any such Bishop and any such minister would then be qualified to administer the sacraments in an Episcopal Church, and presumably in Churches of other related Denominations, and today there are many places where new opportunities for wider Christian service would be opened to our ministers in this manner. We are advised that some, at least, of the Episcopal Bishops would welcome such supplemental consecration by our Methodist Bishops, feeling that by such act they would come into the line and the heritage of the dynamic evangelism of John Wesley and his followers and that there was being restored to the ministry of their Church something which the Church of England and its ministry lost when they lost "the people called Methodists."

This has been a major effort of the Commission during the quadrennium. During the period, a group of Methodist Bishops and Protestant Episcopal Bishops met for dis-

cussion of the problems involved. Since, specific proposals have been made and are under discussion in the two Commissions. In the Christian world today, the failure to achieve Inter-communion is one of deepest concern. There is reason to hope that in this country the Methodists and the Protestant Episcopalians may lead the way and find a solution.

The Evangelical and United Brethren Church

We are conscious that this devoted Church has close affinities with our Church. A meeting was arranged at Dayton, Ohio, between a group of their Bishops and members of the Executive Committee of the Commission on Church Union of our Church. Their Bishops feel that they still have problems arising out of their recent Union which they must first solve. They are hopeful, as are we, that in the not too distant future we may open negotiations that may lead to a union of our Churches. Let us all pray God for His leadership in bringing that consummation of our hopes.

The Independent Methodist Churches

There are independent Methodist Churches in America which do not belong to our Church but which do belong to our fellowship.

Under the leadership of the World Methodist Council there have been several meetings with Bishops of the American Methodist Episcopal Church, the American Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. From these conferences it is apparent that the pressures from the Roman Catholic Church and the many Sects are felt by our Negro Methodists. There is apparent the need of more co-operation and it may be possible to establish a Methodist Federation with the solving of some comity problems. We are not ready yet for the uniting of all Methodist Churches, but this must be kept in mind as an objective.

The Free Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Church go their separate ways, but they all affiliate with the World Methodist Council. Every effort must be made, in spite of differences in size and theological emphasis, to bring them ever closer to our Church.

World Methodist Council

This Council met in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1947 and in Oxford in 1951 and is scheduled to meet at Lake

Junaluska, North Carolina, August 28 to September 12, 1956.

There is much interest in strengthening the ties of the constituent Methodist bodies of the world. This seems to be the current trend of the ecumenical movement. The Anglicans, the Lutherans, the Baptists and the Presbyterian-Reform groups all give indication of stronger affiliations on a world-wide communion basis. British Methodism finds itself far removed from the established Church of England—much further than we are removed from the Protestant Episcopal group in this country. British Methodism views with some concern our conversations with the Protestant Episcopal group and with the other United States Churches and urges us toward a strengthening of our world-wide Methodist communion in the World Methodist Council.

Which Way Toward Union?

The urge toward closer relationships between the divisions of the Church is today constant and insistent. But those who are enthusiastic about the end result differ as to route.

One group urges cutting across Denominational barriers and the forming of United Churches wherever possible. This is the pattern of South India, of Canada, and of Japan. This thinking in the United States is exemplified by the Conference on Union and the "Plan" which is part of this Report.

The other group fears that while such Programs may eliminate Denominational barriers they may merely substitute even more difficult national barriers and warns against using nationalism and national self-interest as a catalyst. This group, looking into the future, would rather see the World Council of Churches as a Council of World-wide Communion—Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, etc.—than a Council of National Churches—United Church of Canada, United Church of Japan, United Church of Great Britain, United Church of United States, etc.

The World Methodist Council meeting in 1956 will probably be important in shaping policy as to how far the Methodist bodies of the world will go in forming a really cohesive organization and thus veer away from the theory of separate, National Churches in the respective countries.

Meanwhile, the work will continue within the spirit of the Episcopal Address of 1948 in which it was said:

"The Churches must become the Church. We must move from the exploration of the possibilities of Union to the creation of the spirit and structure of Union. We believe Union must be achieved. We believe our laity and our clergy desire Union. We believe our Lord is calling upon us to unite."

Respectfully submitted,

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A PLAN FOR A UNITED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

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PLAN OF UNION FOR A UNITED CHURCH

TO THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, whose body the Church is:

INTRODUCTION

The following Plan of Church Union received its initial

inspiration at the biennial meeting of the Congregational Christian General Council held at Grinnell, Iowa, in June, 1946. A Resolution was there unanimously adopted requesting the Federal Council of Churches to invite those Denominations which "recognize one another's ministers and sacraments" to send officially appointed representatives to a plenary conference to explore the possibility of a closer union. This proposal was seconded in the following August by the Inter-National Convention of the Disciples of Christ, which somewhat broadened the invitation to include "those Communion which are in sufficient accord in essentials of Christian faith and order to give promise that such a conference would result in further and effectual achievement of Christian unity."

Whereupon, the invitation was formally transmitted to each of the 24 constituent Denominations of the Federal Council, and others not affiliated with it. Nine Denominations responded favorably as follows: Methodist, Presbyterian U.S.A., Presbyterian U.S., Congregational Christian, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed, African Methodist Episcopal, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and the Association of Community Churches. These bodies represent about 16 million members, or nearly 40 per cent of American Protestantism.

Their appointed Representatives met at Greenwich, Connecticut, in December, 1949. During three days of deliberation it was unanimously decided that they should seek for nothing less than "an Organic Union" of their several bodies, "a fellowship and organization of the Church which will enable it to act as one body under Jesus Christ who is the Head of the Church." The Conference organized itself as a continuing body, to be called, simply, "The Conference on Church Union." Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of The Methodist Church was elected President; Rev. Dr. William B. Pugh, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Vice-President; Rev. Dr. John Lentz, of the Evangelical Reformed Church, Treasurer. Rev. Dr. Douglas Horton, minister of the Congregational Christian General Council, accepted the task of acting Secretary. A Drafting Committee was appointed to draw up a Plan of Union. Two members from each participating Denomination were named to constitute such a Committee, together with members of the Executive Committee, as *ex-officio*.

The first meeting of the Drafting Committee was held at Randolph, New Hampshire, in July, 1950. During four days of intensive deliberations, a Plan of Union was drawn up which received the approval of the entire Committee.

Rev. Dr. Pugh contributed largely to the drafting of the Plan. His tragic death two months later removed from the undertaking one of its wisest and most ardent advocates. A second meeting of the Drafting Committee reviewed the Plan and presented it to a plenary session of the Conference on Church Union in New York, in October, 1950, where, with minor changes, it was approved for advisory submission to a joint convocation of the Conference on Church Union and the several Commissions on Inter-Church Relations of the nine Denominations.

This Convocation, consisting of 75 representatives of the nine Denominations, was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in January, 1951. The Plan was thoroughly discussed. No formal action was taken or requested, though the sentiment was strongly favorable and hopeful. Three Denominational groups—Methodist, Congregational and Disciples of Christ—met separately and presented to the Convocation memoranda containing assurances of hearty approval of the Plan, together with certain suggestions for its improvement. Rev. Dr. Gaines M. Cook, Executive Secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, was elected Secretary of the Conference on Church Union. Since his resignation Rev. Kenneth Bath, of the Community Churches, is Secretary.

A meeting of the Drafting Committee was held in New York in March, 1951, at which all the suggestions for amendment proposed at Cincinnati were earnestly considered. Some of these were incorporated in the Plan, others were included with modifications, still others were felt to be either unnecessary or inconsistent with the Plan. A further meeting of the Drafting Committee was held in New York in November, 1952. After intensive consideration of the text of the Plan of Union resulting in numerous minor revisions, it was deemed ready to submit to a plenary session of the Conference on Church Union. This session was held at Greenwich in May, 1953. Two days were devoted to a critical examination and interpretation of the Plan and discussion of methods for securing a similar consideration from a widely representative cross-section of the Churches. For this purpose the Plan is now submitted to the Commissions on Christian Unity of the several Churches and other Church organizations and groups, including theological seminaries, for study and recommendation.

The Approach

In considering the Plan of Union it is important that it be taken, not as a final, comprehensive or adequate plan,

but as a kind of line drawing of a possible United Church. The fundamental problem which it seeks to solve is that of bringing into one body three types of Churches which already recognize one another's ministries and sacraments but are accustomed to operate under somewhat different forms of organization. These forms are usually designated as Congregational, Episcopal and Presbyterian. Previous Plans for Union have largely attempted to merge these polities by compromising or eliminating their differences. The distinctive characteristic of the present plan is that the essential features of these polities are preserved and maintained simultaneously within the one Church.

In our many conferences together we have reached the heartening conclusion that, in their functioning, quite aside from traditional theory, these three types of organization are more similar than is commonly assumed. The Congregational group of Churches is more like the non-Congregational, the Episcopal more like the non-Episcopal and the Presbyterian more like the non-Presbyterian groups than any of them has supposed the others to be. The recognition of this fact has made it possible to bring the three types of organization together in a Plan of Union which provides for the continuance of all three.

This Plan is offered to the Churches, not with the expectation that they will at once commit themselves to Union under it, but in the hope that they may be able to adopt it "in principle" with whatever recommendations they may suggest for its improvement and completion. It is conceived as a minimum structure upon which, if its essential principles are favorably received, further action may be undertaken to consummate the Union here envisaged.

Question will, no doubt, arise concerning matters of procedure within the framework of this Plan. Many such questions have arisen in our deliberations, but they have been put aside in the interest of presenting as simply as possible an over-all picture of what a United Church might be. We ask that the Plan be given careful study and that both official and informal groups will crystallize their opinions as to (1) the desirability and (2) the practicability of Union on the principles embodied in the Plan. Such expressions of opinion will guide the Conference on Church Union in its further deliberations.

I.

THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE

We, the Conference on Church Union, consisting of of-

ficially appointed Representatives of our several Churches, gratefully recognize the initiative and guidance of God in the movement among Christian people for a United Church. The call for unity is a divine imperative and we believe that Union is an indispensable means to that end.

We have long known that in essentials of faith we are already one. We now rejoice in the growing realization that the practical operations of our several polities are strikingly similar. Over many years there has been a steady growth of fraternal fellowship, mutual co-operation, and the spirit of unity among us. This has prompted us earnestly and prayerfully to inquire what may be the next step in the development of our responsibility for one another. Through our common faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior we are made one body in Him and in penitence for our present unhappy separation from one another, we believe that our Master now calls us to transcend those barriers which divide us into various and often competing Denominations and Churches.

Today, Christians confront a world situation which demands that the Churches shall make common cause. In our own and many other sections of the world, secularism, atheism, and religious indifference are strongly entrenched and militant. These evil forces stand sharply over against the Christian Church with its eternal gospel of redemption. They cannot be effectively resisted and overcome by separate Churches, but only by the corporate witness and the concerted action of Christians united. In the broad perspective of the world scene, and in view of our great common convictions and concerns, our Denominational differences appear relatively inconsequential.

In our meetings together, in prayer and prolonged deliberations, we have reached a common conviction that the time has now come when all the Churches must take with profound seriousness both the divine mandate and the practical need for a United Church. Even though this Union of Churches may mean some adjustment of Denominational traditions and emphases, yet all will be enriched by the varying practices brought into the Union. If at any point we must decrease that the Cause of Christ may increase, we shall count our loss as gain.

We look forward in faith and hope to a more comprehensive Union than that envisaged by our present undertaking. Holding this faith and this larger hope, but not waiting for its full realization, we are convinced that we should now form ourselves into an Organic Union; and

that our Union must be so truly ecumenical in spirit and structure that it may be not only a Church united in itself but so manifestly inspired with a fervent desire and intention to be used of God that it will bring about a more comprehensive Union. To this end, we offer a statement of the ecumenical evangelical faith to which such a United Church should bear witness, and propose a Plan of Union.

THE PLAN OF UNION

A COVENANT OF UNION

We the Churches hereto assenting, believing that we are acting under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seeking union in Christ with that Christian liberty of conscience and organization, which we now enjoy do hereby unite for the furtherance of the redemptive work of Christ in the world in a visible body to be known as The United Church of Christ. The Churches hereto assenting do mutually covenant and agree upon the following Plan of Union.

I.

THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. Organization.

The Universal Church is the fellowship which God creates by his Holy Spirit through those who experience His grace in Jesus Christ. The local church is the ecumenical Church manifested in a particular place. The United Church of Christ recognizes and respects the freedom of each local church in the discharge of its local responsibilities, and it also provides for an orderly exercise of the mutual responsibilities of the local churches in relation to their sister Churches in The United Church. The local church brings into The United Church of Christ, without essential change, all the present structure and procedure.

The form of local church organization naturally varies in some respects with the needs of the particular church and its community. But there exist in the Churches of each of the participating Denominations a Board of Officers responsible for fostering and guiding the spiritual life and the general welfare of the congregation, and a Board of Trustees who are responsible for the church property. The essential inner structure of the local church is preserved in The United Church of Christ.

2. Union in the Local Community.

The United Church of Christ is deeply concerned about

communities where there are too many churches and others where there are too few and knows that either situation results from the failure of Protestant churches to face together their task and carry on their work in a spirit of co-operation. This means loss in human and spiritual resources.

Without the pressure that overrides local freedom, The United Church of Christ constantly holds before its constituency the ideal of such unity and relocation of churches in rural and urban areas as will enable every church member with his contribution of interest and time and money to serve his Master and his community most fully.

The United Church of Christ responds to calls from the countryside and from centers of population for aid in carrying out this idea with plans and suggestions for definite local needs.

3. Classification.

The United Church of Christ, being catholic and inclusive in purpose and form, embraces the three historic polities of Protestantism: Congregational, Episcopal, and Presbyterian. At the time of organization of The United Church of Christ each Denomination in its own way shall declare to which of the three categories its local churches shall be regarded as belonging. Local churches subsequently may change from one classification to another but only after announcement two years in advance.

4. Worship and the Sacraments.

Each local church determines its mode of worship and of administering Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

5. Admission to Membership.

In accordance with the practice of all the Churches participating in The United Church of Christ, new members are received on profession of faith in Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour. Letters of transfer from other local churches are honored in accordance with the practice of the receiving local church, though we look forward to the time when all letters of transfer will be freely received.

6. Property.

In the case of a local church which holds title to its own property, the church retains the title. In the case of a local church where the property is held in trust, the trust may be transferred to The United Church of Christ.

II.

THE MINISTRY

1. Ordination.

Ordination in The United Church of Christ is ordination to the ministry of the Church Universal. The act of Ordination is performed by the Presbytery on the recommendation of the local church of which the candidate is a member and of the proper examining committee of the Presbytery. The Bishop participates in the laying on of hands and ordinarily presides at the Service of Ordination.

2. Classification.

At the time of organization of The United Church of Christ each Denomination in its own way shall declare to which of the three categories, Congregational, Episcopal or Presbyterian, its ministers shall be regarded as belonging. Ministers subsequently may change from one category to another at their own request with the approval of the Bishop, but only after announcement two years in advance.

3. Standing of the Ministry.

The minister shall be a member of the Presbytery where he serves, which shall hold his standing and be responsible for the passing of his character.

4. Placement of Ministers.

Ministers are called by or assigned to local churches in their own category, according to the method appropriate to that category.

5. Installations.

Installation or recognition of a minister assuming a pastoral relation to a local church is by the Presbytery at the request and with the participation of the church.

6. The Episcopate.

The Bishop is the spiritual Counsellor and guide of the churches and ministers in the Conference in which he is the Administrative Superintendent. His relation to the churches and ministers of the Congregational category is that of an Advisor. His relation to the churches and ministers of the Presbyterian category is comparable to that of an Executive of a Presbytery and Synod. His relation to the churches and ministers of the Episcopal category is that of a Bishop in historic American Methodism.

The Bishop is elected by the General Council on nomination made by the Conference to which his first assignment will be made. He is consecrated by the General Council for life. Each Bishop shall be appointed for a term of four years, and shall be eligible for reappointment to the same Conference, or for transfer to another Conference, with the consent of that Conference, so long as the General Council deems it expedient to continue him in office, or until he reaches the established age of retirement.

He is set apart for this office by the imposition of hands of at least one other Bishop and at least three ministers of The United Church of Christ. This rite of consecration may be conducted either in the meeting of the Conference or of the General Council. In order to recognize that the responsibility of the Bishop pertains to the church-at-large, the authorization of his consecration is by the General Council. A representative of the General Council normally takes part in the laying on of hands.

III.

THE PRESBYTERY

1. Nature of the Presbytery.

The Church of Christ manifests itself in many separate congregations, and these need and desire the fellowship of mutual counsel and co-operation. Accordingly, contiguously located churches constitute a natural unit of organization. This is recognized in some form, more or less explicitly, under various names, by all the Denominations participating in the United Church of Christ.

To provide for the mutual concern and responsibility of contiguous local churches in The United Church of Christ if they be not fewer than ten in number, a Presbytery may be constituted. It consists of all ministers, not fewer than ten in number, and one Lay Member from each church within its District. The boundaries of each Presbytery are determined by the churches and Presbyteries concerned, with the advice and approval of the Conference.

2. Voting.

Decisions of a Presbytery are normally by majority vote, but if called for by the delegation from any local church of the Presbytery, votes may be taken by classification, Congregational, Episcopal and Presbyterian; a majority vote in each classification to apply to the churches of that classification (and no other classification), within the boundaries of the Presbytery.

3. Meetings.

The Presbytery meets at least annually and also when specially called at the request of at least five members. It elects its own Officers.

4. Functions.

The Presbytery is responsible for (a) recruiting, preparing, and ordaining ministers; (b) the oversight and aid of its ministers and churches; (c) the standing and the passing of the character of its ministers; (d) the election of Delegates to the Conference and to the General Council; (e) setting in order and promoting those things that pertain to the spiritual welfare and co-operative work of its constituent churches; (f) co-operation in establishing and dissolving pastoral relations between ministers and churches.

IV.

THE CONFERENCE

1. Nature of the Conference.

The Conference embraces a group of contiguous Presbyteries not fewer than three in number. It is the expression in a larger territorial area of the fellowship already manifest in the Presbytery. It expresses mutuality of interest, unity of life, and co-operation. The Conference in The United Church of Christ is comparable to the State Convention, State Association, Synod, Diocese, or Annual Conference of the several Denominations.

2. How Constituted.

The Conference is composed (a) of equal delegations of Ministers and Laymen elected by the Presbyteries on the basis of a ratio determined by the Conference itself and its Presbyteries; or, (b) at its option, with the consent of a majority of its Presbyteries, of all the Ministers and one Lay Member from each local church within the Conference. In either case the number of Members of the Conference of Congregational, Episcopal, and Presbyterian Classifications shall be in ratio to the number of churches of like classifications within the Conference boundaries.

3. Voting.

Decisions of a Conference are normally by majority vote, but if called for by the delegation from any Presbytery of the Conference, votes may be taken by classification, Con-

gregational, Episcopal, and Presbyterian, a majority vote in each classification to apply to the churches of that classification (and no other classification), within the bounds of the Conference.

4. Meetings.

The Conference convenes at least once a year. Each session elects its Presiding Officer, who may be either a Minister or Lay Member, to be known as Moderator, to serve during that session of the Conference, and who is not eligible for re-election.

5. Election of Bishops.

Each Conference has a Bishop nominated or approved by the Conference, though not necessarily from its own membership. The Bishop is *ex-officio* a member of the Conference, with the right to vote.

6. Functions of the Conference.

The Conference is responsible within its boundaries for the administration and promotion of the work of the Church as a whole. Among its functions are: to review the records and work of the Presbyteries; in co-operation with the Presbyteries concerned to constitute new Presbyteries and, where necessary, to divide those previously constituted; to initiate such work with respect to the Presbyteries, the churches, and the people under their care as may tend to promote the edification of the Church and the extension of the kingdom of God; to elect Delegates to the General Council and to propose to the General Council for its consideration such measures as may be of common interest to the cause of Christ and to the Church as a whole.

V.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL

1. Functions.

The responsibility of the General Council is to foster and express the substantial unity of The United Church of Christ in faith, polity, purpose, and work; to consult upon and devise measures and maintain Agencies for the promotion of the common interests of the Church and the kingdom of God; to do and promote the work of the whole Church in its National, Inter-National and Ecumenical Relations and in general to perform on behalf of The United Church of Christ the various functions hitherto performed

by such organizations as the National Convention, General Assembly, General Synod, General Conference, or General Council of the uniting Denominations.

2. Membership.

The General Council is composed of approximately 1,000 Delegates, Minister and Laymen in equal numbers, to be elected as follows: each Presbytery elects two Delegates—one Minister and one Lay Member; the remaining number of Delegates, Ministers and Lay Members in equal numbers, are elected by the Conferences on the basis of church membership, the ratio to be determined by the General Council. The number of Members of the Congregational, Episcopal and Presbyterian classification elected to the General Council by a Conference are in ratio to the number of churches of each classification in that Conference. The Bishops are *ex-officio* Members of the General Council with right to speak but not to vote.

3. Voting.

Decisions of the General Council are normally by majority vote, but if called for by any member of the Council, votes may be taken by classification, Congregational, Episcopal and Presbyterian, a majority vote in each classification to apply to the churches of that classification (and no other classification) in The United Church of Christ.

4. Meetings.

The General Council holds regular meetings biennially. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. Each session elects its Presiding Officer, who may be either a Minister or Layman, to be known as Moderator, to serve during that session of the General Council, and who is not eligible for re-election. In addition to its Agenda for the transaction of business, it provides services of worship and a Program of inspirational, evangelistic, missionary, devotional and educational addresses for the edification of those present and of the whole Church. Provision is also made for the General Council to conduct a service of consecration of newly elected Bishops.

5. Responsibilities.

The General Council is responsible for co-ordinating and administering the general enterprise of The United Church of Christ as a whole, including evangelism, missions at home and abroad, ecumenical activity, Christian education, ministerial education, stewardship, publishing, ministerial

pensions, social action; and to these ends, it creates such corporations and appoints such Boards, Commissions, Committees and Officers as may be needful. It recognizes and fosters organizations of men, women and youth within the membership of The United Church of Christ. The responsibilities of the General Council are discharged on behalf of the constituent local churches, Presbyteries, and Conferences.

6. The Appeal Agency.

For the determination of complaints and reference by individual members, churches, Presbyteries or Conferences an Appeal Agency is constituted consisting of eleven members: six Ministers and five Laymen, elected by the General Council, the term of office to be four years, and the membership to be distributed among the three categories.

7. Conference of Bishops.

The Bishops meet in conference at least once a year, and issue an address on "The State of the Church," setting forth suggestions of procedures and programs as well as an examination of matters spiritual. The Bishops when in conference consult together for the unifying of their administrations.

8. Executive Commission.

In the interim between General Council meetings an Executive Commission is constituted as the Administrative Agency of The United Church of Christ. It is composed of eight Bishops, elected by the Conference of Bishops, twenty Members elected by the General Council, ten Ministers and ten Laymen, two women elected by the Women's Society of The United Church of Christ, and four Members elected by the Council of Secretaries of the General Boards. The three categories are all to be represented.

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
REPORT NO. 1. CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
SUBJECT:—PROPOSED QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM
FOR 1956-1960

(See Paragraphs 1111-1115, 1952 *Discipline*)

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 1956. See *Journal*, Pages 357, 360, 362, 363, 364, 365.

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The following Program was unanimously adopted in its present form by a joint meeting of The Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Co-ordinating Council, the Council of Secretaries and the President and Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls, January 21, 1956. It becomes, therefore, the Report of these bodies to The General Conference.

Introduction

The Christian faith is challenged by an aggressive atheism and a determined materialism in all parts of the world. Neither the strategy of defense nor the tactics of appeasement will suffice. Christianity envisions nothing less than the world-wide conquest of the minds, hearts, and wills of men in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Communism and secularism must be seen for what they are, namely, attempts to master the mind. Other powerful ideologies constitute a similar challenge. Historically, our day will be seen as a struggle for the minds of men. This is the essential fact.

This struggle is waged in a revolutionary epoch in which political, social, and economic spheres are involved and in which irreconcilable concepts of the nature of man are at war. The common people of the earth demand freedom and abundant life, and thus call for the end of colonialism and of imperialism and the abolition of poverty. They insist that power must be brought under democratic control and that justice must be established by the democratic process; they cry out for economic justice and racial brotherhood.

The Communist proffers revolutionary proposals alleged

to be scientifically based and designed to abolish the exploitation of man by man and to set up a classless society. **ACTUALLY, COMMUNISM CANNOT OBTAIN THESE GOALS FOR IT LACKS THE COHESIVE POWER OF LOVE WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO SOCIAL UNITY.**

Christians hold that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is to become the Ruler of the kings of the earth, King of kings and Lord of lords. The Communist sees religion, and especially the Christian religion, as an opiate, a means to be used by a ruling class to keep the poor in subjection. He holds that social emancipation necessitates fundamental readjustments in property relations. The Christian knows that man's needs, involving property as they do, root deeper and lie in the soul. It is not revolution nor even reform that takes first place; it is regeneration. A new spirit in the heart of humanity is basic. Man must be reborn. The Church proclaims a Gospel that creates new men in Christ Jesus. Through evangelism and education it would develop the mind that was in Christ.

This mind must be inspired by the teaching and preaching of the local church and must be revealed in the practices of the local community. The mind that was in Christ must become regnant in the thought of each succeeding generation of students in the educational institutions of the Church. It is nothing less than freedom itself that is at stake in the struggle for the minds of men.

Man now possesses weapons by which he may commit suicide. He is fearful that civilization may be cremated in the fires of a hydrogen blast. To insure a peaceful, just and brotherly world, man's mind must be reached and mastered by the mind that was in Christ Jesus. The Quadrennial Program proposed to The General Conference is based upon this conviction, and is therefore conceived in evangelistic and educational terms, designed to bring the full power of the local church and of the educational institutions of the Church to the realization of this objective: The Mind that was in Christ Jesus.

The long-range objectives of the Church are to be found in the Way, the Truth and the Life of Our Blessed Lord and in the subsequent revelation of God's will in the New Testament and in the spirit and practice of the early Church. More specifically, these objectives are set forth in the Disciplinary statements of purpose of the respective Boards and Commissions of the Church. For instance, the Board of Missions declares its long-range objective to be: ". . . to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands

as their divine Saviour, to persuade them to become his disciples, and to gather these disciples into Christian churches; to enlist them in the building of the kingdom of God; to co-operate with these churches; to promote world Christian fellowship; and to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ." (1952 *Discipline*, Paragraph 1166) The Constitution of the Church and the Disciplinary provisions for the work of the Agencies of the Church constitute the organizational plan to realize the long-range objectives.

Experience has proved that planning cannot be projected wisely for periods of much longer than a Quadrennium. The Crusade for Christ was succeeded by The Advance for Christ and His Church which in turn was succeeded by a Quadrennium in which the Areas, Conferences, Districts, and local churches were called upon to face the issues of church extension, stewardship and the strengthening of the local church creatively and in terms of regional need rather than upon the basis of an over-all world plan. It now appears wise to propose a Quadrennial Program for 1956-1960. Thus, in effect, the Quadrennial Program is the long-range planning of the Church. It is based upon decisions taken in The General Conference and in keeping with the long-range objectives.

The *Discipline* of 1952 provides that the Co-ordinating Council "in consultation with The Council of Bishops, the Executive Secretary of each General Agency, and the President and Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service . . . shall formulate and present to the General Conference, for its action and determination, plans for a unified, ongoing Program for the Church, including long-range objectives." Paragraph 1115:3.

The Co-ordinating Council, The Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance, the Council of Secretaries, the President and Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and other persons, after due consultation, as directed, accordingly recommended that the Quadrennial Program 1956-60 shall be directed toward (1) the enrichment of the local church under the supervision of The Council of Bishops, and (2) the strengthening of our institutions of learning under the leadership of a Commission set up by The General Conference for that purpose.

A Review

A brief review of the Quadrennial Programs over the last three Quadrenniums and of the philosophy that undergirded them will give us a sense of direction.

The philosophy that has undergirded our successive Quadrennial Programs may be summarized, as follows: *By selecting from time to time a particular need and challenge within the Church's total program and for a period interpreting it to our people and calling them to rally to its support, that particular interest is lifted to a new plane of effectiveness and continues its larger service after the special emphasis is ended.* The experience of the last twelve years has proved that such emphasis does not curtail the work of other Agencies. We have learned, instead, that all are benefited by the increased effectiveness of one. "If one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

1. The first Quadrennial Program (1944-1948) was the Crusade for Christ. We ventured upon a five-prong thrust, including a fund of \$27,000,000 for reconstruction and a Church-wide effort in behalf of Evangelism, Church School Enrollment, Stewardship, and at the end of a world conflict, an appeal for a New World Order.

The immediate results of the Crusade were evident. While the immediate achievements were significant, the impact upon the continuing life of the Church was *more* significant. Something was started. A new missionary strategy emerged. We have witnessed an increasing momentum in the missionary activity of the Church since the dramatic appeal of 1945. Our contributions to this cause have increased far beyond the Crusade level. In 1944, the missionaries under the Foreign Division and the Woman's Division numbered 1,227; in 1954, they numbered 1,513, and this in spite of adverse conditions arising out of a world in conflict. Following the Crusade's evangelistic emphasis, the Board of Evangelism has become one of the most aggressive Agencies of the Church. Since 1944, the Church School enrollment has increased more than two million. The Crusade laid the foundation for our present Stewardship emphasis and quickened the conscience of the Church concerning the evils of war and the Christian hope of peace and brotherhood among all people.

2. In the General Conference of 1948, there was deep conviction that the gains of the Crusade should be a base from which to launch a continuing advance. The Advance for Christ and His Church was the answer, and became the Quadrennial Program for 1948-1952. By careful planning and by making use of the Church's existing organization, the people in our local churches were instructed in our Christian faith and mission and challenged to give increasing and adequate support to the missionary program of the Church through Advance Specials and the Week of Dedication. The

response was magnificent—even amazing. The amount contributed to the cause of missions through the Advance of 1948-1952 was considerably larger than the amount contributed to the same cause through the Crusade during the Quadrennium preceding, and we believe our people were more firmly established in the bonds of a common faith.

At the end of the Quadrennium, The General Conference of 1952 mindful of the experience of the two Quadrenniums preceding, wrote the Advance, including the Week of Dedication, into the law of the *Discipline*, thereby making it a continuing institution in the Church. By this legislation, our special missionary needs and opportunities are continually presented through the regular channels of the Church to every local congregation. A movement thereby became an institution. The Board of Missions is currently receiving nearly one-half its income from the Advance, and the support thus received continues to increase. Though the Advance and its dynamic missionary appeal have been lifted out of the category of a Quadrennial emphasis, it is essential to our expanding Missionary Program that it shall ever be considered an established and continuing feature in the ongoing life of the Church.

3. The General Conference of 1952 made the emphases of the present Quadrennium the Stewardship of Possessions the Youth Emphasis, Church Extension, and perfecting the organization of every local church in line with the legislation which The Conference had adopted. The Reports currently before the General Conference will indicate the progress that has been made in all these areas.

THE QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM

In the light of past experiences and present need, we recommend the following Quadrennial Program for 1956-1960:

I—The Local Church Emphasis

We seek a creative Christian Program which will cause each member of the Church to experience such dedicated and trained relationship to Jesus Christ and His Church that God can use him for a more perfect realization of His purposes in every area of personal and social living and that others may be brought to join in this active fellowship, prepared to co-operate with all Christians toward achieving Christian world community.

The need for such a Program centering in the local church is clearly urgent. Methodism, richly blessed of God, has

grown mighty in strength and resources. It has approximately ten million members and as many more adherents in the United States of America and in half a hundred other lands. It has approximately 45,000 churches across the world through which it carries on its manifold ministries. It has more than 25,000 Ministers, 1,500 Missionaries, and hundreds of thousands of trained and consecrated lay workers devoted to its tasks.

The aggregate of its achievements in recent years is indeed impressive. A net gain in membership of more than 1,820,000 has been achieved since the time of Union in 1939. Nearly 1,200 new churches were founded in the United States in this last Quadrennium, and a vast expansion was effected in the physical facilities of thousands of local churches and other Methodist institutions. There has been notable advance in Church School attendance, and the tide has been definitely turned in Methodist Youth Fellowship enrollment and participation. Support of missionary and benevolent enterprises has reached an all-time high. The total giving of The Methodist Church for all causes during the Quadrennium now ending will exceed one and one-quarter billion dollars. The love and loyalty of the local churches have made this impressive record for Methodism possible.

However, pride of achievement must not blind us to our shortcomings. What Methodism as a whole has accomplished is tremendously noteworthy. Nevertheless, how much greater might those total results for the Kingdom be if every local church were brought up to its highest effectiveness and fruitfulness.

Too many of our local churches now function imperfectly. A far more impressive record could be written for Methodism as a whole if all our churches were fully organized according to the provisions of the *Discipline* and if all of them could be brought to a fresh vision of their potentialities as churches, a proper sense of their responsibility for reaching people, and a fuller dedication of their resources to the causes of the Kingdom.

The uncomfortable fact must also be faced that many of our local churches have dropped into a "*status quo*" condition or are actually losing ground year after year, while those whose records are most excellent are quick to confess that they are still falling short of their full potential for the Kingdom.

"To whom much has been given, of him much will be required." Strong as The Methodist Church is in numbers

and resources, the extent and quality of all of the services of *all* our local churches must be lifted, if it is to meet its full responsibility to our world and our time in Christ's name. This requires improving the quality of Christian living of all of our pastors and people. We cannot go forward further unless we go deeper in spiritual empowerment and personal dedication.

With this in mind, we make these proposals for enriching and strengthening the local church:

1. Study and Analysis. THERE SHALL BE IN EACH ANNUAL CONFERENCE A QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL-CHURCH GOALS, CONSISTING OF THE BISHOP, THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, ONE MINISTER FROM EACH DISTRICT, ONE LAYMAN FROM EACH DISTRICT, THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, A REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH OF THE CONFERENCE BOARDS TAKING PART IN THE PROGRAM AND SUCH ADDITIONAL PERSONS AS THE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT.

THIS COMMITTEE SHALL ANALYZE THE SITUATION within the Annual Conference with reference to the "production story" of all its churches. Stress is to be maintained throughout the Quadrennium on a Local Church Development Job. The District Superintendent, in his role as counselor, will think through with each church in his District the question of where it is now, the point of larger fruitfulness at which it might arrive, and how to get there. Techniques for doing this are to be provided.

2. Goals. UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE, AND THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, GOALS ARE TO BE DETERMINED FOR THE LOCAL CHURCHES OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

3. Emphasis:

- a. *Christ and Ourselves*—"First they gave themselves unto the Lord." 2 Cor. 8:5

There is to be concerted concentration on improving the quality of Christian experience, dedication and Christ-like living of all our ministers, members, and other constituents. Methods will be proposed for use in local churches to clarify and intensify what it means to be a Christian in this kind of a day, to bring about a full dedication consciously made

or renewed, to establish holy habits and a Christlike code of conduct which will undergird and express that total dedication.

- b. *Christ and Our Resources*—"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

There is to be particular and persistent attention given to

(1) The systematic presentation of the life work opportunity and challenge in Church vocations at home and abroad, with prayerful cultivation of choice youth and young adults for such service;

(2) The marshaling and training of volunteer man power and woman power for more adequate and effective lay leadership and lay participation in and through the local church;

(3) The promoting in every local church of stewardship education and commitment, holding up the tithe as our minimum standard of giving;

(4) The improving of the functioning of the Official Board, the Commissions, the Church School, and other basic organizations of the local church;

(5) The encouraging of local churches to provide more adequate buildings and other facilities for Christian education, worship, and other essential ministers.

(6) THE RAISING OF THE LOCAL LEVEL OF PASTORAL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE ANNUAL CONFERENCES, WHOSE SALARY LEVEL HAS SCARCELY REACHED THE SUBSISTENCE MINIMUM.

- c. *Christ and Our Mission*—"Ye shall be My witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8

Fresh measures are to be devised and employed

(1) To nurture in every local church a more vital appreciation of the duty and privilege of witnessing for Christ and His Cause;

(2) To help each local church to face the unreached opportunities and unmet responsibilities confronting Methodism in rural and isolated areas;

(3) To challenge the local church to sponsor new churches in rapidly growing suburban areas and new industrial developments and to give assistance to deteriorating sections of our great cities;

(4) To encourage each church to see that the doors of the local church open out **UNTO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY,**

AND unto the whole world and to encourage each local church to assume its full share of responsibility in the total program of the Christian World Mission.

d. *Christ and Our Freedoms*—"Ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free." John 8:32

A continuing emphasis is to be maintained

(1) To work for the creation of a "responsible society";

(2) To interpret and apply the social implications of the Gospel, such as

Freedom from want, insecurity and economic injustice;
WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO CHURCHES IN THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

Freedom from the evils of liquor, gambling, and narcotics;

Freedom from inadequate care of dependent children, the aged and sicked;

Freedom from racial and class injustice;

Freedom from international disorder and war.

4. Recommendations:

a. That the carrying out of this Program to enrich and strengthen the local church be delegated to The Council of Bishops with the suggestion that The Council call upon all of the General Agencies of the Church for such assistance as The Council of Bishops deems necessary;

b. That the Inter-Board Commission on the Local Church be requested to budget an amount adequate to print and distribute material for this emphasis, as requested by The Council of Bishops;

c. That the Council on World Service and Finance be requested to make a reasonable increase in the promotion funds now made available to the Bishops in order to meet certain Area expense incident to the promotion of this phase of the Quadrennial Program.

d. **IN CARRYING OUT THIS PROGRAM THE BISHOPS AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS SHALL LOOK TO THE PASTORS AND ESTABLISHED COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE OFFICIAL BOARDS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THIS PROGRAM.**

II—THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMPHASIS

The Church Universal lives and labors under the com-

pulsion of the Great Commission: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The Commission carries with it the persuasive authority of Him whom we confess to be the Head of the Church.

Our Lord's words are timeless, as pertinent to this era and tasks that challenge us as to the first century. The Church is in the world to capture the hearts of men and to make them faithful disciples of the Nazarene and also to capture their minds and establish them in the truth that leads to abundant and unending life. By missions and evangelism we extend the frontiers of the kingdom. By education we build the City of God. These are two phases of one magnificent enterprise.

We believe that an organized Church-wide effort to expand and strengthen the educational program of The Methodist Church in the United States of America is long overdue. We recommend the following plan for high-lighting the mission of the Church in the field of higher education and for strengthening our institutions of learning for more effective service. The same task of strengthening our institutions of higher learning in other lands where the demand also is imperative and the urgency pressing is entrusted to the Central Conferences in which they are located with the assistance of the Board of Missions through the Division of World Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

1. There shall be constituted a Quadrennial Commission on Christian Education, composed as follows: The effective Bishops in the United States; **TWO CENTRAL CONFERENCE BISHOPS, IF THEY BE IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION; IF MORE THAN TWO ARE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS SHALL SELECT THE TWO WHO SHALL SERVE;** four Ministers and six Laymen from each Jurisdiction, nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference; the President of the General Board of Education; the Presidents of the three Divisions of the Board and twelve Members of the General Board of Education, chosen by the Board or its Executive Committee; and, in addition, twenty Members-at-Large, chosen by the Commission on account of their experience and ability in the field of education and without reference to Jurisdictional boundaries; the Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions; the Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church;

the Executive Secretary of the Editorial Division, **THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE DIVISION OF WORLD MISSIONS OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.** The Commission may elect Advisory Members, without vote, at its discretion. The Commission shall elect its Officers for the Quadrennium, and shall have general direction and supervision of the Quadrennial Educational Emphasis in accordance with the directives herein contained.

2. The expenses of the Commission shall be provided out of the World Service receipts of the General Board of Education. It is recommended that the Council on World Service and Finance take this item into account in its schedule of appropriations for the ensuing Quadrennium. The Annual Budget of the Commission shall be approved by the General Board of Education. The headquarters of the Commission shall be in Nashville, Tennessee. It shall have authority to employ such Executive and clerical assistance as it may judge to be necessary for the effective promotion of its work within the limits of its Budget. The Commission on Promotion and Cultivation shall have such responsibility in this field as may be mutually agreed upon by the two Commissions.

We are aware that there are few precedents to guide us in a Church-wide emphasis on Christian Education over a period of time. New trails must be blazed and techniques developed. Accordingly, we recommend certain specific directives, and to these are appended certain suggested procedures which are not mandatory. We believe that the Commission should be given considerable liberty to find its way and to determine its methods.

a. The over-all task committed to the Commission is to strengthen the bonds that bind our institutions of learning to the Church, to lead our schools and colleges to a thorough commitment to Christian standards and ideals, and to lead the Church in an effort to undergird them with adequate moral and financial support. The Commission's Program shall include the institutions of learning related to the Division of Educational Institutions, General Board of Education, including Theological Schools and Wesley Foundations. The Commission shall work in co-operation with the Division of Educational Institutions, the Boards of Education of the respective Annual Conferences, and the Boards of Trustees of the respective Institutions.

b. The Commission shall, by such procedures as it may determine, and in co-operation with the Division of Educational Institutions and with local Foundations, promote the work of the Wesley Foundations, assisting local Founda-

tions in raising funds and making it work effective on college campuses.

c. It is our conviction that if the distinctive service which our schools and colleges render the Church and society were made clear and convincing the moral and financial support they now receive would be materially increased. The Commission shall therefore especially address itself to the basic task of interpretation, to-wit:

(1) To interpret to our Church-related colleges and universities their place and function in the life of the Church and the obligation of these institutions to be Christian in teaching and in practice; **AND IN THEIR POLICIES RELATIVE TO SERVING THE YOUTH OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES, THE CONFERENCES, AND THE AREAS FROM WHOM THEY WOULD RECEIVE SUPPORT.**

(2) To interpret to our people of The Methodist Church the distinctive function of our institutions of learning in the Church and in society. The Church must continue to look principally to her own institutions for trained leadership. These institutions, dedicated to Christian ideals, must, as heretofore, be evangelists in the field of higher education to the end that the Christian concept of God and man may become the dominant element in American culture. The Commission shall, as far as practicable, make use of our existing Church organization in the prosecution of this task, setting up with the aid of Bishops, District Superintendents, Conference Secretaries of Education, College Administrators, Wesley Foundation Administrators, and others, Educational Conferences on the District and Annual Conference level; supplying speakers at Annual Conferences, Pastors' Schools, Convocations and other church gatherings; producing appropriate materials for our Church School publications, Conference and Area papers, and for the secular press. It is suggested that the Commission give consideration to the preparation of a popular study book on the Church and its institutions of learning for use in leadership training schools, Pastors' Schools, Church Schools, Men's Clubs, and elsewhere.

d. The Commission shall study the financial status of our Church-related institutions of learning and lead the Church in an effort so to undergird them that their efficiency, academic standards, permanence and support of Christian ideals shall be assured. The Commission shall devise such methods of credit for the local church as it may determine. The Commission shall not undertake a single nation-wide Financial Campaign for the benefit of all our institutions. It is patent to us that in the main these institutions must find

support on a Conference, Area or Regional basis. The Commission shall therefore encourage institutions or groups of institutions, Conferences, Areas, or Jurisdictions to assume leadership in providing adequate support for our schools of all grades, and Wesley Foundations, and shall supply expert advice, possible plans of procedure, personal leadership and other assistance as the need may require and as the Commission may determine.

e. We rejoice in the appropriations made by the 1952 General Conference for our Theological Schools, Scarritt College, and The American University. Our entire system of theological education has been strengthened; the Program of Training for Christian service at Scarritt enriched; and the American University in the nation's capital has moved toward a position of security. These institutions stand in a unique relationship to the Church at large.

We recommend that the Council on World Service and Finance include a non-recurring item of \$250,000 a year during the coming Quadrennium to establish a School of Inter-National Service in the nation's capital.

The sum of one million dollars thus made available in the Quadrennium shall be used to build the necessary structure and to establish an endowment necessary to maintain the School of Inter-National Service in perpetuity. The distribution shall be as follows: \$375,000 for building; \$500,000 for endowment; and \$125,000 to cover the difference between the tuition and cost of operation during the first four years, until a student body of two hundred has been achieved. At that level, tuition and endowment income will balance the operating budget.

We recommend that authority be given whereby sums above mentioned may be adjusted within the total amount by the Trustees of American University with the approval of the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education.

We believe that such an undertaking sponsored by the whole Church would not only serve a specific need but would also serve to highlight the Church's renewed educational emphasis and thereby give impetus to the appeals of all our institutions.

The School of Inter-National Service, a school of the American University, shall be regarded as an institution of the entire Church, established by the Church as a basic contribution to religious liberty and to the maintenance of the Protestant tradition of freedom throughout the world. After careful studies as to curriculum, faculty, personnel, and ad-

ministration, we believe the University, for the sum requested, can house and maintain in perpetuity such a school. It is assumed that the askings for World Service will be increased substantially and that this appropriation will not reduce the amount received by any World Service Agency but will come out of the increased giving which in itself will increase the receipts of all the major World Service Agencies.

3. To the specific directives above named, certain possible procedures are hereunder appended for the guidance of the Commission, the same being for the Commission's consideration without the force of a mandate.

a. It is necessary that on the Annual Conference level there shall be an Agency corresponding to the Quadrennial Commission on Christian Education, for the purpose of initiating and implementing any proposed campaign or policy. We recommend that this body shall be constituted by the Annual Conference and that representation from the Conference Board of Education should be included in the Commission's membership. In the event of two or more Annual Conferences co-operating in an undertaking or appeal, the Quadrennial Commissions of the participating Annual Conferences shall be jointly the implementing body.

b. The Commission may constitute from its membership a Committee to examine the charters of the respective **EDUCATIONAL** institutions related to The Methodist Church to determine the actual status of relationship. The bonds connecting a number of our **EDUCATIONAL** institutions with the Church should be strengthened. It is recommended that in instances where such strengthening is desirable the Commission shall encourage the Trustees of the **EDUCATIONAL** institutions concerned to take appropriate steps to alter their charters accordingly.

c. In an appeal to the membership of the Church for the support of our **EDUCATIONAL** institutions, at least two approaches are possible; (1) a financial campaign and/or (2) an apportionment transmitted annually by the respective Annual Conferences to local churches and accepted by the respective Quarterly Conferences, as in the case of World Service and Conference Benevolences. The nature of the appeal and the financial goals and apportionments shall be determined by the Annual Conference concerned in each undertaking, and the Quadrennial Commission shall adjust its procedures accordingly. In many cases, special financial campaigns are advisable and will, we believe, be undertaken. It does not appear, however, that periodic appeals will provide

for the continuing financial needs of our **EDUCATIONAL** institutions. It is highly important that we develop in our whole constituency a conscience concerning the continuing support of our **EDUCATIONAL** institutions and that a procedure be established in all our Annual Conferences by which our people would contribute not less than an average of \$1.00 annually per member for the support of **EDUCATIONAL** institutions related to the respective Annual Conferences **AND NOT LESS THAN 30¢ ANNUALLY PER MEMBER FOR THE WESLEY FOUNDATIONS**. If such a Program could be made effective among nine and a half million Methodists in the United States, we would witness the dawn of a new day in higher Christian education.

d. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to requesting the several Annual Conferences to set aside a certain percentage of the sums received for their schools and colleges, such percentage to be remitted to the Division of Educational Institutions and administered by it for educational institutions where there is special need, **WITH DUE RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS HISTORICALLY OPERATED FOR NEGROES**.

e. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to recommending to all our **EDUCATIONAL** institutions that each shall set aside out of funds received from the Church a certain portion for permanent endowment, thus establishing a backlog of security.

f. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to constituting a Committee to work out a procedure whereby an appeal may go to our people in every local church to leave in their wills a bequest in some amount for some **EDUCATIONAL** institution of learning in the Church.

g. We recommend that the Commission give consideration to constituting a Committee to promote a plan of appeal to the alumni of all our **EDUCATIONAL** institutions. If, for example, each alumnus should recognize his obligation to the college or university at which he received his training and should resolve to return to her, either by gift during his life time or by bequest, the cost of his education over and above the fees he paid, a new loyalty would appear and a continuing avenue of support would be opened.

For more than two centuries, the Methodist movement has been a stalwart patron of education. Its beginning may be traced to Oxford University. John Wesley, our spiritual father, was a scholar as well as an evangelist. His spiritual zeal would hardly have changed the religious climate of

England and America in the Eighteenth Century had there not been coupled with it a trained and discerning mind. As the Methodist movement pushed westward over the American continent, it left in its wake schools as well as churches. The Circuit Riders were pioneers in building colleges and universities. Many of them remain, and they are the Church's indispensable asset. Such is our heritage.

The perils and opportunities of the present challenge us more insistently than the heritage of yesterday. We live in an age of moral confusion. Materialism and Communism defy the Christian concept of God and man. The centuries prove that the Church builds itself into the culture of a people through its institutions of learning. We look forward to the day when our institutions of learning, committed to the Christian ideal shall occupy as pivotal a position in the total program of the Church as missions and evangelism.

IN CONCLUSION

In recommending a Quadrennial Program for the four years ahead, it is assumed that certain causes that have been highlighted during previous Quadrenniums will for the indefinite future bear more abundant fruit, notably evangelism, stewardship, church extension and the missionary advance. We now set our feet on a new trail and direct our special effort to the enrichment of the local church and the strengthening of our institutions of learning. The thousands of local congregations where the people live and labor and worship together make the Church what it is. The enrichment of the local church is the enrichment of the whole Body. Our institutions of learning are the Church's indispensable bulwarks against the encroaching tide of secularism and unbelief. We dare not hope to win the long conquest unless our bulwarks are strong. A Program that, on the one hand, looks to the enrichment of the great Body of the Church and, on the other, builds the defense of Christian idealism and trains the leadership of tomorrow is fraught with unmeasured possibilities. Under that conviction and conscious of the trust that is committed to the Church, this Quadrennial Program is presented to The General Conference.

The Co-ordinating Council,

CHARLES W. BRASHARES, *President*

JOHN R. VAN SICKLE (*) *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

SUBJECT:—SPECIAL DAYS AND GENERAL MATTERS
AMENDED May 2, 1956. See Journal, Pages 505-506, 509,
May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 536.

Adopted May 3, 1956, see Journal, Page 559.

Elected by The General Conference of 1952, the Members of the newly-created Co-ordinating Council met in September of that year to effect its organization. As directed by Par. 1112, 1952 *Discipline*, the following Officers were elected

Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Chicago, President.

Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*), Vice-President.

Mr. J. Wesley Hole (*), Los Angeles, Secretary. Mr. Hole (*) later resigned from the Council and Mr. John R. Van Sickel (*), Rockford, Illinois, was elected Secretary.

An Executive Committee was chosen including the three Officers plus Mrs. Mary Means Drake (*), Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. E. H. Blackard, Asheville, North Carolina; Rev. Chester A. McPheeters, Detroit, Michigan; Mr. G. Wesley Lewis (*), Pittston, Pennsylvania; Mrs. E. B. White (*), Jacksonville, Florida; Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston, Texas; Mr. J. P. Stafford (*), Cary, Mississippi; and Mr. Paul G. James (*), Des Moines, Iowa.

The second meeting of the Council was held in July, 1953. At that time four major Sub-Committees of the Council were established. The Committees and their Chairmen:

Program—Rev. Chester A. McPheeters

Organizational Structure—Mr. J. P. Stafford (*)

Review—Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*)

Property Matters and Methodist Foundation—Mr. Paul G. James (*)

Every member of the Council was assigned to one of these four Committees.

During the Quadrennium the Council held these meetings:

September 9, 1952—Chicago

July 28-29, 1953—Chicago

January 12-13, 1954—New York

May 4-5, 1954—Chicago

January 14, 1955—Cincinnati

June 29-30, 1955—Chicago

November 16-17-18, 1955—Chicago

January 21-22-23, 1956—Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania

The Co-ordinating Council's work was developed through long hours of Committee work at Council sessions, at special Committee meetings between Council sessions, and through extensive correspondence and study on the part of Committee Chairmen and individual Committee members.

PROGRAM

Pursuant to Par. 1115, Section 3, 1952 *Discipline*, "In consultation with The Council of Bishops, the Executive Secretary of each General Agency, and the President and the Treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, it shall formulate and present to The General Conference, for its action and determination, plans for a unified, ongoing Program of the Church, including long-range objectives. The financial objectives shall be recommended by the Council on World Service and Finance to The General Conference for its action," the Co-ordinating Council at its January, 1954, meeting initiated plans for consultation with the other groups regarding the Quadrennial Program. The following principle was adopted as a basis of thinking for the Consultation Conference:

"As we look forward to the Consultation we feel we should seek a dynamic Program which will cause each member of the Church to experience such a dedicated and trained relationship to Jesus Christ and to His Church that God can use him for a more perfect realization of His Purpose in every area of personal and social living; and that others may be brought to join this active fellowship prepared to co-operate with all Christians toward achieving Christian World Community."

In May, 1954, the consulting groups met with the Co-ordinating Council to begin general discussion of a New Quadrennial Program. A Committee of 20 on Program was established by the adoption of this motion:

"That it is the sense of this group that the members of the Sub-Committee on Program for the Co-ordinating Council shall, with four representatives from the Council of Secretaries, four from The Council of Bishops, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (*), and one representative from the Council on World Service and Finance meet to discuss further the 1956-60 Quadrennial Program. That this Committee should develop a Specific Program to be brought before the larger group (The Co-ordinating Council and the other representatives and Bishops now in session) for action. The final editorial preparation for presentation to The General Conference of 1956 will be done by the Co-ordinating Council."

This Committee had numerous subsequent meetings and finally named an Editorial Committee of five persons—Bishop Oxnam, Bishop Harrell, Bishop Short, Rev. C. A. McPheeters, and Rev. H. L. Weiss—to serve as a Final Drafting Committee. The work of this Committee was

approved by the Committee of 20 and, in turn, presented at a joint meeting of the Consulting groups in January, 1956, at which time the Quadrennial Program was adopted in its present form for presentation to The General Conference of 1956. At the request of the consulting groups in the January meeting, copies of the proposed Program were mailed to all General Conference Delegates and Alternates about March 1, 1956.

SPECIAL DAYS

Pursuant to Par. 1115, Section 4, 1952 *Discipline*, "It shall recommend to The General Conference, after consultation with The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance, the number and timing of all Special Days which are to be observed on a Church-wide basis, except that The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance may authorize a Special Financial Appeal in an emergency," the Co-ordinating Council after such consultation recommends that these days be observed:

SPECIAL DAYS RECOMMENDED BY CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

1. DAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH OR CHURCH SCHOOL—WITH OFFERING

Week of Dedication	The first five days of Lent including the first Lenten Sunday
World Wide Communion Sunday	First Sunday in October
Race Relations Sunday	Second Sunday in February
Methodist Student Day	Second Sunday in June
World Service Sunday	Fourth Sunday of each month
Church School Rally Day	Sunday to be designated by the Annual Conference

2. DAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH OR CHURCH SCHOOL—WITHOUT OFFERING

Student Recognition Day	First Sunday after Christmas
Children's Day	First Sunday in National Family Week
Laymen's Day	Third Sunday in October
World Order Sunday	The Sunday of or preceding November 11th
Commitment Sunday	First Sunday in December
Universal Bible Sunday	Second Sunday in December

3. DAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH OR CHURCH SCHOOL—AS ORDERED BY THE JURISDICTIONAL AND/OR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Retired Ministers' Sunday
Hospital and Homes Week
Rural Life Sunday

SUGGESTED LEGISLATION

To Replace Paragraph 761, 5

The Week of Dedication shall be observed annually beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating in the First Sunday in Lent which shall be designated as the Day of Dedication.

To Follow Paragraph 1552

World Order Sunday shall be observed annually in each local church on the Sunday of or immediately preceding November 11th.

So that the entire Paragraph shall read:

"Each local church may provide for the promotion of world peace through a Church Committee on World Peace, which shall report to the Official Board. World Order Sunday shall be observed annually in each local church on the Sunday of or immediately preceding November 11th."

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The General Conference of 1952 specifically directed your Co-ordinating Council in Paragraph 1115, Section 2, as follows: "It shall study the General Organizational Structure of The Methodist Church and recommend to The General Conference such changes as it considers essential to maintain effective and economical operation."

Pursuant thereto, your Council invited suggestions from all of the General Boards, Agencies and Commissions of the Church. Study, discussion and work continued throughout the quadrennium and as a result thereof your Council submits for your consideration the following specific recommendations:

1. General Agency Membership

The 1952 General Conference discussed the size of the membership on General Boards and Agencies and finally

for reasons which The General Conference considered good adopted a new schedule of reduced memberships for each General Agency as outlined in the 1952 *Discipline*.

As our work progressed the Co-ordinating Council received proposals suggesting certain increases in the number of members on several of the General Boards and Agencies. These suggestions were given careful consideration, but, based on the reasons for the decision of the 1952 General Conference, we now recommend that the number of members on General Boards and Agencies remain the same for another quadrennium. We further recommend that needed adjustments be made within the limits of the present number of members on each Agency, particularly by electing Members-At-Large in such a way as to correct any inequities that may exist.

2. Tenure

The 1952 General Conference adopted an eight-year limit for the members serving on General Boards and Agencies, beginning with 1952. (Par. 1104.) The Council has received complaints from some General Boards and Agencies with respect to this limitation. Careful consideration has been given to the feeling existing in some of the General Boards that the wisdom and experience needed, particularly in the handling of funds and investments, is adversely affected by the eight-year rule.

Your Council, therefore, recommends that the word "*eight*" in Par. 1104 be changed to "**twelve**"; and that in order to provide for continuing Divisions, Boards, Commissions, and Councils, it is recommended that each nominating and electing body give special attention to rotation of its representatives on these Agencies.

Change Paragraph 1104

Line 3 substitute "**twelve**" for "*eight*" and add "In order to provide for continuing Divisions, Boards, Commissions, and Councils, it is recommended that each nominating and electing body give special attention to rotation of its representatives on these Agencies."

So that the Paragraph shall read:

"Tenure on any Division, Board, Commission, or Council except The Council of Bishops and The Judicial Council, shall be limited to **twelve** consecutive years; *provided*, however, that this limitation shall take effect

from The General Conference of 1952 and shall not be retroactive. In order to provide for continuing Divisions, Boards, Commissions, and Councils, it is recommended that each nominating and electing body give special attention to rotation of its representatives on these Agencies."

3. M.C.O.R.

Inasmuch as M.C.O.R. has rendered great service during this quadrennium in the field of relief and rehabilitation and its continuance as a separate Organization has been requested by The Council of Bishops, the Council on World Service and Finance and the Board of Missions; we, therefore, recommend the continuance of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief as a separate Organization, in its present form, by the retention of Paragraph 2009 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

4. Social Action Boards

The Co-ordinating Council has received and studied the suggestion that there should be a merger of the three Social Action Boards, namely, Board of Temperance, Board of World Peace, and Board of Social and Economic Relations. All three of these Boards oppose such a move at this time.

The Council recommends that there be a continuing study of the matter, especially as the work of these Boards develops through the next quadrennium. Awaiting the conclusions that may be drawn from future experience, the Council recommends that no action be taken to effect a merger at this time.

(See Journal, pages 913-914. Report No. 7 of the Standing Legislative Committee on Conferences, adopted May 7, 1956, reads as follows:

"An Annual Conference may, if it so desires unify into one Board of Christian Social Relations, the functions and concerns of any two or all of the following Boards: Board of World Peace, Board of Temperance, and Board of Social and Economic Relations."

See Journal, page 1005 for similar action taken by the Standing Legislative Committee on State of the Church on the same matter in the adoption Report No. 5 of that Committee. Editor.)

5. Survey Recommendations

Pursuant to Par. 1115, Section 8, 1952 *Discipline*. "During

the 1952-56 Quadrennium it shall have power to consider and decide what, if any, action shall be taken in regard to those recommendations in the report of the Church Survey Commission which have not been specifically covered in legislation adopted by The General Conference of 1952," the Council reviewed all the recommendations of the Survey Commission. We found that almost all had been acted on directly or indirectly by the 1952 General Conference. In view of the considerable reorganization of the Church effected by that General Conference, and its overall effectiveness, the Council does not propose any action on the remaining recommendations.

PROPERTY MATTERS AND METHODIST FOUNDATION

1. Acquisition of Property

Paragraph 1115, Section 7, provides that the Co-ordinating Council "shall consider the plans of any General Agency proposing to acquire real estate or erect a building as prescribed in Paragraph 1107 and determine whether the proposed *acquisition* or *erection* is in the best interest of The Methodist Church. On the basis of that determination, it shall approve or disapprove the project."

Paragraph 1107 states: "An Agency proposing to acquire real estate or erect a building **to house its administrative activities or related operations** in the continental United States shall present its plans in the formative stage to the Co-ordinating Council for approval."

Pursuant to the foregoing, the Co-ordinating Council reports as follows with respect to the actions taken on applications for the approval of the purchase of real estate:

"January 12-13, 1954—The Co-ordinating Council disavowed jurisdiction with respect to the application for approval of the proposed purchase of property in Louisville by the Board of Missions for **parking purposes**.

May 4-5, 1954—The Co-ordinating Council disavowed jurisdiction with respect to the application by the Board of Education for authority to purchase certain property in Nashville for rental (**investment**) purposes only.

"January 13, 1955—The Co-ordinating Council approved the plan submitted by the Board of Publication for the erection of an office building in Nashville, Tennessee."

(Section "2. Methodist Foundation," with "Suggested Legislation" was deleted on motion of K. Morgan Edwards (Southern California, California-Arizona—W), duly seconded, see Journal, pages 544-546 and 559. Editor)

Charles W. Brashares, Chairman
John R. Van Sickel (*), Secretary

REPORT NO. 3. CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL
SUBJECT: PROGRAM JOURNAL

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Pages 559-570.

At the July 29, 1953, meeting the Co-ordinating Council received a Resolution from the Rock River Annual Conference directing its attention to the overlapping of periodicals, bulletins and leaflets concerning the Programs of the General Boards and Agencies, and the alleged failure of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation to take any action under Paragraph 753.2 of the 1952 *Discipline* toward establishing a Single Program Journal.

Pursuant to Paragraph 1115, Section 1, of the 1952 *Discipline*: "On request of a General Board or other Agency, or of an Annual Conference, it shall review questions involving overlapping in activity or lack of co-operation among or within General Agencies, and shall make recommendations to the Boards or Agencies involved for resolving such issues . . .," and after lengthy and careful consideration by the Council Review Committee and itself, the Council declined to act on the Resolution at its January 14, 1955 meeting. It was the Council's opinion that it had no general authority under Paragraph 1115, because The General Conference had specifically acted on the matter in Paragraph 753. 2, which latter Paragraph the Council construed not to be mandatory.

The efforts of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation to meet the directives of the 1952 General Conference with reference to Resource and Promotional Material are detailed in its Report to this Conference. The Co-ordinating Council is appreciative of the considerable progress the Commission has made toward the solution of this problem.

However, the Council at its November 16, 1955, meeting voted to recommend that The General Conference make mandatory the establishment of a Single Program Journal by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. It is the Council's opinion that in addition to reducing the number of periodicals and putting this material in a more convenient form for the use of church leaders, substantial savings could be effected by such legislation.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To become Paragraph 753. 2a.

The Commission shall publish a free Local Church Program Journal for Pastors and local church leaders. This Journal shall present to the local church for its use the Program and Promotional Materials of the General Agencies in a correlated manner and shall be in lieu of General Agency Promotional Periodicals. This does not apply to *The Methodist Woman* and *The Methodist Layman*.

Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Chairman
John R. Van Sickle (*), Secretary

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**REPORT OF THE INTER-AGENCY
COMMISSION ON CULTIVATION,
PROMOTION AND PUBLICATION**

(See Paragraphs 1584-1586, 1952 *Discipline*)

Adopted May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 994.

To The General Conference of 1956:

The purposes of the Inter-Agency Commission on Cultivation, Promotion and Publication, as set forth in the "*Discipline*" of 1952, Paragraphs 1584-87, have been faithfully carried out throughout the quadrennium.

The four Agencies working in these related fields have maintained constant Inter-Staff co-operation.

The manner in which two of the Agencies composing this Commission are constituted, having in their membership representatives of all the others, has contributed to the development of close understanding.

This in turn has made harmonious operation easy and natural. It has also facilitated creative, unified planning.

So far as the members of this Commission are aware, there have been no instances of overlapping of function or duplication of activity requiring the advisory services of this Inter-Agency Commission.

James A. Bays, Chairman
Ralph Stoody, Secretary

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Foreword

The Section of Ministerial Education, in cooperation with the Theological Schools, is given the responsibility to "continue the Study of the Ministry and report on the subject to each General Conference." (See Paragraph 1377, section 2, of the 1952 *Discipline*.)

Professor Frederick A. Shippey of Drew Theological Seminary and Professor Earl D. C. Brewer of the School of Theology of Emory University, have been asked to make this study, in collaboration with The Section of Ministerial Education. The thorough and extensive quality of their research is deeply appreciated.

The information in this study is revealing, challenging and encouraging. Leaders and educators of The Methodist Church will find valuable information for their guidance in the following pages.

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PART I

The Ministry Today

Ministers in The Methodist Church today can be classified for purposes of discussion into three groups: Conference Members, persons On Trial and Supply Pastors. This suggests the pattern of treatment which follows. Sources of data will be given at the appropriate points as the discussion proceeds.

EFFECTIVE MINISTERS

Conference Members are those Ministers who have satisfied the requirements for Admission, have been received into Full Membership, and are serving currently under Episcopal Appointment either as Pastors or in Special Appointment. They are called "effective" and comprise numerically the largest group in the Methodist ministry. Obviously they belong to Annual Conferences.

This is the fourth quadrennial survey* which has been made of effective Methodist ministers. Materials assembled** furnish a factual basis for considering chronological age, educational attainment, manner of admission and mobility of ministers. Wherever possible materials from previous Quadrennial Reports of the Commission on Ministerial Training are included and brought up to date. In order to implement the idea of continuity with the past, a comparison was drawn at several points with findings reported in 1948 and in 1952. However the current study goes beyond previous surveys in scope and content. New materials greatly enrich the treatment.

Chronological Age

Since many candidates for the Methodist Ministry enter the profession *via* Full Membership in an Annual Conference) at the age of twenty-three years and then retire automatically at the first Annual Conference session after reaching the seventy-second birthday, these terminal years were taken as basic to the present analysis. The intervening time period was divided into five-year intervals in order to make a comparison with certain data found in earlier reports.

These time categories describe the arrangement of materials in CHART 1. Materials for 1948, 1952 and 1956 are placed graphically side by side

* Earlier studies by the Commission on Ministerial Training are these written by Murray H. Leiffer—*A Study of Retirement and Recruitment in The Methodist Ministry, 1944; The Methodist Ministry in 1948; and The Methodist Ministry in 1952.*

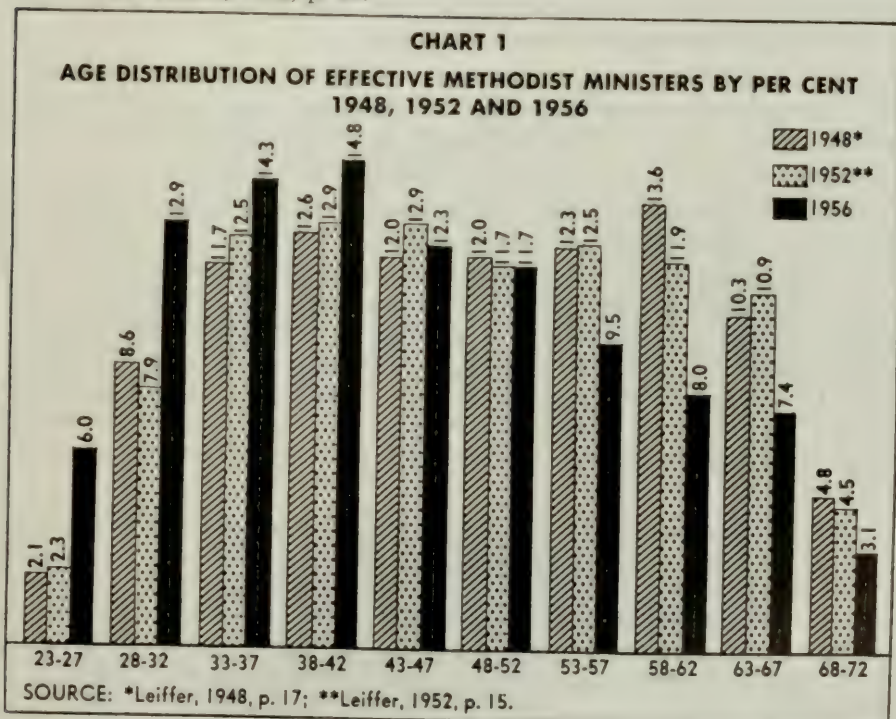
** See APPENDIX II for a discussion of methodological procedure.

in ten triple columns for facile visual comparison. Evidently a "youth" movement is gaining in proportions within the Methodist clergy. Today 60.3 per cent of the Ministers are under forty-eight years of age. This represents an increase of 28 per cent in eight years. Whereas in 1948 one person out of two was found in the first half of his ministry, in 1956 three out of five are so classified. This ratio is probably influenced by the Ministerial Recruitment Program and the delayed accessions following the war period.

TABLE 1
MEDIAN AGES OF MINISTERS IN THE EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP
1948, 1952 AND 1956 COMPARED BY JURISDICTION

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Jan. 1, 1948a</i>	<i>Jan. 1, 1952a</i>	<i>Jan. 1, 1956</i>
Total Church	49.2 yrs.	48.6 yrs.	43.8 yrs.
Central	51.7 yrs.	53.0 yrs.	48.4 yrs.
North Central	49.3 yrs.	48.0 yrs.	43.7 yrs.
Northeastern	48.2 yrs.	48.8 yrs.	44.4 yrs.
South Central	52.3 yrs.	49.1 yrs.	44.2 yrs.
Southeastern	47.8 yrs.	47.9 yrs.	42.3 yrs.
Western	47.0 yrs.	46.2 yrs.	42.8 yrs.

Source: a. Leiffer, 1952, p. 21.



Attention is turned next to median ages of Ministers in the effective relationship for the years 1948, 1952 and 1956. By definition, a median is the middle item of a series or in this case it is the middle person in terms of age. The individual stands midway between the oldest and youngest clergyman.

Considering the general Methodist situation as disclosed in TABLE 1, one notes since the beginning of 1948 the median age has dropped from 49.2 years to 43.8 years. Modest decline in the earlier four-year period was followed by an abrupt dip during the most recent quadrennium. Possibly this trend toward a younger clergy is related to the increasing number of persons Received On Trial, Continued On Trial and eventually Admitted into Full Membership by Annual Conferences. In each category, a record number of candidates entered the Methodist ministry during the quadrennium just concluding. The figures are the highest since 1940. Evidently the remarkable influx of candidates has forced down the median age of Ministers. Among the six Jurisdictions South Central dropped 8.1 years, while North Central and Southeastern lowered the median age 5.6 and 5.5 years respectively. Southeastern and Western now boast the youngest median ages while North Central occupies third position. Central remains the oldest with 48.4 years. It is to be wondered how much the Central Jurisdiction has been affected by the Denomination-wide Ministerial Recruitment Program.

Age distribution among Jurisdictions reveals some striking contrasts. The materials are arranged into four-year units to conform to the quadrennial system of The Methodist Church. Jurisdictional data for effective Ministers are presented in CHART 2 and CHART 3.

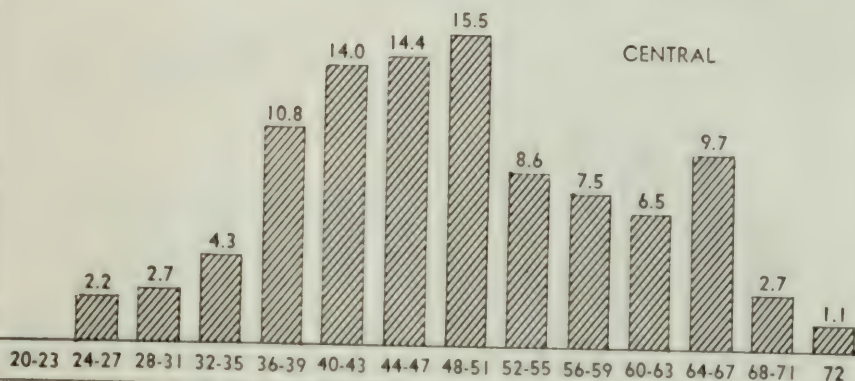
What is conspicuous in the distribution for the *Central Jurisdiction* is the heavy concentration of persons forty-eight years of age and older. Above this midpoint in the possible working life of a Minister, there are more than one half (51.6 per cent) of the clergy. The Central has the highest figure and its leaders very properly are concerned. Further, let the reader note the large proportion of persons in the 64-67 age category. In contrast to the accumulation of older men, only 9.2 per cent of the clergy is found under thirty-six years of age. In other Methodist Jurisdictions three times as many Ministers, percentage-wise, are as classified.

An inspection of the age-distribution chart for the *North Central* and the *South Central* Jurisdictions discloses oddly kindred phenomena. Both report approximately 40 per cent (39.7 and 40.8 respectively) of their effective Ministers in the age levels of forty-eight and above. Likewise at the opposite polar extreme both territories have approximately the same number of persons, percentage-wise, under thirty-six years of age—27.2 and 28.3 per cent.

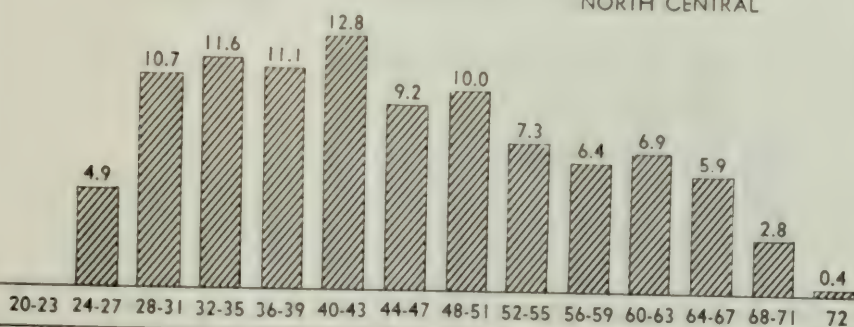
CHART 2

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF EFFECTIVE METHODIST MINISTERS, CENTRAL,
NORTH CENTRAL & NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONS BY PER CENT
JANUARY 1, 1956

CENTRAL



NORTH CENTRAL



NORTHEASTERN

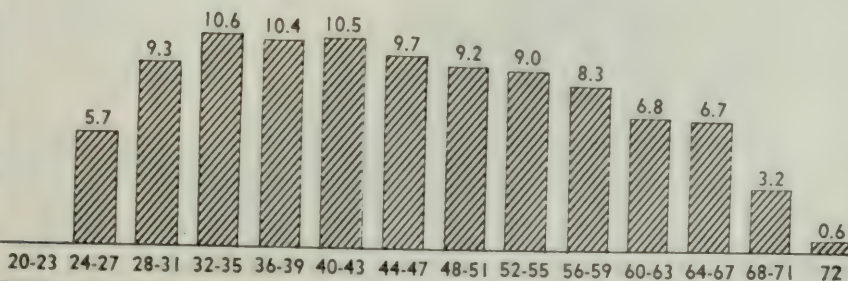
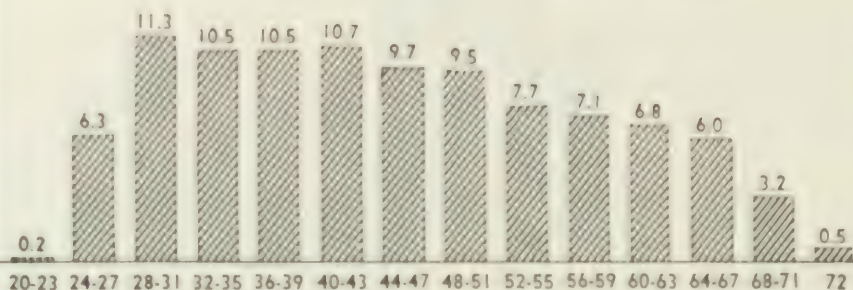
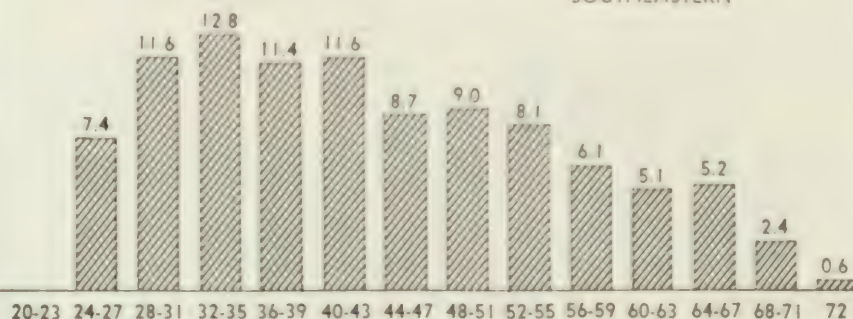
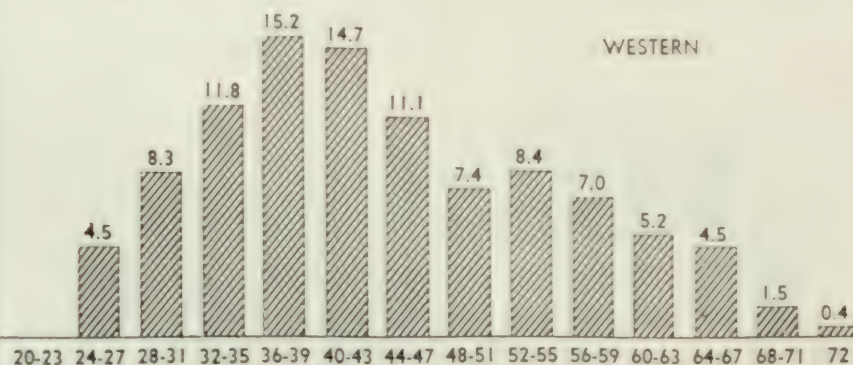


CHART 3

**AGE DISTRIBUTION OF EFFECTIVE METHODIST MINISTERS, SOUTH
CENTRAL, SOUTHEASTERN & WESTERN JURISDICTIONS BY PER CENT
JANUARY 1, 1956**

SOUTH CENTRAL**SOUTHEASTERN****WESTERN**

The remaining three Jurisdictions, *Northeastern, Southeastern, and Western*, contrast with one another. The first has the highest percentage (43.8) of Ministers forty-eight years and older. The others report 36.5 and 34.4 respectively. Noteworthy also is the smoothed out age distribution within the two Eastern Jurisdictions which contrasts sharply with the jagged Western configuration. As for clergy under thirty-six years of age, the Southeastern leads the way with 31.8 per cent, followed by the

CHART 4
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF EFFECTIVE METHODIST MINISTERS
JANUARY 1, 1956

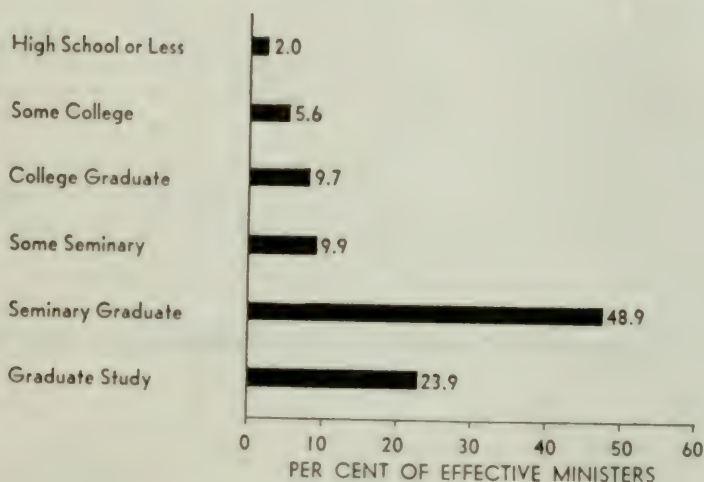


TABLE 2
PER CENT OF EFFECTIVE MINISTERS BY HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION ACHIEVED
AND JURISDICTION, THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES,
JANUARY 1, 1956

<i>Educational Level</i>	<i>Total Church</i>	C	N C	N E	S C	S E	W
All Levels	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
High School or Less	2.0	8.0	1.3	2.5	2.3	1.9	0.6
Some College	5.6	26.8	3.4	4.0	8.5	6.3	1.4
College Graduate	9.7	8.0	7.3	5.4	13.4	15.1	3.5
Some Seminary	9.9	11.2	7.5	6.8	12.4	14.5	5.6
Seminary Graduate	48.9	26.2	56.1	46.5	46.8	47.0	52.2
Graduate Study	23.9	19.8	24.4	34.8	16.6	15.2	36.7

Northeastern with 25.6 per cent. The Western reports 24.6 per cent. Younger clergy are more conspicuous in the Southeastern and Western territories.

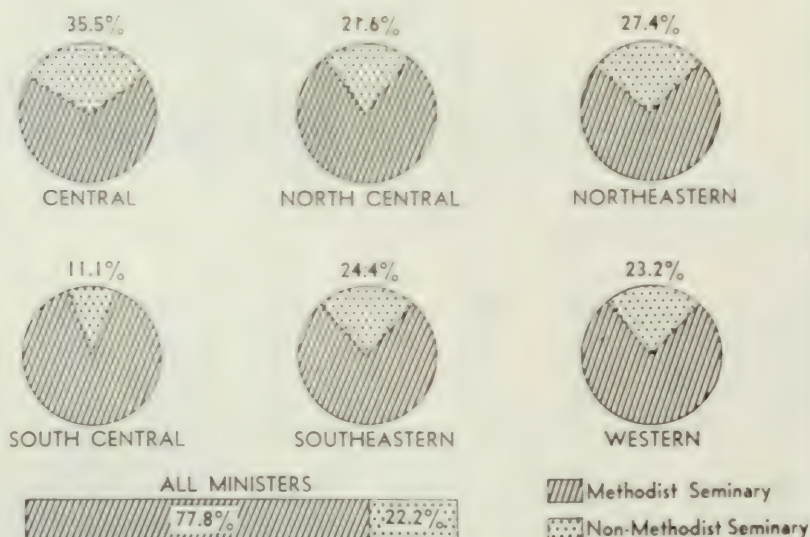
Educational Attainment

Many people accept the principle that the amount of formal education is positively related to effectiveness in the ministry. Hence even a brief account of scholastic attainment engenders interest and sharpens the relevance of the present discussion. Materials summarized in CHART 4 reveal a distribution ranging across a six-point scale: High School or Less, some College, College Graduate, some Seminary, Seminary Graduate, and Graduate Study. Methodist clergy are found in these useful categories.

Only 2.0 per cent of the effective Ministers responding in the current Survey reported an education which terminated on the elementary or secondary level. At the opposite extreme twelve times as many persons concluded formal training in a university graduate school. Further, more than seven Methodist clergymen out of ten (72.8 per cent) graduated from a seminary. An additional 10 per cent received some theological training.

Among the Jurisdictions noteworthy variation appears when a comparison is made of persons who received some theological education or possess a seminary degree. The Central reports 57.2 per cent so

CHART 5
TYPE OF SEMINARY ATTENDED BY EFFECTIVE METHODIST MINISTERS
JANUARY 1, 1956



classified in contrast with Western's 94.5 per cent. South Central approximately matches Southeastern (75.8 and 76.7 per cent respectively), while North Central and Northeastern rank together (88.0 and 88.1

TABLE 3

PER CENT OF EFFECTIVE MINISTERS BY TYPE OF SEMINARY ATTENDED AND BY JURISDICTION, THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1956

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Methodist Seminaries</i>	<i>Other Seminaries</i>	<i>Total Per Cent</i>
All Attenders	77.8	22.2	100.0
Central	64.5	35.5	100.0
North Central	78.4	21.6	100.0
Northeastern	72.6	27.4	100.0
South Central	88.9	11.1	100.0
Southeastern	75.6	24.4	100.0
Western	76.8	23.2	100.0

respectively). Weakness in formal education among clergy is apparent in the Central Jurisdiction. The over-all percentage for Methodism in the present Survey is 82.7 per cent.

Theological education was procured either in one of the ten Methodist seminaries or elsewhere. The Denomination educated 77.8 per cent of its own clergy for the tasks of the ministry. However, approximately one effective Minister out of five received his theological training outside The Methodist Church. Among the reasons advanced are reluctance to travel beyond one's region, lack of funds and/or work opportunities, and personal preference. South Central Jurisdiction reported the lowest percentage (11.1 per cent) of Ministers trained outside Methodist seminaries.

Despite the likelihood that the present Survey leans somewhat favorably toward education, findings cited above are in substantial agreement with the general trends of The Methodist Church. Because better educational standards have been stressed within the Denomination in recent decades, Annual Conferences have raised steadily the requirements for Admission. Candidates have responded by achieving a higher level of training. Altogether the evidence points to the revolution in the Methodist educational standards for the pastorate which has occurred since the turn of the century. Today Methodism has an educated ministry. This is the desired and accepted pattern virtually everywhere.

Manner of Admission

How effective Ministers actually attained Full Membership in Annual Conferences is a vital consideration. According to the *Discipline* the relationship can be achieved in at least three ways: (1) under Seminary

Rule, (2) by Conference Course of Study and (3) by Transfer from another Denomination.

Results drawn from current Survey disclose that 58.1 per cent of three ministers out of five were admitted under the Seminary Rule. This focuses attention upon a new pattern in The Methodist Church, one which naturally grows out of high educational attainment. An educated clergy utilizes this pathway into the Annual Conference. Indeed extensive formal training and the Seminary Rule go together. Approximately two thirds or more persons in the North Central, Northeastern and Western Jurisdictions enter into Full Membership in this manner. Slightly less than one half the personnel of the three remaining Jurisdictions followed this procedure. General findings are visually summarized in CHART 5.

A declining ratio of candidates is entering into Full Connection *via* the Conference Course of Study. Indeed the figure among effective Ministers is only 41.1 per cent according to the present Survey. Three Jurisdictions reported a third or less of their Members in this category, while the Central, South Central and Southeastern have approximately one half of the present clergy so characterized. But everywhere the figures are shrinking. This change marks the passing of an epoch in Methodism and is a harbinger for a new era.

Only 0.8 per cent have entered the Methodist ministry by transfer from other Denominations. Among Jurisdictions a slightly higher per-

CHART 6
MANNER OF ADMISSION INTO FULL CONNECTION
EFFECTIVE METHODIST MINISTERS
JANUARY 1, 1956

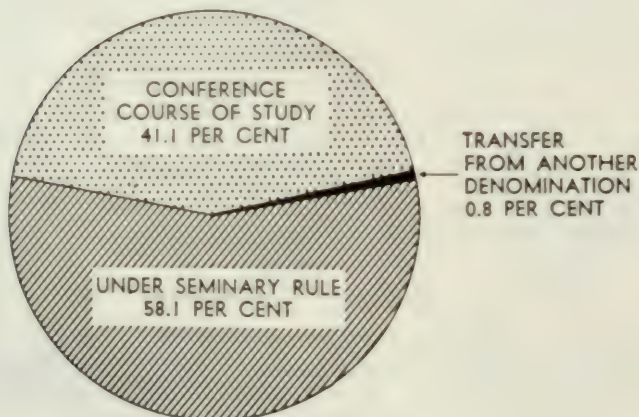


TABLE 4

PER CENT OF MINISTERS BY MANNER OF ADMISSION INTO FULL CONNECTION AND JURISDICTION, THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1956

<i>Manner of Admission</i>	<i>Total Church</i>	C	NC	NE	SC	SE	W
All Admissions	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under Seminary Rule	58.1	46.6	62.4	70.7	48.4	46.7	71.7
Conference Course of Study	41.1	50.5	36.3	28.5	51.2	52.9	27.4
Transfer from Another Denomination	0.8	2.9	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.9

centage was noted in the Central and the North Central. Almost all Methodist clergy derive from the Denomination itself. A thriving Denomination produces its own leadership.

The *trends* in the manner of Admission into Full Connection were studied also. Several years before unification, Methodism reached a point where numerically the customary manner of entering a Conference shifted from Conference Course of Study to the Seminary Rule. This is borne out in the present Survey where an analysis was made of the re-

TABLE 5

MANNER OF ADMISSION INTO FULL CONNECTION BEFORE AND AFTER 1936, CURRENT EFFECTIVE MINISTERS, THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1956

<i>Period</i>	<i>Under Seminary Rule</i>	<i>By Conference Course of Study</i>	<i>Transfer from Another Denomination</i>	<i>Total</i>
Before 1937	43.4	55.4	1.2	100.0
After 1936	77.4	20.0	2.6	100.0

ception year into Full Connection as compared with manner of Admission. Prior to 1937 as shown in TABLE 5 more than one half (55.4 per cent) of the Admissions came from the ranks of those in the Conference Course of Study. Two decades later the figure had dropped to 20.0 per cent, or one out of five persons.

By way of contrast individuals brought in under Seminary Rule before 1937 total 43.4 per cent. Since 1936, however, this mode of receptions vaulted to 77.4 per cent, almost doubling in volume. More than three fourths of the clergy who were admitted in the last twenty years joined Methodism this way. Thus education at a theological school has now become a normal expectancy within the Denomination. This remarkable change which coincides approximately with unification reveals both a hopeful trend in ministerial education and the Church's desire to keep pace with the changing world.

Mobility of Ministers

Itinerancy within an Annual Conference is customary for Methodist Ministers. Occasionally a clergyman will even cross Conference boundaries. However, the aspect to be discussed here is Inter-Jurisdictional mobility. To what extent do Ministers migrate from one region to another? What meaning do such facts have? In order to investigate this phenomenon, data were assembled showing current Annual Conference Membership as compared with the Annual Conference in which the person's *initial* license to preach was granted. Findings are summarized at the Jurisdictional level.

It can be noted from a perusal of TABLE 6 that 17.1 per cent of the effective Ministers and persons On Trial were initially licensed to preach elsewhere than in the Jurisdiction of current affiliation. In short, approximately one minister out of six migrated to his present field of labor. Among the Jurisdictions, the percentage runs from 5.3 (Central) to 49.6 (Western). Note that every other Minister in the Western Jurisdiction was first licensed to preach in another region of the United States. The North Central Jurisdiction reported more than one out of five so classified. The Northeastern revealed a ratio of one out of six. Certainly no doubt should remain respecting the fact of the inter-regional mobility of Methodist ministers.

A surprising discovery is the pattern which mobility takes. While 47.7 per cent of the individuals who migrated went westward, more than one half settled east of the Rocky Mountains. Apparently there exists no runaway trend to the far west. Rather the westward shift includes those who relocated from Northeastern to North Central and Southeastern to South Central jurisdictions. Further, 26.3 per cent of the Inter-Jurisdictional mobility is eastward. Another 15.0 per cent is northward, followed by 11.0 per cent to the south. The pattern is a complicated one.

Probably a more adequate description of the migrations would treat them as a kind of unofficial and unregulated shuffling of clergymen

TABLE 6

ORIGIN OF INITIAL LICENSE TO PREACH BY PER CENT FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTERS
& PERSONS ON TRIAL BY JURISDICTION, THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1956

	<i>Total Church</i>	C	NC	NE	SC	SE	W
All Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Local Jurisdiction	82.9	94.7	77.7	83.5	88.2	91.2	50.4
Other Jurisdictions	17.1	5.3	22.3	16.5	11.8	8.8	49.6

which is produced by a variety of recognizable forces: poor health,

friendship ties, "itching feet" and the deployment of manpower to serve newly developing areas. Every Jurisdiction is involved in the process. This Inter-Regional migration goes on without official cultivation. It has the effect of opening up all of the United States as a field of service to the Methodist clergyman. Undoubtedly this is one of the ways in which a cross-fertilization of ideas, practices and theological insights takes place. Mobility thus understood can facilitate denominational and ecumenical progress.

MINISTERS ON TRIAL

A brief discussion of persons currently On Trial adds significantly to a knowledge of the Methodist ministry. According to this study^o Methodist Ministers On Trial predominantly are young men. Materials summarized in TABLE 6A bear out this contention. The over-all figure in the age group of 20-35 years is 83.6 per cent. Six individuals out of seven are found in the category. Even a casual scrutiny of the Jurisdictions further discloses the relative youthfulness of individuals On Trial. Five Jurisdictions reported 80 per cent or more under 36 years of age. Only Central has a majority of persons On Trial whose ages exceed 35 years. All other Jurisdictions feature an emphasis upon young men. Persons On Trial represent a youth movement everywhere except in the Central Jurisdiction.

Evidently these persons are for the most part still receiving their formal education. Yet consider the fact that 94.7 per cent already are college graduates and beyond in educational attainment. This is an additional reminder that seminary education has now become the most common pathway into the Methodist ministry. It is a dominant finding of the present survey.

Concerning the expected manner of qualification for Full Connection in an Annual Conference, certain observations can be made. The data

TABLE 6A
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF ON TRIAL PERSONS BY JURISDICTION.
THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1956

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Per Cent Persons Aged 20-35 years</i>	<i>Per Cent to Qualify for Full Connection under Seminary Rule</i>
All on Trial	83.6	82.3
Central	46.2	53.8
North Central	87.8	94.7
Northeastern	79.5	86.4
South Central	81.1	72.7
Southeastern	85.6	76.3
Western	86.4	90.8

^o See APPENDIX II for a discussion of methodological procedure.

are summarized in TABLE 6A. Most persons plan to enter under the Seminary Rule. Indeed the over-all percentage is 82.3. This means that approximately six out of seven candidates are planning to meet the highest educational requirements for the ministry in The Methodist Church. They have accepted this academic requirement as a reasonable expectation. More than 90 per cent of the candidates in the North Central and Western jurisdictions (94.7 and 90.8 per cent respectively) are striving toward this goal. Elsewhere the Northeastern has 86.4 per cent while South Central and Southeastern report three fourths of the persons so classified. Only Central finds but one out of two planning to be Admitted under the Seminary Rule.

When will these candidates present themselves? According to present information 60.3 per cent plan to qualify for Full Connection in 1956 28.4 per cent in 1957, 8.4 per cent in 1958, and 2.9 per cent in 1959. However, this turnover is an endless process with new candidates ever appearing as older ones move into Full Connection. It is an unending story of youth seeking to serve in the Church.

PART II

The Supply Ministry

INTRODUCTION

A "Supply Pastor" is a minister serving a Methodist charge without effective membership in the Annual Conference in which the charge is located.

In recent years the Supply Ministry has become an increasingly large proportion of the total Methodist ministry. According to Table 7, the number of Pastoral Charges increased approximately 2,200 from 1941 to 1955, while the number of charges supplied or to be supplied increased by over 3,200. The Charges supplied or to be supplied increased from 22.3 per cent in 1941 to 34.0 per cent in 1950, but declined to 33.5 per cent in 1955. Yet the number of persons classified as Supply Pastors continued upward during 1955, moving from 5,918 to 6,234. It is by no means certain that the peak has been reached. This startling increase in the number of Charges served by Supply Ministers may be regarded as one of the most important, though disturbing, changes taking place in Methodism during the fifteen years following unification.

A questionnaire (see Appendix II, Exhibit B) was sent to all Supply Pastors whose names and addresses were available. (See the methodological note in Appendix I, especially Table B.) There were 2,838 valid responses, and this Report is largely based on an analysis of these questionnaires and appropriate data from previous studies.¹

TABLE 7

TOTAL PASTORAL CHARGES AND NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PASTORAL CHARGES SUPPLIED OR TO BE SUPPLIED, THE METHODIST CHURCH, 1941-1955

Year	Total Pastoral Charges	Pastoral Charges Supplied or to be Supplied	
		Number	Percentage
1955	23,665	7,943	33.5
1950	22,210	7,549	34.0
1945	21,270	6,269	29.5
1941*	21,227	4,729	22.3

* 1940 data not complete.

Source: *General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church, 1941-1955*, Recapitulation Tables.

1. See Appendix IV for source notes.

Types

There are four major types of ministers serving as Supplies. These are: (1) Student Supplies who are in college or seminary; (2) Retired Ministers who serve Charges; (3) Approved Full-time Supplies who give full time to the ministry but do not meet the requirements for Annual Conference membership, and (4) Approved Part-time Supplies (other than students) who serve on a part-time basis while engaging in other occupations. An additional category, (5) other, was used in the questionnaire to cover special situations such as men serving in Conferences other than their own, Supplies serving on a temporary basis between Annual Conference sessions, ministers of other Denominations serving Methodist churches, and so on. Appendix V, Table A, shows the number of respondents by types and Jurisdictions.

Although strict comparability may not obtain, the percentage distribution of Supply Pastors by types for 1948, 1952 and 1956 is shown in Chart 7. In 1956, the percentage of students declined from the 1952 level and was slightly less than in 1948. The Retired Supplies scored a much lower percentage in 1956 than in the previous studies. A brief examination reveals that the method of securing addresses did not include the Retired men in the same proportion as the other types. It is likely that many of those receiving questionnaires did not return them un-

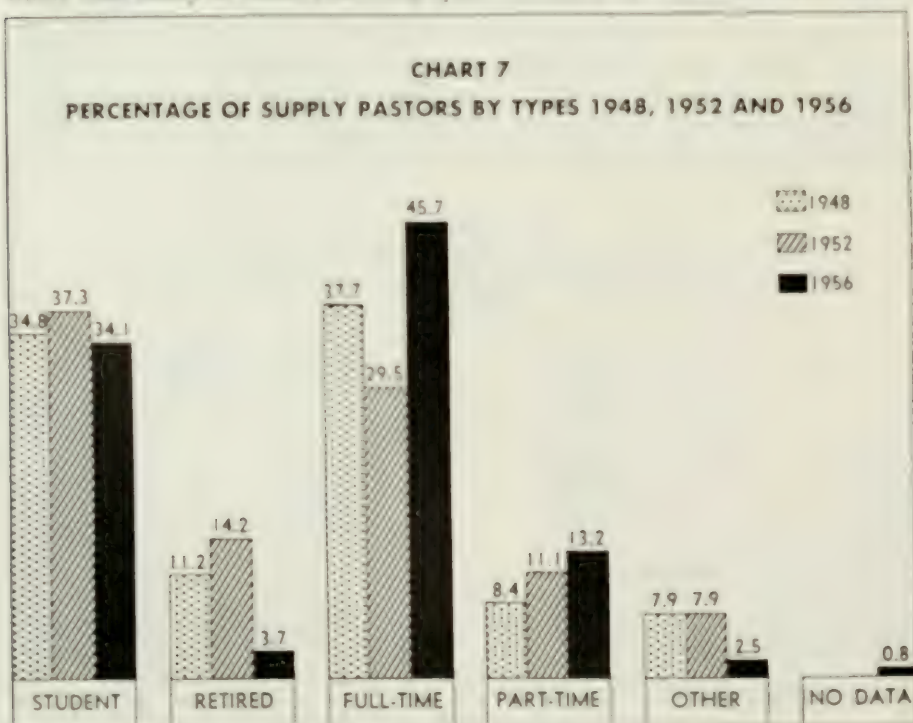
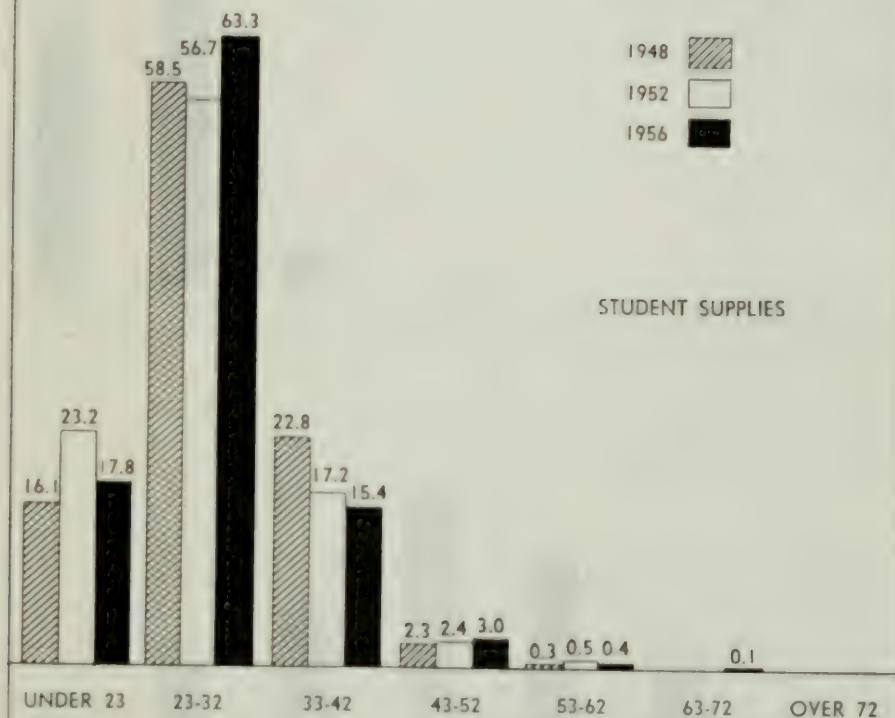


CHART 8

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENT AND FULL-TIME SUPPLIES BY AGE
1948, 1952 AND 1956

1948 
1952 
1956 

STUDENT SUPPLIES



FULL-TIME SUPPLIES

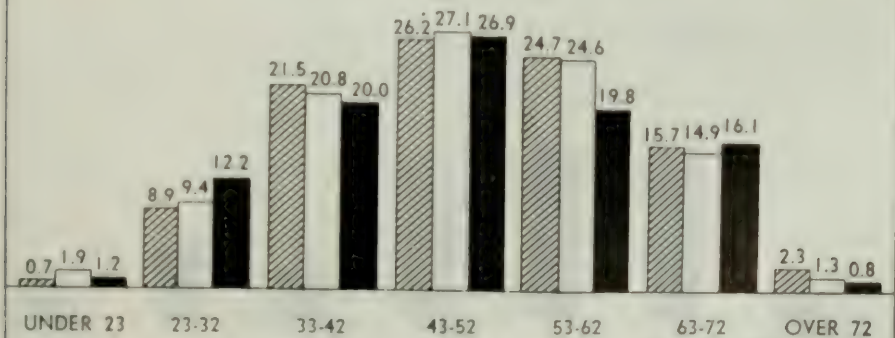
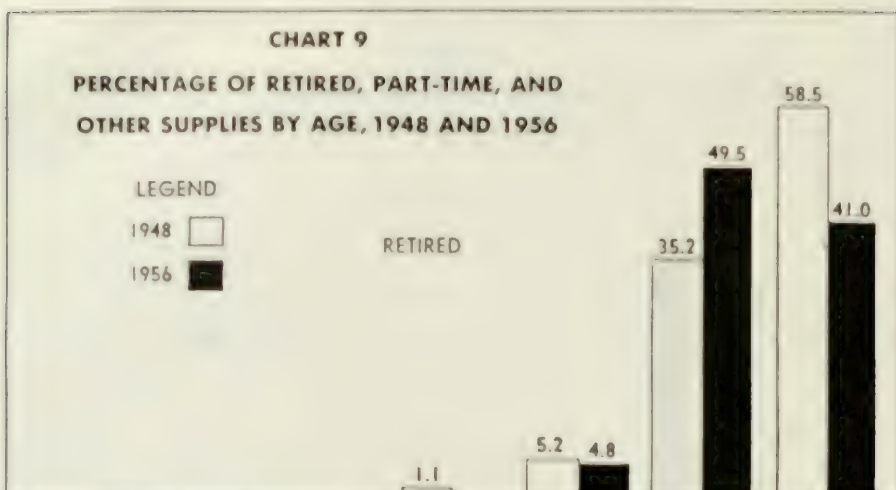
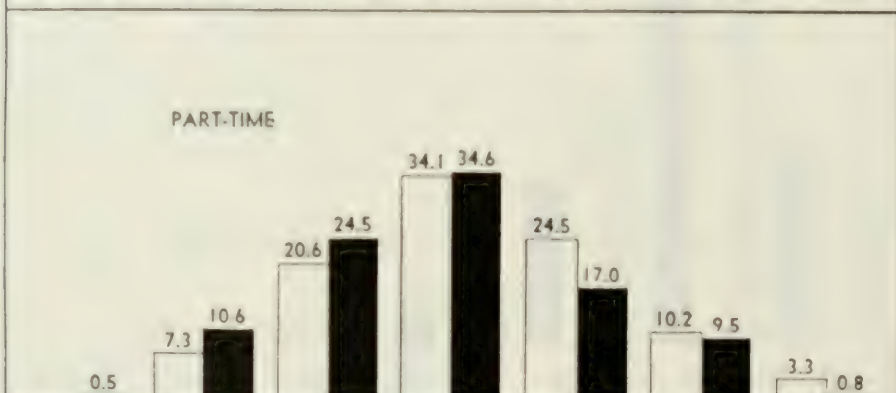
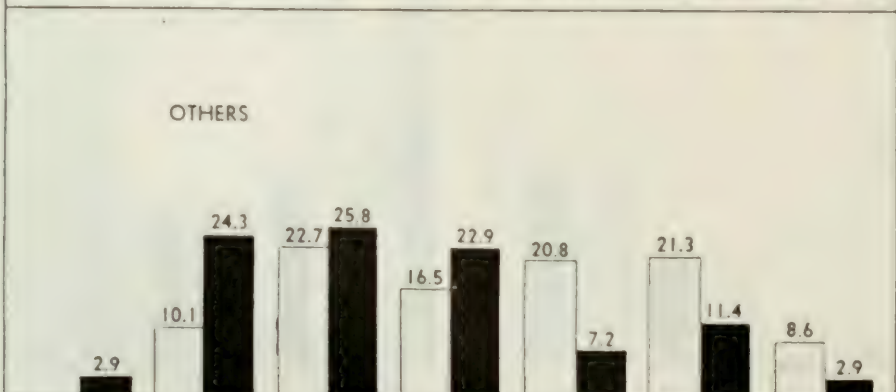


CHART 9**PERCENTAGE OF RETIRED, PART-TIME, AND
OTHER SUPPLIES BY AGE, 1948 AND 1956****LEGEND**1948 1956 **RETIRED**

UNDER 23 23-32 33-42 43-52 53-62 63-72 OVER 72

PART-TIME

UNDER 23 23-32 33-42 43-52 53-62 63-72 OVER 72

OTHERS

UNDER 23 23-32 33-42 43-52 53-62 63-72 OVER 72

der the notion that the study did not apply to them as former Conference members.

There has been a sharp reversal of the 1948-1952 picture with an increase to 45.7 per cent for Full-time Supplies. This, together with the continued increase in Part-time Supplies, makes up the "growing edge" of the Supply Ministry in Methodism, and, doubtless, in increased self-awareness, leading to a greater willingness to reply to the questionnaire.

It became obvious early in this study that these various types of Supplies exhibited widely differing characteristics. Supply Ministers comprise a complex group, joining under one label Student, Retired men, Part-time Pastors, and "Career" or Full-time Pastors. Each has specialized characteristics and problems. Thus, many of the data presented here will be differentiated by these types.

Age

Data are available in Chart 8 for a comparison of the age structures of student and "Career" Supplies in 1948, 1952 and 1956. The majority of students are under 32 years of age, with a tendency to move toward the 1947 picture where nearly two thirds were in the 23-32 age group and where there was a decline among the younger students. This may reflect delays in education due to military service and longer periods of training in seminary and graduate schools.

Among Full-time Supplies there has been a continued increase of those under 32 years of age with slight decreases in the other age groups, except the 63-72 category. This is a picture of persons entering the "Career" Supply Ministry at various age levels with an apparent tendency to enter under 32 years of age. Some of this latter group should have the expectation of qualifying for Conference Membership but two thirds of the "Career" Supplies are older than 32 years of age.

The age data for the other types of Supplies, 1948 and 1956, are seen in Chart 9. One third of the Part-time Supplies is in the 43-52 age group. There has been some increase in those under 42 years. "Other" Supplies show a marked increase in those under 32 years and approximate the age distribution of the Full-time Supplies more closely than the other types. Nearly one half of the Retired Supplies are under 72 years of age, this is an increase over 1948.

Evidently the "Career" Supplies are approximating the age structure of the effective ministry, with somewhat less emphasis on the increase in the younger age groups, and are thus exhibiting the characteristics of a parallel ministerial group. Certainly any tendency for Supply Pastors under 35 years of age, to be satisfied with their status at the Supply

level should be discouraged and every encouragement provided for attaining Annual Conference Membership.

Sex

Since the issue of the place of women in the Methodist ministry is frequently raised, it is interesting to note the sex composition of the respondents. There were 142 women Supplies out of the 2,838 persons and the proportion was highest in the Central and lowest in the South-eastern Jurisdictions.

Education

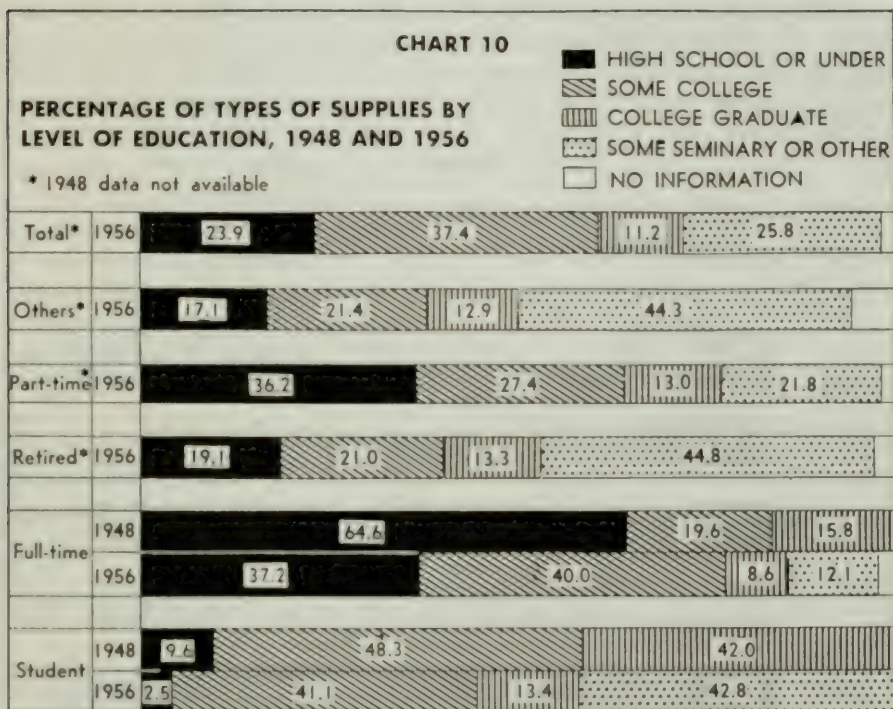
The educational attainments of the Supply Ministry are of utmost importance. This is partially due to the significance of education in the definition of the Supply Ministry and partially to the recognized need for the best-possible In-service Training for "Career" Supplies.

As would be expected there are variations in educational level by type of Supply. Chart 10 shows that 23.9 per cent of all Supplies had high-school training or less while the range was from 2.5 per cent for Student Supplies to 37.2 per cent for Full-time Supplies in 1956. The Part-time Supplies were similar with 36.2 per cent while slightly less than one fifth of the Retired and "Other" Supplies had high-school education or less.

Less than college graduation was the educational level of 61.3 per cent of all Supplies, with the percentage ranging from 77.2 for Full-time Supplies to 38.5 for "Other" Supplies. In some Annual Conferences a college graduate may become a Conference Member, so this often serves as the "cutting point" for Supply status. Yet only 11.2 per cent of all Supplies were college graduates with very slight variation from 13.4 per cent for Student Supplies to 8.6 per cent for Full-time Supplies. It is noteworthy that the Retired men had about the same proportion of college graduates among them as Student Supplies. Indicating that the educational level of the Supply Pastor today is approximately the same as the Conference Member of the immediately past generation of ministers.

Some seminary training or other training was the educational level attained by 25.8 per cent of all Supplies with the range from Retired men (44.8 per cent) to Full-time Supplies (12.1 per cent). The "Other" Supplies had an unusually high percentage (44.3) of persons at this level of education, but examination reveals that many of these were graduates of trade schools and of other types of non-ministerial educational programs. This reflects the miscellaneous character of this group of Supplies. Nearly one half of the Student Supplies had finished college and are engaged in seminary or other graduate study.

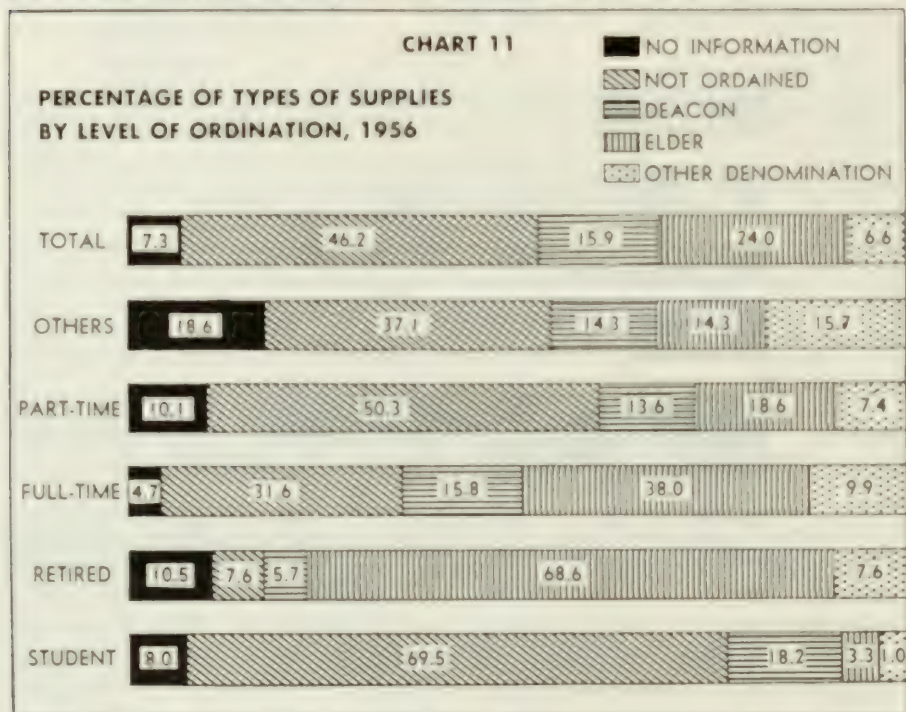
It is possible to compare partially the educational changes from 1948 to 1956 for Students and "Career" Supplies. It should be noted that the 1948 data do not carry the "some seminary or other" and "no information" categories, and thus, are not completely comparable on a percentage basis. There has been a significant drop (from two thirds to one third) in the



Full-time Supplies with high-school education or less. The percentage of "Career" Supplies with some college training more than doubled from 1948 to 1956. Those with college degrees or graduates of other types of schools remained fairly constant. In 1948 two thirds of the "Career" Supplies had high-school education or less, while by 1956 nearly two thirds had some college or more. It seems certain that some of this increase is due to counting attendance at training schools for Supply Pastors held in college or seminary situations as "some college" or "some seminary" in the questionnaires.

The percentage of Student Supplies in high school declined sharply from 1948 to 1952. About the same proportion of students are in college as in seminary or graduate work. The fact that four out of ten Student Supplies are college students, though this is a smaller ratio than in 1948, gives rise to the need for rethinking the Program of Supervision of this work at the college as well as seminary level.

In general, this picture of the educational attainments of the Supply Ministers shows an improvement over the past two quadrennia so far as Student and "Career" Supplies are concerned, with a tendency for the latter group to secure college training and gain Admission to Annual Conferences. This reflects the increased efforts of the Church to provide educational opportunities for Supply Pastors, especially the "Career" Supplies. The growth in the number of short-term schools for Supply Pastors and in the enrollment in them has been one of the major developments in In-service Training since 1948 and, especially, since 1952.



Ordination

Considerable interest is focused upon the Ordination of Supply Pastors. Much of the In-service Training Program has revolved around the preparation of Supplies for Ordination and for their improvement as Pastors.

An unusually high percentage (7.3) of respondents gave no reply to this question, according to Chart 11, and it is likely that some of these could be added to the 46.2 per cent who reported no Ordination. Thus, around one half of all Supplies in 1955 were unordained men. Student Supplies, naturally, had the highest percentage (69.5) not ordained, with the Retired Supplies the lowest (7.6 per cent). This

must mean that in the past some unordained Supplies having reached retirement continue to serve as Supplies. Around one third of the Full-time and "Other" Supplies were not ordained, while one half of the part-time persons were in this category. Deacon's Orders were held by 15.9 per cent of the Supplies with a limited range from Retired men (5.7 per cent) to Students (18.2 per cent). Nearly one fourth of all Supplies had Elder's Orders with the range from Students (3.3 per cent) to Retired Supplies (68.6 per cent). Over one third (38.0 per cent) of the Full-time Supplies were Local Elders. Ordinations for 6.6 per cent of the Full-time Supplies were in other Denominations with the range from Students (1.0 per cent) to "Others" (15.7 per cent). This latter category includes Ministers of other Denominations serving Methodist churches. Nearly one out of ten of the Career Supplies were ordained in other Denominations. Most of these were men from sect-type groups whose educational level did not warrant recognition of their Ordination at the effective ministry level.

Around one half of all Supplies and nearly two thirds of the "Career" Supplies hold Ordination of some type. This development may be viewed, on the one hand, in terms of the increase in the number of Ordained Ministers capable of carrying on the functions of the office and, on the other hand, in terms of the increase in Ordinations based on educational attainments not high enough to qualify the Ordained Supply Minister to become a member of the Annual Conference. The Church has stressed the importance of the first but may not have faced the full consequences of the second.

There has been an increase in the rate of Ordination for Supplies during the past quadrennium as seen in Table 8. More than one half of the respondents gave no year of ordination with the variations cor-

TABLE 8
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF TYPES OF SUPPLIES BY YEAR OF HIGHEST
ORDINATION, 1956

Year	Types					
	Total	Student	Retired	Full-Time	Part-Time	Others
All Years	100.0	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0
No year given	56.9	78.9	26.7	40.0	65.1	62.9
1952 or later	23.6	19.6	0.0	30.8	17.6	15.7
1948-1951	5.7	0.7	0.0	10.6	4.3	4.3
1944-1947	2.3	0.7	0.0	3.8	2.1	1.4
1940-1943	2.1	0.0	1.9	3.5	1.9	4.3
1920-1939	6.7	0.0	20.1	10.4	7.5	8.6
Before 1920	2.7	0.0	51.4	1.0	1.6	2.8

responding generally to the evidence on unordained men. The majority

of all Ordinations was dated since 1952. More than one half of the Ordained "Career" Supplies report Ordinations in the past four years. Three times as many were ordained since 1952 as from 1948 to 1951. The same trend obtains for the other categories except, of course, the Retired Supplies, most of whom were Ordained as members of Annual Conferences before 1920. Practically all the Ordained Students received Ordination since 1952 as might be expected. So far as these respondents are concerned, Ordination, excepting Retired Supplies, is a recent thing being predominantly a phenomenon of this past quadrennium. This results from legislation from 1948 and provision for Approved Supply Pastor training to meet requirements for Ordination.

Since over one half of the Supplies were not ordained, it will be helpful to supplement with data on the year first licensed to preach. Obtaining the Local Preacher's license is normally the first step taken by persons who may become Supply Pastors or effective Ministers. This is frequently done in the late teens or early twenties and a number of years may intervene between the first license to preach and Ordination. Also, many persons hold Local Preacher's licenses without becoming Supplies or Conference Members.

It may be noted in Table 9 that only 3.0 per cent gave no information on the year first licensed to preach, while this percentage was 56.9 for these giving no year of ordination. Over one fourth of all Supplies received the first license during this past quadrennium, 45.2 per cent

TABLE 9
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF TYPES OF SUPPLIES
BY YEAR OF FIRST LICENSE TO PREACH, 1956

Year	<i>Types</i>					
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Retired</i>	<i>Full-Time</i>	<i>Part-Time</i>	<i>Others</i>
All Years	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.1
No Year Given	3.0	2.5	11.4	1.8	2.7	12.9
1952 or Later	26.8	45.2	0.0	18.1	19.7	17.1
1948-1951	29.1	42.4	0.0	23.2	25.5	22.9
1944-1947	10.9	8.1	0.0	13.3	11.4	17.1
1940-1943	5.8	1.2	0.0	8.9	8.5	7.1
1920-1939	18.2	0.6	13.5	29.2	27.9	11.5
Before 1920	6.3	0.0	75.3	5.5	4.3	11.5

for Students and 18.1 per cent for Full-time Supplies. A slightly higher percentage was licensed from 1948 to 1952. Thus, more than half (55.9 per cent) the Supplies were first licensed during the past eight years. This included nearly nine out of ten students and four out of ten "Career" Supplies. The first license was obtained before 1940 by less than one fourth (24.5 per cent) of all Supplies, by one third (34.7 per cent) of Full-time Supplies and by all of the Retired men. The Part-time and

"Other" Supplies follow generally the pattern of the Full-time Supplies.

Although Ordinations for "Career" Supply Pastors clustered in the quadrennium since 1952, the date of first license was distributed over many years with concentration over the past three quadrennia.

Mobility and Tenure

Obviously, the Supply Minister represents a transitional period for many of the persons involved. This would be especially true of Student and Retired Supplies. To discover the extent of this mobility, a study was made of the names of the Supplies listed in the Annual Conference Journals of the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions on a year-by-year basis from 1951 through 1954. These lists were compared by years to determine the number of times the same name appeared during the four-year period. The total number of names on the lists remained fairly constant for the four years in each Jurisdiction, according to Table 10. Of the persons listed in 1951 only 69.3 per cent in South Central and 66.5 per cent in Southeastern reappeared on the lists for 1952. This means that nearly one third of the Supplies were new that year. By 1953 only 47.9 per cent (South Central) and 47.4 per cent (Southeastern) of the original names reappeared for the third year. Finally, 36.6 per cent

TABLE 10

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES BY YEARS OF TENURE
SOUTH CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONS, 1951-1954

Jurisdiction and Year	1954		1953		1952		1951	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
South Central	1143	100.0	1193	99.9	1154	100.0	1205	100.0
First Year	321	28.1	383	32.1	354	30.7	—	—
Second Year	238	20.8	238	19.9	800	69.3	—	—
Third Year	166	14.5	572	47.9	—	—	—	—
Fourth Year	418	36.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southeastern	1518	100.0	1543	100.0	1587	100.0	1561	100.0
First Year	420	27.7	469	30.4	532	33.5	—	—
Second Year	338	22.3	343	22.2	1055	66.5	—	—
Third Year	231	15.2	731	47.4	—	—	—	—
Fourth Year	529	34.8	—	—	—	—	—	—

(South Central) and 34.8 per cent (Southeastern) of the persons who were listed as Supplies in 1951 remained on the lists four years later.

It may be assumed that the normal turnover would be higher among Students and Retired Supplies than other types. This was tested in the Southeastern Jurisdiction by isolating those known to be Students and Retired men either by matching the questionnaires with the names or by classification in the listing of names in some Annual Conferences. In this way 350 of the 1,518 persons in 1954 in the Southeastern Jurisdiction

were classified as Students and Retired men. Their mobility was compared with the remainder of the Supplies, as seen in Chart 12. The high mobility among Students and Retired Supplies is especially noted in the large percentage (42.0) of names appearing for the first time and the small percentage (13.7) of names reappearing for the fourth time. This is contrasted with 23.6 per cent of the Career Supplies in the first year and 41.1 per cent in the fourth year. Nearly one fourth of the Career Supplies were in their first year while less than one half had a four-year tenure.

Another approach to this matter was made in the questionnaire by asking for the length of tenure of classification as Supply Pastor and the number of years serving Charges as Supply Pastor. There was a slightly more stable picture of tenure in the first than the second characteristic, and it has been chosen for analysis. According to Table 11, over one half of all respondents (51.8 per cent) had been Supply Pastors four years or less with a range from Student (78.6 per cent) to Full-time Supplies (34.5 per cent). Thus, nearly four fifths of the Student and over one third of the "Career" Supplies had a tenure of one quadrennium or less. Eight years or less was the tenure of nearly three fourths (73.1 per cent) of all the respondents. Almost no Students had remained Supplies longer than eight years. The Full-time Supplies had 59.0 per cent with tenure of eight years or less. In view of this rapid mobility, it is noteworthy that 17.0 per cent of the Full-time Supplies have had

CHART 12
PERCENTAGE OF TYPES OF SUPPLIES BY YEARS OF TENURE,
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION, 1952 - 1956

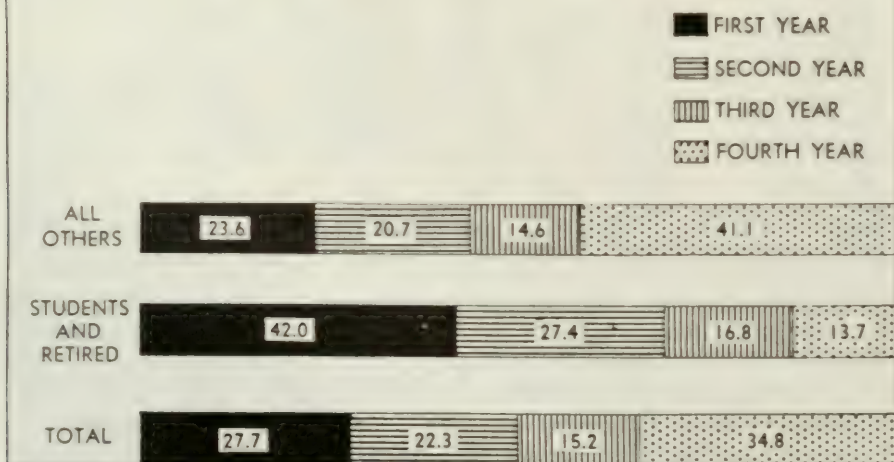


TABLE 11
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF TYPES OF SUPPLIES
BY YEARS OF TENURE AS SUPPLY PASTORS, 1956

<i>Number of Years</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Retired</i>	<i>Full-Time</i>	<i>Part-Time</i>	<i>Other</i>
Total	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9
No Data	3.1	2.4	1.9	1.8	3.2	27.1
1-4	51.8	78.6	47.6	34.5	46.5	42.9
5-8	21.3	17.3	22.9	24.5	20.5	20.0
9-12	9.3	1.3	6.7	14.0	14.6	7.1
13-16	4.8	0.4	6.7	8.0	5.1	1.4
17-28	6.6	0.0	2.9	11.8	7.7	1.4
29-40	3.1	0.0	9.5	5.2	2.4	0.0
Over 40	0.1	0.0	1.9	0.2	0.0	0.0

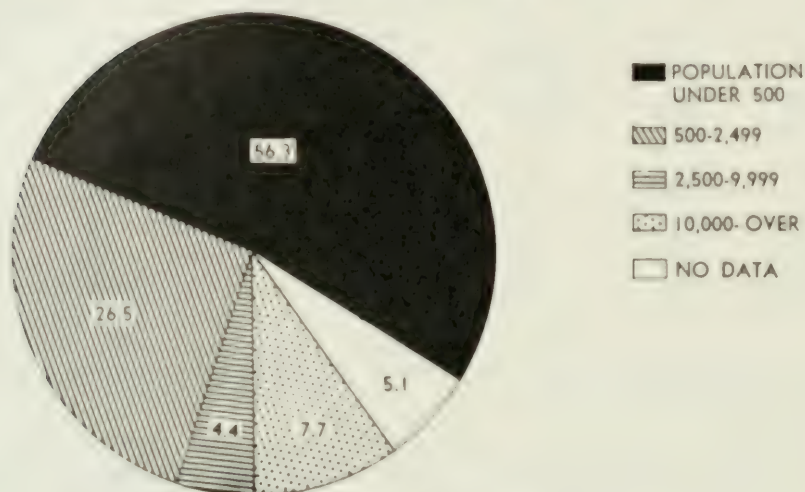
tenure as Supplies from 17 to 40 years. All these persons were Supplies before unification in 1940.

Here, again, the story is one of short tenure and rapid turnover in the Supply Ministry. Nearly six out of ten "Career" Supplies had a tenure of eight years or less. Although there is a small group of persons (9.7 per cent) who have been Supplies for more than four quadrennia, this only serves to emphasize the highly mobile and transitional character of this type of ministry in Methodism. It raises critical questions about the need to provide closer supervision of Student Supplies and early training and guidance of "Career" Supplies under the difficult conditions of rapid turnover of personnel.

Size of Community Served

It has long been assumed that the majority of Supply Pastors serve Charges located in small communities. This conclusion is justified on the basis of the data in Chart 13. More than one half (56.3 per cent) of all Supplies serve Charges in villages, hamlets and open-country places under 500 population. Four out of five Supplies serve in rural communities under 2,500 population and 87.2 per cent minister in town and country areas under 10,000 population. This means that only 7.7 per cent of the Supplies serve in cities over 10,000. There is a tendency for more Student Supplies and "Career" Supplies to serve communities under 2,500 and for more Retired Supplies to serve in cities. Also, evidence indicates that the majority of Supply Charges is not located in the rural-urban areas adjacent to urban centers. It seems especially serious that during a period of improvement in education and various other services to rural people a decreasing proportion of Methodist rural parishes is served by fully trained effective ministers.

CHART 13
PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES SERVED BY SUPPLIES BY SIZE OF
POPULATION, 1956

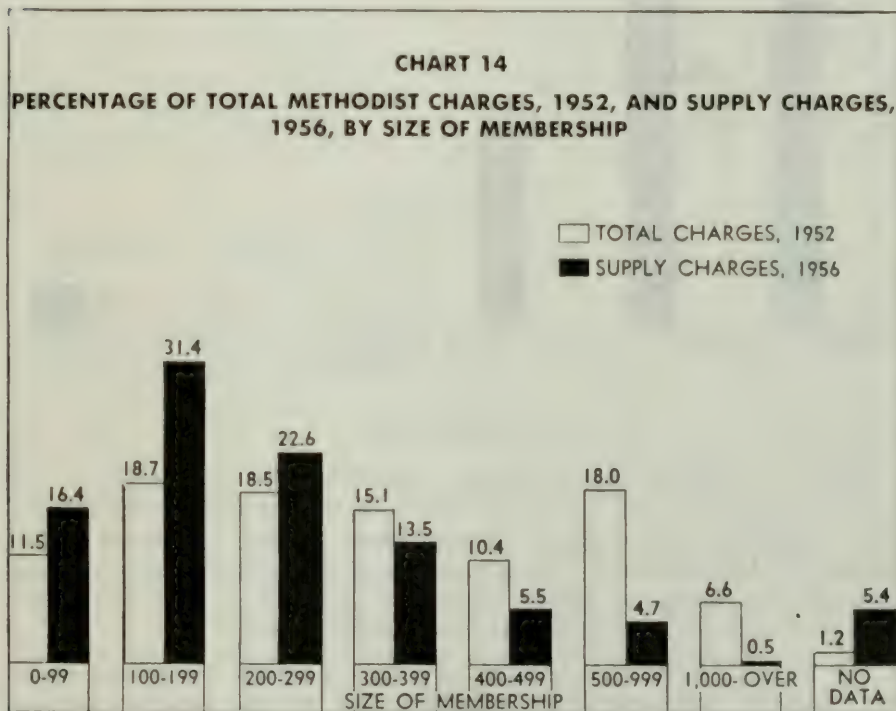


Membership and Salary

The number of members in a Methodist parish, other things being equal, helps determine the type of Pastor appointed to the Charge. It would be expected that the Supply Ministry would serve charges of smaller memberships than the effective ministry. An examination of Chart 14 confirms this conclusion. There is a higher percentage of Supply Charges than total charges in Methodism with under 300 members. The reverse is true for parishes over 300 members. Thus, Charges with fewer than 300 members are more likely to be served by Supply ministers than those over 300 members. It may be observed that nearly one half (47.8 per cent) of the respondents served parishes with fewer than 200 members, while seven out of ten Supplies ministered to parishes under 300 members. The average-sized Methodist charge is around 400 members, yet only 10.6 per cent of the Supplies serve Charges larger than this average. There is a tendency for "Career" Supplies to serve Charges with slightly higher memberships, while Retired and Student Supplies cluster more around the smaller charges.

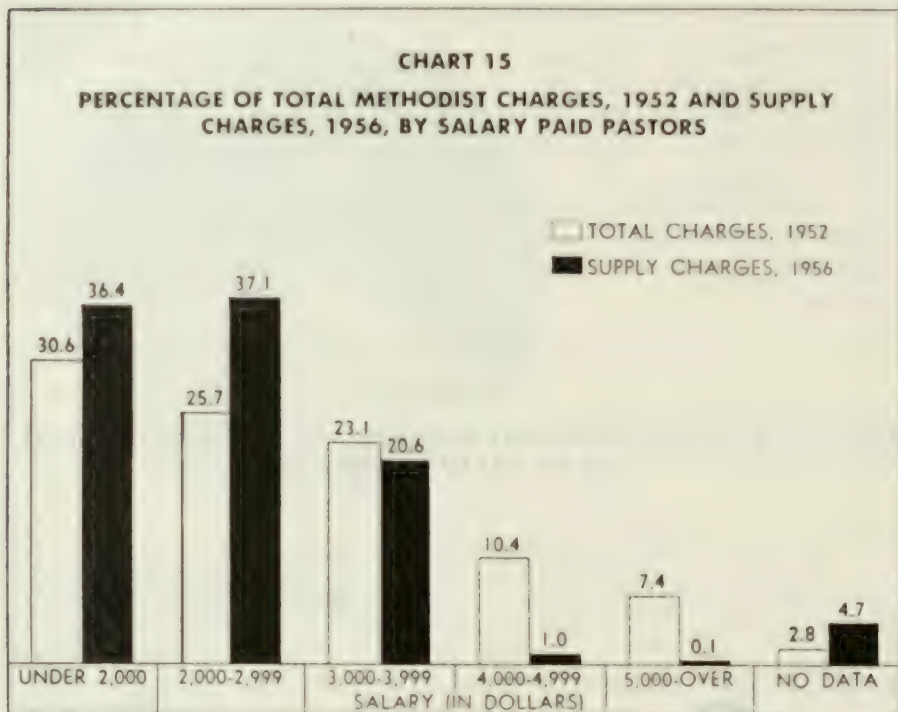
Supply Pastors serve Charges which pay lower salaries than Charges served by effective ministers. According to Chart 15 over one third of the Supplies in this study received less than \$2,000 annual salary while nearly four fifths of them were paid less than \$3,000. At the other end of the salary scale, only 1.1 per cent of the Supplies enjoyed an income of over \$4,000 annually.

Although the data were collected on a different basis and, therefore, may not be completely comparable, it is interesting to contrast the percentage of Supply Charges and of total Charges in Methodism in terms of salary. The latter data of Chart 15 were tabulated from the *General Minutes of 1952* and some increases in salaries might be expected to have occurred since then. Nevertheless, it is obvious that a larger percentage of the Supply Charges fall in the salary categories under \$3,000 than of the total Charges. The reverse is true of salaries above \$3,000 and the difference is accelerated in the higher salary brackets. A Supply pastor has little hopes of receiving an annual salary above \$4,000, and the charge which pays \$3,000 or more to the Pastor increases its chances of being served by a minister who is a Conference Member.



The close relationship between Supply Charges, low membership Charges and low salary Charges is apparent. It will doubtless call for more than an increase in the number of available trained ministers to break out of this circle. It would seem necessary, also, either to increase the number of members per Charge or the salary paid the pastor or both. This is to suggest that characteristics of Methodist parishes are

important considerations in any realistic treatment of the policies involving the recruitment and training of Methodist pastors.



Conclusion

This is a picture of the Supply Ministers who responded to the request for information about themselves and their charges at the close of the 1952-1956 quadrennium. Supply Pastors serve one third of all Methodist Appointments. The percentage of Charges supplied or to be supplied has increased rapidly since unification. It is desirable to see a reversal of this trend during the next quadrennium.

The Supply Ministry is made up of widely differing sub-groups whose only common characteristic is that they are serving Charges without effective membership in the Annual Conference in which the Charge is located. A small proportion of the Supplies are Conference Members who have retired but continue to serve parishes. Such persons, if willing and able, should be encouraged to continue serving Charges for a few years after retirement. About one third of the Supply Pastors are students in college and seminary. Here the expectation is that these persons will rapidly move into the ranks of the effective ministry. Thus

the Students at the "intake" side and the Retired men at the "outgo" side make up the most unstable part of the Supply Ministry. The "Career" Supplies constitute around one half of the Supply Ministry and this group of Full-time, and some Part-time Pastor, exhibits, generally, the age characteristics of the effective ministry. Although this "Career" group is highly mobile, it constitutes the most stable core in the Supply Ministry. Here is focused the problem of the so-called "two-class" ministry. A large number of "Career" Supplies are moving toward Ordination but not Conference Membership.

The majority of the Charges served by the Supply Ministry is small in salary and membership and is located in open country and rural towns. This easily leads to the conclusion that "marginal" charges, as well as the shortage of Conference Members, create a demand for a Supply Ministry. It seems certain that the standards used in creating and continuing Pastoral Charges, as well as the educational standards for Annual Conference Membership, are factors in the increase of the Supply Ministry. Certainly creative planning and action in both these areas will bring an increasing number of Methodist people, now served by the Supply Ministry, under the care of the effective ministry.

APPENDIX I

SOURCES OF MATERIALS UTILIZED IN THE REPORT

Population information was gathered from publications of the United States Bureau of the Census 1940, 1950 and special bulletins, including Series P-25, No. 108 and No. 110.

Denominational statistics, names and addresses were procured from the Official Journals and Year Books of Annual Conferences and from the General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church, 1940, 1950, and subsequent years.

The following studies published previously were examined and utilized to some extent in the present report:

Murray H. Leiffer—*A study of Retirement and Recruitment in the Methodist Ministry*. Chicago: Methodist Publishing House, 1944.

—*The Methodist Ministry in 1948*. Chicago: Methodist Publishing House, 1948.

—*The Methodist Ministry in 1952*. Nashville: Methodist Publishing House, 1952.

In the interest of brevity these studies are referred to throughout the report as "Leiffer, 1944," "Leiffer, 1948," and "Leiffer, 1952" respectively. Wherever possible specific page references are given.

The remaining data were assembled by means of a Survey following the procedure described in APPENDIX II. Hence charts, tables and data not otherwise identified refer to materials assembled especially for this 1956 report.

APPENDIX II

A METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

Materials on the Methodist ministry assembled from the field for the present Survey were gathered by means of two mailed questionnaires. One questionnaire was designed for use by Effective Ministers and persons On Trial. A second questionnaire was designed for Supply Pastors. Each research instrument was passed through a series of revisions before its eventual adoption and use. The general mailings were delimited to domestic Conferences and to continental United States.

The methods used in collecting these materials do not justify the assumption that the data comprise a sample representing the total number of Effective Ministers, or persons On Trial, or Supply Pastors in Methodism. Surely the differential percentage representation by Jurisdictions (consult TABLE A and TABLE B) serves as cautions on this point. Thus no assumption is made here that this is a complete picture of Methodism's ministry. Rather the Report occupies itself with the task of making an objective analysis of the questionnaires noted in the paragraphs below.

TABLE A

DISTRIBUTION OF SURVEY RESPONSES FROM EFFECTIVE MINISTERS AND MINISTERS ON TRIAL, THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES
JANUARY 1, 1956

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Total Number Effective Ministers</i>	<i>Valid Questionnaires Returned</i>		<i>Total Persons On Trial</i>	<i>Valid Questionnaires Returned</i>	
		<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Total	17,256	8,813	51.1	2,941	829	28.2
Central	1,266	187	14.8	150	13	8.7
North Central	3,756	2,087	55.6	627	172	27.5
Northeastern	3,391	1,987	58.6	476	161	33.8
South Central	3,191	1,628	51.0	611	132	21.6
Southeastern	4,302	2,211	51.4	826	285	34.5
Western	1,350	713	52.8	251	66	26.3

A questionnaire (see EXHIBIT A) was mailed to 17,256 *effective ministers* of The Methodist Church. Responses came back from every domestic Annual Conference. After a detailed inspection of the materials it was decided to omit responses from Bishops, Chaplains stationed

abroad and Missionaries outside the United States. With the Completion of this sifting process there remained 8,813 valid questionnaires. This

TABLE B

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS BY TYPE OF SUPPLY AND JURISDICTION,
THE METHODIST CHURCH, 1956

Type	<i>The Methodist Church</i>	C	NC	NE	SC	SE	W	<i>No Data</i>
All Types	2,838	35	747	553	524	817	148	14
Student	968	2	256	186	163	320	39	2
Retired	105	—	31	22	15	27	10	—
Full-Time	1,297	30	337	242	257	356	72	3
Part-Time	376	3	95	75	70	102	23	8
Other	70	—	22	23	13	9	3	—
No Data	26	—	6	5	6	3	1	1

constitutes a coverage of 51.1 per cent. Among Jurisdictions, as shown in TABLE A, the percentage of returned questionnaires ranges from 14.8 (Central) to 58.6 (Northeastern). However, responses from all except the Central Jurisdiction are 51.0 per cent or above.

Further, this questionnaire was mailed also to 2,941 *persons On Trial* during the year 1955 in The Methodist Church. After defective responses were deleted, there remained 829 valid questionnaires for a coverage of 28.2 per cent. Percentage of valid questionnaires returned within Jurisdictions as revealed in TABLE A runs from 8.7 (Central) to 34.5 (Southeastern). The five geographical Jurisdictions yielded returns higher than 21 per cent each, with Southeastern and Northeastern reporting more than one third of the persons *On Trial*.

Finally a questionnaire (see EXHIBIT B) was mailed to all *Supply Pastors* whose names and addresses were available in the 1954 Journals of Annual Conferences in the United States. As noted in TABLE B the questionnaires went to 6,231 persons or 78.7 per cent of the Pastors serving Supply Charges. Valid responses were returned by 2,838 persons for a coverage of 45.6 per cent of the mailing (or 35.8 per cent of the number of Charges supplied or to be supplied). A significant variation is noted within Jurisdictions. The lowest percentages of addresses and replies were secured from the Central Jurisdiction. The most complete mailing (94.5 per cent) was in the Western Jurisdiction. The highest percentage of replies (52.1 per cent) was in the North Central Jurisdiction. The best coverage of the Supply Charges in the replies (44.9 per cent) was in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

APPENDIX III

SOURCE NOTES

(It is assumed here that full reference to the previous studies will have already been made. Also, some statement should be made to the effect that where no source notes occur for tables and charts they are based upon data growing out of the Survey.)

1. Three previous studies of the ministry have included information about the Supply Ministry. See Leiffer, 1944, p. 21; Leiffer, 1948, pp. 39-49; and Leiffer, 1952, pp. 23-29. In this Report data about Supply Pastors for 1948 and 1952 are based on the latter two studies.
2. In Charts 14 and 15 the 1952 data are taken from *Source Book of Methodism in Town and Country*, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, 1955, p. 147 and p. 153.

(Please note that a source note number should appear on Charts 14 and 15 in the legend after the phrase "Total Charges, 1952" to refer to Number 2 above.)

APPENDIX IV

TABLE A

PASTORAL CHARGES SUPPLIED OR TO BE SUPPLIED, NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED AND VALID RESPONSES, THE METHODIST CHURCH, BY JURISDICTIONS, 1956

Jurisdiction	Questionnaires Mailed		Percentage of Supply Charges	Valid Responses		
	Charges Supplied or to be Supplied	Number		Number	Percentage of Mailings	Percentage Of Supply Charges
Total	7,920	6,231	78.7	2,838	45.6	35.8
Central	557	235	42.2	35	14.9	6.3
North Central	1,849	1,434	77.6	747	52.1	40.4
Northeastern	1,628	1,141	70.1	553	48.5	34.0
South Central	1,592	1,273	80.0	524	41.2	32.9
Southeastern	1,821	1,701	93.4	817	48.1	44.9
Western	473	447	94.5	148	33.1	31.3
No data	—	—	—	14	—	—

Source: *General Minutes of the Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church*, 1954.

EXHIBIT A

STUDY OF THE MINISTRY

A Questionnaire for Persons

Received ON TRIAL or in FULL MEMBERSHIP in Annual Conferences

Jurisdiction _____ Conference _____ District _____

Name _____ Charge _____

Address _____
 Street Number City State

Birth: Year _____ City and State _____

Education: Name of School Dates Attended Degree & Year

High School _____

College _____

Seminary _____

Other _____

License to Preach: (initial license)

Date (year) _____ City and State _____

Church _____ District _____ Conference _____

Received on Trial: Year _____ Conference _____

How? (check one of the following) Under Seminary Rule _____; by Conference

Course of Study _____; by Transfer from another Denomination _____; If

last, give Denomination _____.

Received into Full Connection: Year _____ Conference _____

How? (check one of the following) Under Seminary Rule _____; By Conference

Course of Study _____; By Transfer from another Denomination _____; If

last, give Denomination _____.

If not in Full Membership at Present Time:

How do you expect to qualify for Full Membership in Annual Conference?

Under Seminary Rule _____; By Conference Course of Study _____.

In what year do you plan to meet the qualifications and be received into Full Membership. _____ If under Seminary Rule, indicate (x) whether you expect to prepare at a Methodist theological school _____; a non-Methodist theological school _____.

If you are a Student at the Present Time:

Give name of school in which you are presently enrolled. _____

Year of anticipated graduation _____; degree _____.

EXHIBIT B

STUDY OF THE MINISTRY
Questionnaire for Supply Pastors

Name _____ Address _____

Annual Conference _____ District _____ Jurisdiction _____

PERSONAL

Year of birth _____ Place of birth _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____

Check the type of supply pastor which applies to you (check one):

Student supply _____ Retired supply _____ Approved full-time supply _____ Approved part-time supply (other than student) _____

Other type (specify) _____

When were you first licensed to preach? Year _____

Where Licensed? Charge _____ District _____ Annual Conference _____

EDUCATION

	Years attended	Degree or diploma	Year degree or diploma received
High School _____			
College _____			
Theological school _____			
Other _____			

ORDINATION

Not ordained _____ Ordained local deacon _____ Year _____ Ordained local elder _____ Year _____ Other Denomination _____

PRESENT APPOINTMENT

Charge you now serve _____ Number of churches _____ Membership of charge _____ Annual salary \$ _____

Approximate population of the community covered by your Charge (check one):

Open country or village up to 500 _____; Rural town, 500-2,499 _____:

Small city, 2,500-9,999 _____; City, 10,000 and over _____

Open country or village up to 500 _____; Rural town, 500-2,499 _____:

Is your Charge located near a city in a suburban area? Yes _____ No _____

Total years as Supply Pastor _____ Total years serving Charges _____

6.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

For the Quadrennium of 1952-56

Adopted May 2, 1956. See Journal, Page 497.

The continuation of the National Family Life Committee of The Methodist Church was authorized by The General Conference of 1952. We are here before you to report and to tell you of our appreciation for the exceptional response of the Church to the Program as provided by this Committee.

The General Conference made provision for the relation administratively of the Committee to the General Board of Education. A word of gratitude to the General Agencies of the Church represented on the Committee, to the Board of Education for the help of its staff, particularly, for the work of Dr. Edward Staples is in order. The functioning of your National Committee of Family Life during these four years was made possible by the allocation of funds from the teaching and preaching mission of the Advance of the last quadrennium.

By means of this authorization and this support your Committee has been able to undertake a three-fold Program:

(1) To co-operate with the Joint Department of Family Life of the National Council of Churches and other organizations functioning in the Family Life field; (2) to give emphasis to the need for the increased preparation of the ministry in marital and family counseling.

The third and major project undertaken by your Committee was the National Conference on Family Life held in Cleveland, O., in October, 1954. Film, panel, group discussion, public message, presented to 3,000 Delegates the Christian way of living together in the home. The general theme of the Conference was "The Christian Family—The Hope of the World."

What Is Urgent Need?

Prior to the National Conference itself, 6,000 inquiries were sent to persons who represented a cross-section of American life. The basic question asked was, "What is the urgent need of the present day American family"? From these answers the Committee derived its directives and its topics for the Conference.

With all but one of the 102 Annual Conferences of Methodism represented at the Cleveland gathering, there was left no doubt about this being a National Conference.

Incredible things happened after the Conference closed and Delegates had returned to their homes. These Delegates have reported for the one and one-half years of post-Conference activity, approximately 10,500 meetings and conferences on Annual Conference, District and Local Church levels. More than 40 Annual Conferences have organized Family Life Committees. Note what some of the Annual Conferences have said about the National Meeting and its effect:

The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference reported that the 39 Delegates who returned from Cleveland aided in District meetings, attended by a total of 6,000 persons.

Tennessee Annual Conference (SE): "Our Delegates have helped in interesting our young families in a definite commitment to the Church Program."

New Mexico Annual Conference: "We have organized and trained teams in each District to conduct Family Life rallies in Local Churches."

Leaflet Circulation Jumps

Still another result; the sale of Family Life leaflets, following the two National Family Life Conferences held in Chicago and Cleveland, respectively, has increased from 703,000 in 1950 to 2,153,000 in 1955. The Christian Home magazine has had a marked increase in subscriptions over the same period of time.

Time does not permit more than a mention of the Juvenile Clinics held, plays written and presented, Family Life articles prepared for the press. These Delegates returned to Grovers Corners, to Seattle, to Pleasantville, to Boston and to the farthest corners of the earth to vigorously advocate Christian family living everywhere.

The joy of this endeavor in respect to the Conference and post-Conference activities is to be found in these beginning homes, represented by the 3,000 Delegates. These representatives of beginning homes came seeking a better way of living together in families and many found it. Basic to this better way of getting on together is the Christian idea of respect for one another, is the Christian idea of divine worth in family relations.

Sometime ago I heard of some small boys who built a club house in the back yard out of scrap bits of lumber gathered here and there. When they had built it they decided to sit

down and write Rules for it, just as boys would. These were the Rules: "Nobody act big. Nobody act small. Everybody act medium." They had something there.

This National Family Life Committee from its inception in 1949, in Program Planning and Conference building, has kept its eyes on young Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, Jr. and their children. These young fathers and mothers are the most spiritually suggestible people of our whole religious venture.

The story of the Cleveland Conference is the story of entire families transformed; the story of families beginning to pray together; men and women, as parents, beginning to follow Christ with a new seriousness.

When you present religion to a beginning home you are at the heart of the matter. In many instances the National Family Life Committee, through its Program, did help the beginning home to begin right.

The Methodist Church has begun something in this field of family life that is moving in stride with America's growing interest in the home. The Methodist Church is not going to miss the timetable of social emergence of concern for the family life.

At a time when the family has taken on added importance because families are greater in number and larger in size; at a time when the general public and Social Agencies of the land are turning to the family as the one hope for the growth of sound persons to make a safe world; at a time when it is a settled conclusion that the family is the best concrete opportunity for religious growth and that we can best present the claims of our Lord to persons through the medium of family life; at a time when the home that is to be our salvation is itself under threat of the disturbing influence of the new mass media, the mobility of the home, the growing employment of wives and mothers, the tension of a troubled world—The Methodist Church is pressing toward the restoration of the religious life of the home, summoning the family to its divine vocation, challenging husbands and wives, parents and children, to practice their religion in their relationships one with another.

We members of the National Family Life Committee confess to a sense of high privilege in serving the Church in this important work.

Hazen G. Werner, Chairman
Edward Staples, Secretary

7. PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION, COMMISSION ON

(See Paragraphs 750-755, 1952 *Discipline*)

Adopted April 28, 1956. See Journal, Pages 333-338.

It requires but a few minutes to report to this body of Delegates and visitors *what* has happened to The Methodist Church in its world-wide ministry of General Benevolence and *why* it happened. What happened might be described as the dawn of a new era; or the discovery of new resources through Methodist Union; or the resurgence of spiritual concern for our world today. In any event, something has happened to Methodism in the last sixteen years and something very special has been happening *through* Methodism in the last seven years and ten months in order to more than double her annual gifts for General Benevolences. The total giving to General Benevolences in 1948-49 was \$11,155,883. In the year closing last May 31, seven years later, it was \$22,474,697.

1. First, *why* has this amazing advance been made?

One reason is because *the story is being told*. More than 27,000 pastors are telling it Sunday after Sunday, and between Sundays in special seasons of dedication. A hundred thousand laymen know the story, or they are learning it rapidly, and share it with ten times that number of other men and women who are the leaders of Methodism's millions.

The *Church Press* is also a magnificent bearer of the Christian message to our world today. The *Christian Advocate*, and many other church publications, both national, Conference, District, and Local Church, vie with each other in telling the story of God's love for mankind and interpreting the events and opportunities of the hour in terms of Christ's message and ministry to the whole world. This is a spontaneous expression of growing life throughout the Church and its organizations.

The secular press receives and reports our story, as never before. Radio, television, and motion picture screen also are employed in behalf of the Gospel for the multitudes. These modern seed sowers are planting God's word in mil-

lions of minds and hearts faster and farther than Methodist Circuit Riders ever dreamed in the days of our Church's most rapid expansion.

Christ and His Church advance in America; in outpost stations; in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico; in Europe and Africa, and Asia; in South America and the Orient; Methodism is helping to "Gird the Earth for Christ" inside and outside iron and bamboo curtains; because the story of Jesus and his love *is coming through. The increase in our General Benevolence giving may be measured by the extent and effectiveness to which "The Story" is told.*

2. The second reason for the steady climb of General Benevolence giving is *the team*. We have a company of believers and doers who work together as one body in Christ. This teamwork brings victory to the whole Program of the whole Church.

There are sixteen Benevolence Agencies that administer World Service funds. There are ten other General Agencies of The Methodist Church that co-operate in the promotion and cultivation of our General Benevolence Program. There are four more General Agencies, custodians of the historical and prophetic character of Methodism. Together these thirty General Agencies constitute a combination of effective instruments.

As *we see* the total picture from the viewpoint of the Central Promotional Office, it is the *close co-operation of these Agencies and the co-ordination of their responsibilities* that accounts, in large measure, for the distinctive advance in all Benevolence Income in this quadrennium. The concern and devotion of the General Secretaries, and their Staffs, are reflected in a growing confidence that characterizes their teamwork. The General Benevolence Program of Methodism has gained immeasurably through co-ordination and co-operation effort in the last two quadrenniums.

3. The third reason for this unusual advance, and the most important of all, is the good soil in which good seed has been planted. The harvest has come because of the people who responded. In a few minutes you will see a picture of that harvest.

It is the product of 9,313,278 Methodists, inspired by 26,649 ministers, led by 573 District Superintendents, commissioned and directed by 37 Episcopal Leaders who have brought in the sheaves. The good seed in this good soil has

brought forth 40, 60, 100 fold for the world mission of our world Methodism. That is why it happened.

"Christ to the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring,
With one accord."

Now consider *what* happened.

1. We have one total General Benevolence Program for which the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation and The Advance Committee are responsible.

They include:

World Service which is basic; the foundation upon which all of our Benevolences is built.

Advance Specials which is described as plus giving or second mile serving.

Week of Dedication and Fellowship of Suffering and Service are sacrificial giving.

The Methodist Television is timely giving. It sees and seizes the opportunity to carry the message of Christ and His Church to millions.

The Bishops' Appeal for Korea was the Macedonian call, and Methodism answered.

2. Look now at the harvest in these fields during the present quadrennium.

(1) Following the 1948-52 quadrennium, in which World Service income had increased more than 33 1/3%, the Apportionment for the Current Quadrennium was advanced another 20%, to a goal of \$9,660,000 annually. By consistent co-operation our Methodist churches accepted the challenge and now we are within reach of the objective, \$38,640,000 by May 31, 1956.

The total received for World Service in three years and ten months is \$35,827,586. This amount is over two million dollars more annually than in the last quadrennium. The Methodist Church is closer to its new World Service goal, at this point in the quadrennium, than it was to lesser goals in previous quadrenniums. We confidently believe that \$2,812,414 will be received in April and May of this year in which event the total will be the largest ever given in one year to World Service and reach the quadrennium objective in full.

(2) The Advance Specials Program was initiated by The General Conference in 1948. No apportionments were set

but it was estimated that voluntary acceptances and gifts of three million dollars annually, for that quadrennium, would be worthy of Methodism. The total received for General and Conference Initiated Advance Specials, 1948 to 1952, was \$3,266,636 annually, or \$13,066,542 for those four years.

In the three years and ten months of this quadrennium, to March 31, 1956, receipts for General Advance Specials only total \$14,829,523. In addition, Conference Treasurers report more than \$14,000,000 for Conference Advance Specials or a grand total for this period for nearly twenty-nine million dollars for all Advance Specials. Of course they will exceed thirty million dollars by the end of this quadrennium.

(3) There is a third category of General Benevolences. It includes Week of Dedication, Fellowship of Suffering and Service, Methodist Television Ministry, the Bishops' Appeal for Korea, and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund. In three years and ten months our Methodist people have given to these other General Benevolence Causes \$7,960,835. We estimate that another one-half million dollars will be added to this total by May 31, 1956.

(4) The total received for all General Benevolences, promoted by the Commission and The Advance, in the last three years and ten months (excluding Conference Advance Specials) is \$66,578,779. If we include Conference Advance Specials, the grand total is over eighty million dollars, which does not take into account the General Benevolence receipts of the Woman's Division of Christian Service which exceeded eight million dollars last year.

It may be estimated conservatively that when this quadrennium closes, May 31, 1956, the total General Benevolence giving of our Methodist people will reach the highest figure since Union, \$80,000,000, or twenty million dollars annually. It may be possible for us to realize how far The Methodist Church has moved forward in seven years when the General Benevolences income of 1948-49, which was \$11,155,883, is compared with the receipts of \$22,474,697 last year.

And this advance has been achieved through the congenial co-operation of all General Agencies and at a cost to the Central Promotional Office of 3.44% and for participating Agencies of 2.22%. This is only 5.66% overhead cost for promoting the entire General Benevolence Program of The Methodist Church in which approximately 23 million dollars are now raised annually.

3. We have a right to rejoice in this amazing harvest. But we must not forget that Jesus commissioned us to "*Look on the whole field.*" He said: "*The field is the world.*" It is nothing less than that. It is all of that. We haven't reached it all yet, and we should continue to advance until we do!

In conclusion it is appropriate that we pay tribute to the great leaders of our Church who have made the reaping of this harvest possible. Included in our Central Promotional list of those who made these achievements possible are: Bishop William C. Martin, than whom there is no finer leader in Methodism or Protestantism; Bishop Costen J. Harrell, the genius of The Advance program; Bishops Richard C. Raines, Hazen G. Werner, Lloyd C. Wicke, Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, all of them Christian Stewards of Methodism's treasures, and fifty other ministers and Laymen of five Committees or Departments operating under or with the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

At this General Conference we should pay special tribute to two men: the late Bishop Kern, who was with us four years ago when we reported on Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church. Bishop Kern designed our Annual Week of Dedication observance which marks a new era in Methodism's call to the altar at the beginning of Lent and its voluntary gifts for Crusade Scholarships and emergency missionary needs.

But the larger program of Advance Specials is the product of the heart and mind of Bishop Harrell. Methodism could not have found a more competent and consecrated architect of the "second mile" approach to our missionary concern. Bishop Harrell has been God's gift to Methodism to bring new light to our understanding of its missionary task and to secure a greater response in our support of Christ and His Church around the world. In this Quadrennial Report to The Methodist Church we thank God for a great Episcopal Leader who has laid foundations upon which our Church may wisely build for years to come.

Surely this is a moment when all of us should rededicate ourselves to the Programs and Plans that are potent with bright promise for Christ and His Church today and tomorrow.

E. HAROLD MOHN, *Executive Director.*

8.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

(See Paragraphs 11-23-1138, 1952 *Discipline*)

Adopted May 1, 1956. See Journal, Pages 383-385; 397-403.

This is a Report to The General Conference on a great dream of Methodism—veritably the evidence now to be seen of things long hoped for.

John Wesley's profound faith in the printed word was voiced more than a century ago by Bishop Asbury, who declared that, next to preaching, it is the most important means of spreading the gospel.

Just 130 years ago that belief took the form of the *Christian Advocate*. In the words of its prospectus, it was to be "an entertaining, instructive and profitable family visitor" to all Methodist homes. Since that time our Church has often restudied its publications, ever seeking to make them more effective in reaching and influencing our people.

It was in this tradition of progress that our Bishops declared at the 1952 General Conference:

"Methodism needs at least one periodical that speaks its voice and really reaches its constituency. Every official member in every Methodist Church ought to know what is going on in his Church, and what are the life-and-death issues in the present struggle for a Christian way of life.

"Beyond this official group there is a vast reading public which we are not reaching today. There will be need for Specialized Journals of one kind or another, but here we need a *family paper* coming into the homes of our people, available at a reasonable subscription rate."

The Episcopal message then declared:

"It may need a new name, a new format, a new promotional strategy, but whatever it requires, who are we to say in this great Church of ours that it cannot be done? Our people perish for the lack of knowledge, our causes limp because the news and the appeal never reach the man in the pew, our unity and morale suffer because ignorance of great issues and Christian duties leads to fear and suspicion and disunity.

"We call for **A BOLD VENTURE** for the creation of a Methodist periodical combining the best of modern crafts-

manship and editorial skill and aimed at a circulation within twelve months of not fewer than one million copies. It can be done and we are the people to do it."

That ringing challenge was emphasized in the recommendation of the Church Survey Commission of 1952 which had concluded that the needs would best be served by "a Periodical for pastors and a Periodical for the family."

The 1952 General Conference accepted that bold challenge and referred the recommendation to the Board of Publication with authority to translate this great dream of Methodism into reality.

That has been done. Your Board of Publication has mustered the best in modern craftsmanship and editorial skill. It has sought not only the counsel of Pastors and Laymen and of members of Staffs of existing publications but Professors of Journalism and Editors of some of America's most outstanding magazines.

These efforts have culminated in plans to recast *The Pastor* and the *Christian Advocate* into new forms for our day: *The New Christian Advocate*, an Official Journal of Methodism for the leadership of the Church, and *Together*, a publication for Methodist families. Prospectus editions of both periodicals are before you as a part of this Report, so that Members of this Conference may glimpse the character these Magazines will take. They are undergirded by plans which have been approved with enthusiasm by the Board of Publication to which the 1952 General Conference assigned the responsibility for the "Bold Venture" in Methodist journalism.

Those plans were approved by The Council of Bishops, to whom they were presented at Atlantic City, December 6, 1955. And that approval has been re-echoed at this General Conference through the Episcopal Address.

The Board of Publication believes that, after these many years of preparation, Methodism now has the opportunity to meet the challenge for "A BOLD VENTURE" in religious journalism.

Not just mere magazines are *The New Christian Advocate* and *Together*. They have been conceived with insight and fashioned with skill to put into modern journalistic form the essence of the great passion for evangelism that marked the efforts of John Wesley. He was not content merely to influence those who selected themselves to come to church to hear him preach. He went into the highways and the byways. He spoke to throngs in abandoned quar-

ries, in coal mines, and on hillsides. From his inspired efforts we inherit a great tradition of concern for others.

Modern Methodism must labor in that spirit if it is to achieve its destiny and to advance the cause that called it into being almost 200 years ago. To grow as a Church we must reach more than those who voluntarily expose themselves to Methodist influence. We must present in attractive form our message and our mission to members who are less closely linked to our Church than we desire.

We believe that one way to do this is through this **"BOLD VENTURE"** in religious journalism. In it we recognize a glorious opportunity to advance the cause of Christ. But if we are to realize its full potential of service our reborn family magazine, *Together*, must go into all Methodist homes—more than three million of them!

For the first issue the Bishops of the Church have set a goal of one million. And in the ringing words of their 1952 Episcopal message this calls for "the united, insistent co-operation of every Bishop, District Superintendent, Pastor and Official Board."

We, therefore, ask this Conference, through its action in adopting this Report, to appeal to Methodists everywhere to join wholeheartedly in this movement in high confidence that it will strengthen our Church at the local level and thereby greatly reinforce Methodism as an Agency to advance the Kingdom of Christ.

WILLIAM H. SWIGGART (*), *Chairman*;
FRED J. JORDAN, *Secretary*.

9.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
STRUCTURE OF METHODISM OVERSEAS**

(See Paragraph 2008, 1952 *Discipline*)

Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas

Adopted by the Commission May 1, 1956.

This Report includes the following Memorials from the Committee on Conferences: 2462, 2522, 3045, 3047, 3088, 3091, 3480, 3489, 3585, 3631, 4421, 4422, 4423, 4424, 4425, 4426, 4427, 4429, 4430, 4431, 4432, 4433, 4434, 4435, 4985, 4986.

AMENDED *May 5, 1956, see Journal Pages 835-837.*

Adopted May 5, 1956. See Journal, Pages 835-839.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STRUCTURE
OF METHODISM OVERSEAS**

Your Commission met in accordance with Paragraph 2008.

Your Commission recommends the following:

I—Changes in Legislation

Chapter VI, Sec. I.

Par 23. Following the word "thereof" in line 5 add the words: **"or at such a time and place as designated by the electing Conference."** Following the word "one" in line 7 add the words **"or more."**

The Paragraph shall then read:

"The Bishop or Bishops elected by a Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be consecrated at the session of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference at which the election or elections take place, or at an adjourned session thereof, **or at such a time and place as designated by the electing Conference.** At the consecration service the other Jurisdictional and Central Conferences and the Church at large may be represented by one **or more** of the Bishops appointed by the President of The Council of Bishops."

Chapter III, Sec. II.

Par. 576. Following the word "China" in line 9 change the word "*four*" to the word **five**. After the word "Asia" in line 9 add in parentheses "**(except as provided in Par. 602(4))**" and after the word "Europe" in line 10 add the words "**one in Southern Europe.**"

In line 8 after word "exceed" add words "**two in Africa.**"

The Paragraph shall then read:

"If an Episcopal vacancy should occur, by death, resignation, or otherwise, within the bounds of a Central Conference during the quadrennium, the Central Conference within which such vacancy occurs is authorized to elect a Bishop to fill the vacancy; *provided* that the number of Bishops holding Residential Supervision within the bounds of these Central Conferences shall at no time during the quadrennium exceed **two in Africa**, two in Latin America, four in China, **five in Southern Asia (except as provided in Par. 602(4))**, one in Germany, one in Northern Europe, **one in Southern Europe**, one in the Philippines, and one in Southeastern Asia."

Chapter IV.

Par 602. In line 4 following the word "Conferences" add the words: "**and in fields outside the United States not included in a Central or a Provisional Central Conference.**" In line 6 change the date from *1952-56* to **1956-60**; delete Section 1. Section 2 is renumbered Section 1; Section 3 is renumbered Section 2 and shall read as hereinafter stated; Section 4 is renumbered Section 3; Section 4 will be a new Section to read as hereinafter stated; Section 5 is new and reads as hereinafter stated; delete the word "*mission*" in the last line, page 161.

The Paragraph shall then read:

"For the purpose of providing Presidential, Visitational, and Residential Episcopal Supervision of territory embraced in Provisional Central Conferences, and in emergency situations in Central Conferences, **and in fields outside the United States not included in a Central or a Provisional Central Conference**, it is recommended that provision be made for the quadrennium **1956-60** according to the following arrangement:

1. The Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide Residential and Presidential Supervision for the work in Liberia and is hereby authorized according to the provisions of Par. 8, Sec. 4 and Par. 439 to have one Bishop in addition to its membership quota (Par. 534) in order to provide for this supervision.

2. The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference shall pro-

vide Residential and Presidential Supervision within the Africa Central Conference, and is hereby authorized according to the provisions of Par. 8, Sec. 4 and Par. 439 to have one Bishop in addition to its membership quota (Par. 534) in order to provide for this supervision.

3. The South Central Jurisdictional Conference shall provide for Episcopal Visitation to the Latin American Central Conference and to the Affiliated Autonomous Churches in Latin America.

4. In the Southern Asia Central Conference in case an emergency situation would make it impossible for a Bishop elected by that Central Conference to reside within the bounds of the Indus River Annual Conference, the College of Bishops of the Southern Asia Central Conference, or alternatively, The Council of Bishops, is authorized to provide Episcopal Supervision for that Conference for the duration of the emergency.

5. We recommend that The Council of Bishops provide Episcopal Supervision for the Taiwan Mission and the Hong Kong Mission.

Inasmuch as the territory in which is located the work for which the foregoing provides the Episcopal Supervision is not in any case included in the geographical boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conference which elects the Bishop or Bishops involved, therefore it is recommended that the said Bishops be directed to report on the supervision of their fields to The Council of Bishops as well as to the Central Conferences or Provisional Central Conferences to which they are related.

If during the ensuing quadrennium any emergency in Episcopal Supervision should arise in any of the fields covered by the foregoing provisions, The Council of Bishops shall provide the necessary Episcopal Supervision.

Chapter V.

Par. 605. In Section 2 line 3 and 4 delete the parentheses and the words in the parentheses, (*or its legitimate successor*) from each line.

2. *Contractual agreements with the Methodist Church of Mexico, the Methodist Church of Brazil, the Methodist Church of Korea (or its legitimate successor), and the Church of Christ in Japan (or its legitimate successor), entered into by the former Methodist Episcopal Church and/or the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall be continued until changed or modified by mutual agreement. The Board of Missions is authorized to harmonize and make uniform the present agreements and practices with respect to the four Churches named above by extending to each of them any provision contained in the present agreement with any one of them, if such change is de-*

sired by the affiliated autonomous church concerned and judged to be advisable by the Board of Missions.

Par. 613. This Paragraph is to be rewritten to read as follows: **"Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions outside the United States may designate a member to meet with the Standing Committees of The General Conference; and have the privilege of the floor of The General Conference on matters affecting the interests of his Conference or Mission, but without vote; and further, without expense to The General Conference except for the per diem during the sessions of The General Conference."**

Par. 1195. Following the word "Bishops" in line 2 add the following: **"resident in the United States, one half of the Bishops from Overseas who are on the Board of Missions."**

The Paragraph shall then read:

"The Division shall be composed as follows: one half of the effective Bishops resident in the United States, one half of the Bishops from Overseas who are on the Board of Missions, one half of the Ministers, one half of the Laymen, one third of the Lay Women, and one third of the Youth Members of the Board. (See Par. 1178 Sec. 2.) The Division shall meet annually at the time of the meeting of the Board, and at such other times as it may deem necessary."

Par. 1240. Sec. 3. Following the word "Board" in line 3 add the following words: **"one half of the Bishops from Overseas who are on the Board of Missions."**

We request that it not be required to read more than Section 3 of this Paragraph. Section 3 of Par. 1240 shall then read:

"The Division shall be composed of all the Women Members of the Board (Par. 1172, Sections 2, 4), one Bishop from each Jurisdiction who is a member of the Board, one half of the Bishops from Overseas who are on the Board of Missions, and one third of the Youth Members of the Board. Additional members may be elected by the Board from the Divisions of World Missions and of National Missions as provided in Par. 1178, Sec. 2. The Division shall hold a regular annual meeting and such other meetings as shall be called by the Division or the Executive Committee."

Appendix—Chapter III.

Par. 2008. Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

In line 2 change the date from *1952-56* to **1956-60**; in line 9 change the date from *1956* to **1960**; line 10 word *"two"* changed to **"four"**; line 11 word *"two"* changed to **"four"**;

line 14 after word Conference add words **"except that when a Central Conference shall have a church membership of 200,000 or more, that Central Conference shall have two members on the Commission."** In line 34 omit the words *"at least twice, once."* Following the last word in line 34 add the words **"annually at the time and place of the Board of Missions."** In line 35 delete the word *"once"* and in the same line change the date from *1956* to *1960*.

The Paragraph shall then read:

"There shall be a Commission on the Structure of Methodist-ism Overseas for the quadrennium 1956-60. Recognizing the difference in conditions that exist in various fields of the world, and the changes taking place in those fields, this Commission shall continue to study the structure and supervision of The Methodist Church in its work outside of the United States and its territories, and its relationship to other Church bodies; and shall prepare such recommendations as it considers necessary for presentation to The General Conference of 1960. The Commission shall be constituted as follows: **four** Bishops administering in Jurisdictional Conferences, **four** Bishops administering in Central Conferences, one Minister and one Layman from each Jurisdictional Conference, one person from each Central and Provisional Central Conference, **except that when a Central Conference shall have a Church Membership of 200,000 or more, that Central Conference shall have two members on the Commission.** All of these to be nominated by The Council of Bishops and approved by The General Conference. There shall be added to the Commission by the Board of Missions four persons, two from the Division of World Missions, and two from the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Bishops having supervision of work outside the United States and its territories and Bishops of Affiliated Autonomous Churches shall be considered Consultive Members of the Commission and shall be called in, when available, at the time of meeting of the Commission. When a representative of a Central or a Provisional Central Conference cannot be present to represent his field, the Bishop or Bishops of that field shall designate someone to represent it. Those members of the Commission representing Central or Provisional Central Conferences who are not Delegates to The General Conference or who are not in the United States at the time the Commission will meet shall be replaced by someone who is in the United States upon the nomination of the Bishop or Bishops of the Central Conference or Provisional Central Conference they represent. The Commission shall meet immediately following election **for or-**

ganization, and annually at the time and place of the Board of Missions, and immediately before The General Conference of 1960. The expense of this Commission shall be paid from the General Conference Expense Fund."

The boundaries of the Conferences outside of the United States have been carefully studied and checked with those administering them. To replace the material that is now in Part IX of the "*Discipline*," Chapters III to VI, Paragraphs 1860 to 1891, there shall be the following:

CHAPTER III

ANNUAL CONFERENCES, PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS OVERSEAS AFRICA

Section I.

1860. Annual Conferences:

1. **Angola Conference** shall include the work in Angola.
2. **Central Congo Conference** shall include the work in the Sankuru-Lomani region of the Belgian Congo.
3. **Liberia Conference** shall include the work in the Republic of Liberia.
4. **Rhodesia Conference** shall include the work in Southern Rhodesia.
5. **Southeast Africa Conference** shall include the work in Portuguese East Africa and that in the Transvaal among the people coming from Portuguese Territory.
6. **Southern Congo Conference** shall include the work in the Katanga region of the Belgian Congo.

EASTERN ASIA

Section II.

1861. Annual Conferences:

1. **East China Conference** (formerly China Conference) shall include all the Methodist work in the territory of the Wu dialects and Manchuria.
2. **Foochow Conference** shall include Foochow Municipality, Futsing, Kutien, Linseng, Mintsing, and Pintang Counties, except such portions as are included in the Hinghwa and Yenping Conferences.
3. **Hinghwa Conference** shall include the counties of Putien and Sienyu and the adjoining territory where the Hinghwa dialect is spoken.

4. **Kiangsi Conference** shall include the province of Kiangsi and that portion of Anhwei Province west of a line drawn north and south through the west wall of the city of Anking, the capital of the province, and also Hwangmei County in Hupeh Province.

5. **Mid-China Conference** (formerly Central China Conference) shall include Central China with its central station at the city of Nanking, on the Yangtze River, excluding the Kiangsi Annual Conference.

6. **North China Conference** shall include the northern part of the province of Hopei, and the southern part of the province of Chahar.

7. **Shantung Conference** shall include the counties of Tsinan, Taian, Szushui, Yenchow, Ningyang, Wensang, Chufu, Tsouhsien, Feicheng, Laiwu, Tungping, Tsining, and Tunge, located in the central part of Shantung Province.

8. **West China Conference** shall include the following counties: Chengtu, Whayang, Gintang, Jiencyang, Tsiyang, Tschung, Meikang, Lochi, Anyoh, Chungkiang, Bahsien, Kiangpeh, Pishan, Yungchwan, Jungchang, Hochwan, Wusheng, Tunknan, and Suining.

9. **Yenping Conference** shall include the following counties in Fukien: Nanping, Sha, Yungan, Mingchi, Shunchang, Sanyuan, Yuki, Kaotan of Chianglo County, and Hsia-Shuan-keng of Kutien County.

1862. **Provisional Annual Conference and Missions:**

1. **Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference** shall include the city of Kalgan and contiguous territory of the Hopei Province and Inner Mongolia.

2. **The Hong Kong Mission** shall include all the work in Hong Kong.

3. **The Taiwan Mission** shall include all the work in Taiwan.

EUROPE

Section III.

1863. **Annual Conferences:**

1. **Belgium Conference** shall include all the work in Belgium and Dunkirk in France.

2. **Central Germany Conference** shall include the work in Saxony and Thuringia, including the towns of Halle and Dessau.

3. Czechoslovakia Conference shall include the work in Czechoslovakia.

4. Denmark Conference shall include the work in the Kingdom of Denmark.

5. Northeast Germany Conference shall include the work in the west, the boundary of the Northwest Germany Conference; in the south, the boundary of the Central Germany Conference; in the east, the boundary of Germany as of 1945.

6. Northwest Germany Conference shall include the work in the east, the eleventh degree of longitude; in the south, the fifty-second degree of latitude to the boundary of the Southwest Germany Conference; in the west, the boundary of Germany as of 1945.

7. Norway Conference shall include the work in the Kingdom of Norway.

8. South Germany Conference shall include the work within the geographical boundaries of Bavaria, except the Palatinate and Wuerttemberg.

9. Southwest Germany Conference shall include the work in the north, following a line south of Lippe to Wesel to Hamm; in the east, from Hamm to Marburg, Geinhausen, Mosbach, Pforzheim to Lahr; in the west, the boundaries of Germany as of 1945.

10. Sweden Conference shall include the work in the Kingdom of Sweden.

11. Switzerland Conference shall include all the work in the Republic of Switzerland, and the German-speaking churches of France.

1864. PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS:

1. Baltic and Slavic Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

2. Bulgaria Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Bulgaria.

3. Finland Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Finland except as in paragraph 4.

4. Finland-Swedish Provisional Annual Conference shall include the Swedish-speaking work in Finland.

5. Hungary Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Hungary.

6. North Africa Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Algeria, Tunisia, and adjacent territory.

7. **Polish Provisional Annual Conference** shall include all the work in Poland.

8. **Austria Mission** shall include the work in Austria.

9. **Russia Mission** shall include the work in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

10. **Spain Mission** shall include the work in Spain.

11. **Yugoslavia Mission** shall include the work in Yugoslavia.

LATIN AMERICA

Section IV.

1865. Annual Conferences:

1. **Chile Conference** shall include the work in the Republic of Chile.

2. **Argentina Conference** shall include the work in the Republic of Argentina.

1866. Provisional Annual Conferences:

1. **Bolivia Provisional Annual Conference** shall include the work in the Republic of Bolivia.

2. **Central America Provisional Annual Conference** shall include the work in Costa Rica and Panama.

3. **Peru Provisional Annual Conference** shall include the work in the Republic of Peru.

4. **Uruguay Provisional Annual Conference** shall include the work in the Republic of Uruguay.

PHILIPPINES

Section V.

1867. Annual Conferences:

1. **Northern Philippines Conference** shall include the work in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabel, Nueva Vizcaya, and Batanes; and the subprovinces of Apayao, Kalinga, and the IFUGAO of Mountain Province.

2. **Northwest Philippines Conference** shall include the work in the provinces of Pangasinan, La Union, Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, and Abra; northern Nueva Ecija and northern Tarlac provinces; the subprovinces of Benguet and Bontoc of Mountain Province; the city of Baguio.

3. **Philippines Conference** shall include the work in southern Nueva Ecija and southern Tarlac provinces; the provinces of Zambales, Bataan, Pampanga, Bulacan, Rizal, and

Tayabas; the city of Manila and Quezon City, and all provinces south of Manila, including Mindoro, the Bicol provinces, Catanduanes, Visayas, and Palawan.

1868. Provisional Annual Conference:

1. Mindanao Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in the island of Mindanao and Sulu Archipelago.

SOUTHEASTERN ASIA

Section VI.

1869. Annual Conference:

1. Burma Conference shall include the work in the whole of Burma and the Andaman Islands.

2. Malaya Conference shall include the work in the Colony of Singapore, the Federation of Malaya, and such adjacent islands or portions thereof, including Borneo, as are under British or Indonesian governments or protection.

3. Malaysia Chinese Conference shall include any vernacular Chinese work within Malaya.

1870. Provisional Annual Conferences and Missions:

1. Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in the islands of Sumatra, Banka, and Billiton.

2. Sarawak Provisional Annual Conference shall include the work in Sarawak, Borneo.

SOUTHERN ASIA

Section VII.

1871. Annual Conferences:

1. Bengal Conference shall include the work in West Bengal, and as much of Bihar as does not lie within the bounds of the Lucknow Conference.

2. Bombay Conference shall include the work in all that part of India where Marathi is the prevailing language, and Bombay City Territory.

3. Delhi Conference shall include the work in the following States and Territories: Ajmere, Delhi, Himachal, Pepsu, Punjab (I), and those parts of Rajasthan as are not included in the Gujarat Annual Conference.

4. Gujarat Conference shall include the work in all of Gujarat and Saurashtra, and that part of Rajasthan in which Gujarati is the prevailing language.

5. Hyderabad Conference shall include the work in that part of Hyderabad State where Telugu is the prevailing lan-

guage, and also that part of the Kanarese work not included in the South India Conference.

6. **Indus River Conference** shall include the work in all of western Pakistan.

7. **Lucknow Conference** shall include the work in all parts of Uttar Pradesh that are not included in the North India Conference, or the Delhi Conference, or the new Conference not yet named; the dividing line to the north and east of the Ganges including Unao, Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda and Bahraich civil districts and all to the east of them in the Lucknow Conference; to the south and west of the Ganges the boundary is to be a straight line from Farrukhabad through Etawah to the border of Gwalior State, said State to be within the bounds of the new Conference; also that part of Bihar State which is included in the Divisions of Tirhut and Patna.

8. **Madhya Pradesh Conference** shall include the work in all of Madhya Pradesh and of Madhya Bharat, except for the Gwalior District.

9. **North India Conference** shall include the work in those parts of Uttar Pradesh that lie between the Ganges and Gogra rivers and are north of the Civil Districts of Unnao, Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda and Bahraich.

10. **South India Conference** shall include the work in those parts where Kanarese is the prevailing language except for the following districts in Hyderabad State, Bidar, Daulatabad.

11. **The New Annual Conference** shall include the work in all that part of Uttar Pradesh which lies to the west of the Ganges River and is not included in the Lucknow Conference, and the Gwalior District of Madhya Bharat.

CHAPTER IV

CENTRAL CONFERENCES

1875. **Africa Central Conference:** Angola, Central Congo, Rhodesia, Southeast Africa and Southern Congo Annual Conferences.

1876. **China Central Conference:** Shall include all of the work of The Methodist Church on the Mainland of China and Taiwan and Hong Kong, including East China, Foo-chow, Hinghwa, Kiangsi, Mid-China, North China, Shantung, West China, and Yenping Annual Conferences; the Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference; the Taiwan Mission and the Hong Kong Mission. The Taiwan Mission and the

Hong Kong Mission are administered for the Quadrennium 1956-1960 outside the China Central Conferences. See Par. 602(5).

1877. Germany Central Conference: Central Germany, Northeast Germany, Northwest Germany, South Germany, and Southwest Germany Annual Conferences.

1878. Latin America Central Conference: Chile and Argentina Annual Conferences; and Bolivia, Central America, Peru and Uruguay Provisional Annual Conferences.

1879. Northern Europe Central Conference: Denmark, Norway, and Sweden Annual Conferences; Baltic and Slavic, Finland, and Finland-Swedish Provisional Annual Conferences; and Russia Mission.

1880. Philippines Central Conference: Northern Philippines, Northwest Philippines, and Philippines Annual Conferences, and the Mindanao Provisional Annual Conference.

1881. Southeastern Asia Central Conference: Burma, Malaya, Malaysia Chinese Annual Conferences; Sumatra and Sarawak Provisional Annual Conferences.

1882. Southern Asia Central Conference; includes all the work of The Methodist Church in India, Pakistan and Nepal, thus including the following Conferences: in India: Bengal, Bombay, Delhi, Gujarat, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Madhya, Pradesh, North India, South India and the New Conference not yet named. In West Pakistan: Indus River Conference. In Nepal: The work of The Methodist Church in connection with the United Christian Mission in Nepal.

1883. Southern Europe Central Conference: Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Switzerland Annual Conferences; Bulgaria, Hungary, North Africa, and Polish Provisional Annual Conferences; and Austria, Spain and Yugoslavia Missions.

CHAPTER V

OTHER WORK OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

1884. Work not included in Central or Provisional Central Conferences: Liberia Annual Conference, and relationships with Methodist interests in Korea, Japan, and the Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa).

1885. Affiliated Autonomous Churches: Methodist Church of Mexico, Methodist Church of Brazil, Methodist Church in Korea, the Church of Christ in Japan, and the Church of Christ in Okinawa.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that there be a resident Bishop in Pakistan and that the necessary legislation be enacted to provide for the same.

2. We recommend that there be two Episcopal Areas in the Africa Central Conference and that the necessary legislation be enacted to provide Episcopal Supervision for the same.

3. We recommend that there be recorded at the invitation of the Jurisdictional College of Bishops concerned, the following Bishops to be retired from their Central Conferences are to have affiliated membership as follows:

Bishop Ralph A. Ward in the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Bishop Raymond L. Archer in the College of Bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett in the College of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction.

Bishop Clement D. Rockey in the College of Bishops of the North Central Jurisdiction.

4. We recommend that Paragraph 2006 be placed in the *Discipline* for information and guidance regarding the subject of "Church Union in India and Pakistan." The Paragraph shall read as follows:

1. In continuing negotiations toward Church Union under the authority of Paragraph 594(2) (a)—Care be taken that assurance is given that there will be full reciprocal recognition of Membership and Ministry between the proposed United Church and all its predecessor Denominations. (b)—That specific provision be made for continuing patterns of relationship between the proposed United Church and its predecessor Denominations, perhaps after the manner of The Methodist Church with Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Churches, and Kyodan. Paragraph (605).

2. That The General Conference through its proper Commission or Commissions be adequately informed about the detailed provisions for possible Church Union in Southern Asia; so that, if and when necessary it may act wisely regarding such proposals in accordance with the *Discipline*. Paragraph 594(2).

Therefore the Southern Asia Central Conference is requested during the quadrennial 1956-60 to make available to the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas

and to the Commission on Church Union of The General Conference, the Plan of Union of the proposed United Church and to keep these Commissions advised as to the progress of the negotiations.

3. The Commission on Church Union of the Southern Asia Central Conference, having asked for guidance from The General Conference concerning aid in the continuing support for Methodist Bishops who would remain as Bishops in the proposed United Church, therefore: In the event of a Central Conference joining in a United Church the proposals for such Union having been approved by The General Conference, Paragraph 594(2), the support of Methodist Bishops who are effective at the time of Union and who continue in that Office in the United Church should be aided, if necessary, throughout their service from the Episcopal Fund in accordance with the provisions of or provisions similar to those contained in the *Discipline*. Paragraph 574(1).

5. We recommend that in Paragraph 2199 there be a map or maps showing the location of the fields of work of The Methodist Church outside the United States.

6. We recommend that the Enabling Acts authorized by this General Conference be printed in the *Discipline* of 1956.

We Recommend the following Enabling Acts be granted:

1. The election of Bishops by the Southern Asia Central Conference during the quadrennium.

2. The election of a Bishop by the Africa Central Conference during the quadrennium.

3. The election of a Bishop by the Southeastern Asia Central Conference during the quadrennium.

4. The Southern Asia Central Conference to increase the number of Annual Conferences during the quadrennium.

5. Election of Bishops in China Central Conference.

6. To continue the Latin American Central Conference with fewer Ministerial and Lay Delegates than required by the 1956 *Discipline* and to provide for the election of Bishops in that Central Conference.

7. To continue the Belgium Annual Conference for the quadrennium.

8. To continue the Baltic and Slavic Provisional Annual Conference for the Quadrennium.

9. To continue the Northeast Germany Annual Confer-

ence for the quadrennium and to change boundaries if necessary.

10. To continue the Czechoslovakia Annual Conference for the quadrennium.

11. To continue the Burma Annual Conference for the quadrennium.

12. To constitute the Polish Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

13. To constitute the Mindanao Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

14. To constitute the Sarawak Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

15. To constitute the Sind Baluchistan Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

16. To continue the Kalgan Provisional Annual Conference in the China Central Conference during the quadrennium.

17. To constitute the Patagonia Provisional Annual Conference in Argentina with a minimum of six Ministerial Members during the quadrennium.

18. To constitute the Austria Provisional Annual Conference with a minimum of six Ministerial Members during the quadrennium.

19. To continue the Denmark Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

20. To constitute the Sumatra Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

21. To constitute the Taiwan-Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference during the quadrennium.

22. To constitute the Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference and the Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference.

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Chairman
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STUDY COMMISSION ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

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FOREWORD

The following Report has grown out of a serious concern for the manning of our churches with well-trained ministers in sufficient numbers, long felt by the Church at large and particularly by Bishops, District Superintendents and members of the Association of Methodist Theological Schools (made up of the Deans and Presidents of our Methodist Seminaries) and in response to a mandate from The General Conference of 1952.

It was at the request of the Association of Methodist Theological Schools that The General Conference ordered a systematic study to be made covering three significant areas: (1) the optimum size of our Seminaries; (2) the possible need for an additional school or schools and the most desirable location for the same; (3) "the possibility and wisdom of designating any existing non-Methodist Theological Schools to receive Methodist sanction and support."

To make this Survey, a Study Commission of seven members was chosen by the Section of Ministerial Education, Department of Theological Schools, of the Board of Education, consisting of three Bishops, two Ministers, one Theological School Dean, and two representatives of the Board of Education. These were Bishop Paul N. Garber, Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet, Bishop Edwin E. Voigt, Dr. Eugene M. Frank, Dr. Paul Morrison, Dean Merrimon Cuninggim, Dr. John O. Gross and Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh. Bishop Tippet was elected Chairman and Dr. McCulloh Secretary. The Commission selected Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., Vice-President of Florida Southern College, to direct the study and Professor Earl D. C. Brewer of Candler School of Theology and Professor Frederick A. Shippey of Drew, to serve as Technical Consultants.

Deans and Presidents of our ten Theological Schools were invited to join the Study Commission in the prelimi-

nary discussion of the personnel to be selected for the Survey and the kind of data needed. Later, but still during the early stages of the study, representatives from our Seminaries were asked to serve as Consultants to help set up the instruments necessary for securing the required data. Those who responded to this invitation were Professor Glen Trimble, Boston; Professor Frederick A. Shippey, Drew; Professor A. J. Walton, Duke; Professor Earl D. C. Brewer, Emory; Professor Murray H. Leiffer, Garrett; Professor Herbert Stotts, Iliff; and Professor Marvin Judy, Perkins School of Theology. In addition to the valuable assistance received from these consultants, helpful advice in the preparation of the study and the editing of the Report was given by Dr. Horace G. Smith, Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, Dr. John L. Seaton, Dr. Walter N. Roberts, and members of the Staff of the Division of Educational Institutions.

These consultants were not always of the same mind but their assistance was always constructive and helpful. For their valued counsel and creative criticism, the Study Commission is most grateful. No concurrence of opinion of the consultants upon the recommendations contained in this Report should be assumed. Responsibility for the recommendations rests with the Study Commission (and the Board of Education).

It will become apparent that the methods used have been of many kinds, and it is to be doubted that all the specialists in the field will be satisfied with all the methods utilized or pleased by all the findings.

The pattern of research included by intention several approaches to the fundamental questions explored. Two basic questionnaires were prepared, one for Methodist and another for non-Methodist schools. From the Methodist schools the study endeavored to secure detailed information on the corporate structure, physical plant, relationship to a university, student body, faculty, courses of instruction, library, finances, and relationship to The Methodist Church through Annual, Jurisdictional or General Conference.

Systems of accounting and of record keeping differed from seminary to seminary so that many of the findings had to be equated for purposes of comparison.

To carry the research into greater detail, a Study Committee consisting of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Study Commission and Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., visited all ten of the schools, where interviews with administration, faculty, and students greatly amplified and clarified the responses to the questionnaire.

A briefer questionnaire was sent to non-Methodist schools in which Methodist students are enrolled. From this source the Study Commission endeavored to secure data on enrollment of Methodist students, the number of Methodist graduates, how many more (if any) Methodist students could be accommodated, the relation of field work for Methodist students to Methodist supervision, courses in Methodist History, Polity, and Doctrine, and the amount of financial support from Methodist sources.

The Study Commission is grateful to the Bishops of the Church for their response to a request to estimate conservatively, but as accurately as possible, the increased number of men needed during the next quadrennium in their various Areas.

A great deal of special attention was given to three of our seminaries, Westminster, Southern California, and Gammon. The reasons therefor are made clear in the Report and the Recommendations.

There has been no assumption that any one of our seminaries is a "typical" Methodist school. From the beginning of the study, the Commission recognized diversity and individuality in our several schools and this became increasingly apparent as the Survey progressed.

Neither the research team nor the Study Commission as a whole claims to have worked in complete detachment and both admit to the possibility of mistakes in judgment, interpretation, or in the reporting of factual items. However, the Study Commission has tried to make the Report as scrupulously accurate and honest and the recommendations as factual, realistic, and systematic as possible.

The Report we are herewith submitting is a greatly abbreviated one. A much more detailed study is available to any member of the Board of Education upon request.

With a heartfelt word of sincere thanks to the many who have contributed to the making of this Report, and with a fervent prayer that out of this study there may be crystallized ways and means for providing a ministry for tomorrow adequately prepared and in sufficient numbers to meet the spiritual and moral needs of our increased and constantly growing population, we respectfully submit this abbreviated Report together with our Recommendations.

DONALD HARVEY TIPPETT, *Chairman*.
GERALD O. MCCULLOH, *Secretary*

Committee on Education

Report No. 8

(Adopted, April 29, 1952; Daily Christian Advocate, April 30, 1952, p. 263)

Whereas, Since the growth of the Church and the growing need for trained ministers will place increasing demands upon the Methodist theological schools, and

Whereas, Since the schools themselves cannot make unlimited increases in size without endangering the quality of training which they offer,

Therefore Be It Resolved, That The General Conference provide that during the next quadrennium a systematic study be made:

1. Of the optimum size of our ten Methodist theological schools.
2. Of the possible need for, and desirable location of, any new Methodist theological schools.
3. Of the possibility and wisdom of designating any present existing non-Methodist theological school to receive Methodist sanction and support.

and that any move to establish new theological schools or to sanction and support existing non-Methodist schools be postponed until after this study has been completed.

CLARENCE M. DANNELLY (*), *Chairman*;
F. B. McINTOSH, *Secretary*.

I—METHODIST MINISTERIAL NEEDS

The Methodist Church faces a critical need for trained men in its ministry. This need, while primarily spiritual and educational, is also a matter of numbers. The Church must continue to have as its ministers men whose calling and authority are from God. To perform the tasks demanded of them the Ministers must improve their fitness for the high calling by adequate, general and professional education. No less important is the necessity of having these called and trained men available in sufficient numbers to serve more than 25,000 charges and other types of Appointment in our great and growing Church.

Replacement

In 1954 there were 1,129 Ministers removed from Annual Conference membership by retirement, death, withdrawal and location. During the same year 927 were re-

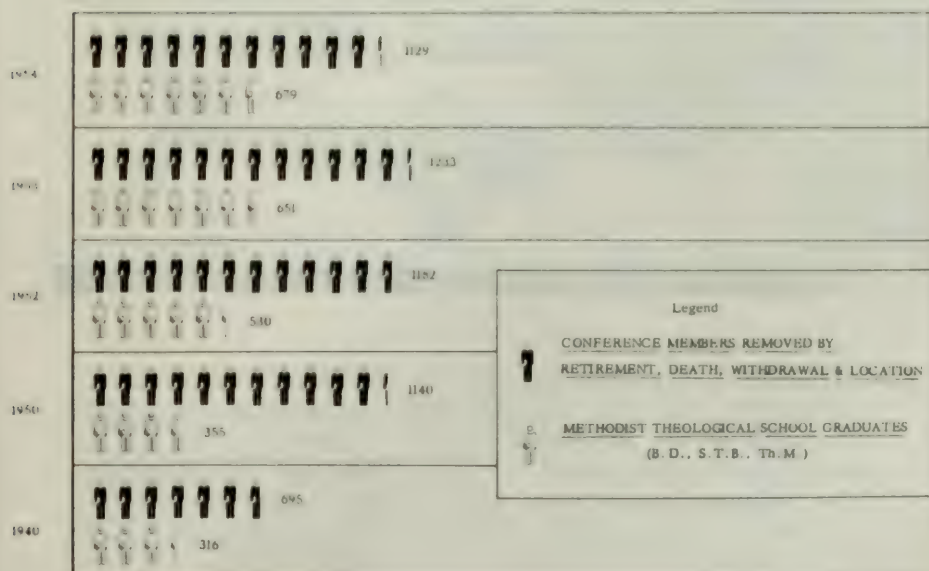
ceived into Full Conference membership and 910 were Admitted on Trial. With only 910 being Received on Trial a decline must be expected in those received into Full Membership in succeeding years. Although the number of men needed for replacement had remained nearly constant for four years, the number Admitted on Trial declined from 1,158 in 1952, or 248 fewer men than two years before. While the total number of Full Conference Members had risen slightly (5.3% from 1950 to 1954, an average of 1.3% per year) there were fewer Ministers in Full Connection in 1954 than there were either at the beginning of this century (1900) or at the time of Methodist unification (1939). In four of the six Jurisdictions there was a decrease in Ministers under Episcopal Appointment from 1952 to 1954. A minimum of 1,200 men received into Full Conference Membership each year is necessary if the Church is to avoid a numerical decline in its ministry.

The accompanying graph shows the comparison between annual replacement needs and the number of graduates of the Methodist theological schools.

Table 1

METHODIST MINISTERIAL MEMBERSHIP

(Exclusive of Bishops)

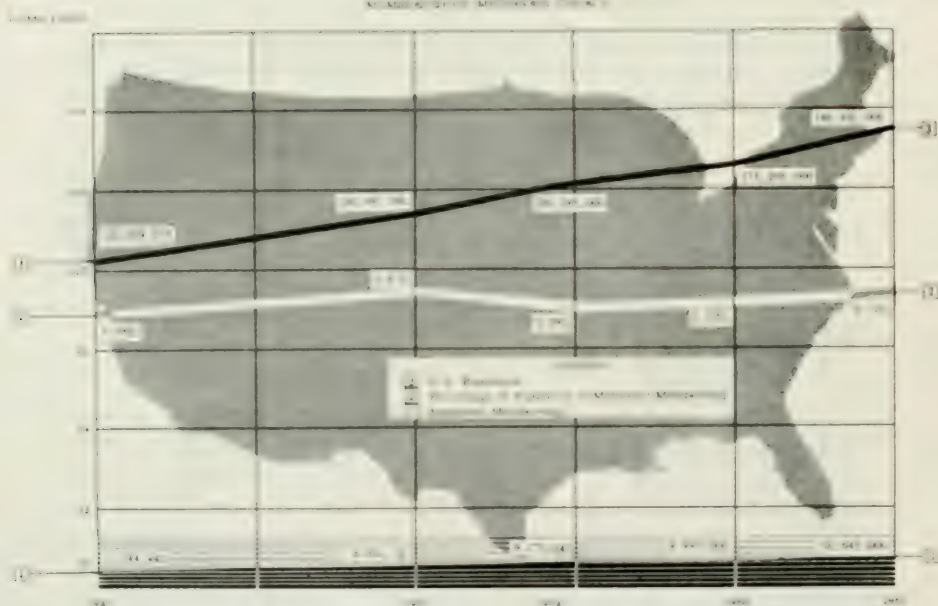


Expansion

Ministerial needs for the expansion of the Church are more difficult to determine. The general population of the United States by 1965 is expected to reach 186,331,000. If Methodist membership is merely to maintain its 1954 percentage of the general population (5.69%) throughout the decade this will mean 1,400,000 more Methodists in 1965 than now. This equivalent growth of The Methodist Church with the general population may be equated to 3,500 new congregations of 400 members each, the average membership of a Methodist charge in 1954.

Table 2

Methodist Church in U. S.
Estimated Membership 1954-1965

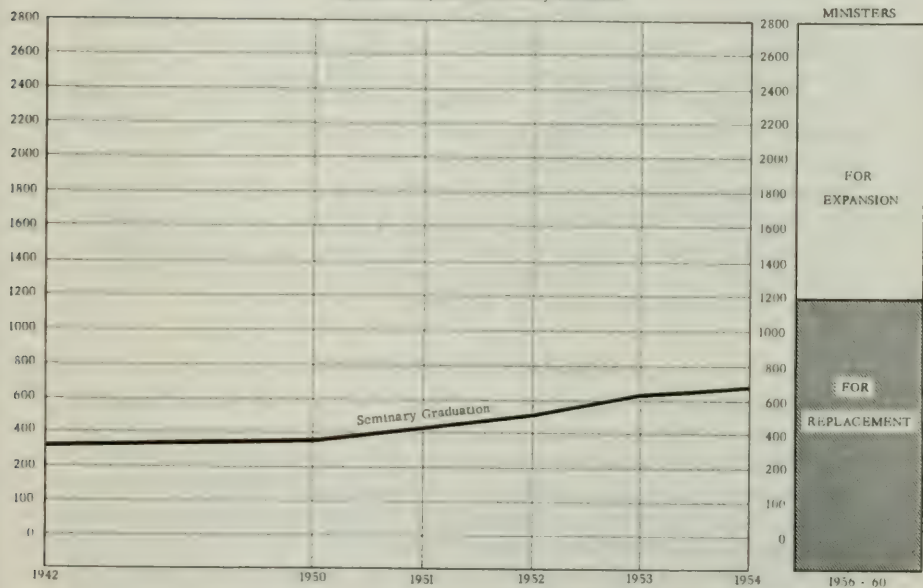


The Methodist Church will not be satisfied with merely holding its own. Our Bishops were asked to make careful estimates of the new men needed in church expansion in their respective Areas for the 1956-1960 quadrennium. The estimated needs were listed in four categories, namely (1) new churches (500), (2) new men needed by reason of the separation of circuits into Charges (375), (3) new

men for multiple ministries such as associateships and the like (450), and (4) new Special Appointments such as Chaplaincies, Professorships, Denominational and Inter-Denominational Officers (275). The total number needed is estimated to be 1,600 in addition to the 1,200 needed for replacement. The total annual ministerial need is thus seen to be 2,800 men. Methodism's heritage of evangelism, education, and pastoral care of its churches calls to the Church today to meet with renewed zeal and adequate leadership the expanding opportunities of the present and the growing future.

Table 3

Minimum Needs Annually For Replacement And
Expansion Compared To Seminary Graduation



Meeting the Need

To serve the Church in meeting the need for trained ministers the theological schools have made great strides in expanding their Programs. Enrollments have risen from 1,663 in 1942 to 3,046 in 1954. Faculties have been expanded from 108 in 1942 to 177 in 1954. The number of graduates has more than doubled from 316 in 1942 to 679 in 1954, yet it is still perilously inadequate to meet even the replacement needs.

Non-Methodist seminaries, accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools, graduated 153 additional Methodist men in 1954. The total number of Methodist seminary graduates and Methodist men graduated from accredited non-Methodist theological schools in 1954 was 832. As the number of Conferences requiring seminary graduation for Conference Membership increases the seriousness of this shortage of seminary graduates deepens.

The goal which The Methodist Church must accept and make every effort to achieve is 1,200 Methodist seminary graduates per year by 1960. Proposals for the expansion of our existing schools and the authorization of new schools to achieve this goal of 1,200 graduates annually are contained in the later pages of this Report.

The cost of theological education has risen even more rapidly than enrollments. Total current expenditure for 1954 in the ten Methodist schools was \$3,131,804, an amount nearly double the expenditures in 1950 and six times the amount spent in 1942. Additional World Service funds should be made available to assist the schools in the Herculean task which the ministerial needs of the Church will impose upon them. Individual gifts and contributions from the churches will be needed by the schools to supplement General Church Funds in providing funds for the expansion of physical plants, facilities, scholarships, and all services if the requirements are to be met.

Ministerial Recruitment

Ministerial recruitment is clearly a part of the Church's Program of replacement and expansion. The recruitment of qualified candidates for seminary training must be accelerated apace with the adding of educational facilities in the schools. To recruit candidates for whom we do not provide training opportunities would place the Church in as indefensible a position as to expand the schools and not provide students to be trained.

Every church and home in the Methodist connection must be alerted to the need for ministers. A Recruitment Program is being developed which will build upon the co-operation of our church homes, the Youth Department, the Commission on Christian Vocations, the Pastors, the District Superintendents, the Bishops, the Conference Boards of Ministerial Training, the Vocations Counsellors in our Methodist colleges, the Wesley Foundations, and the Section of Ministerial Education of the Board of Education.

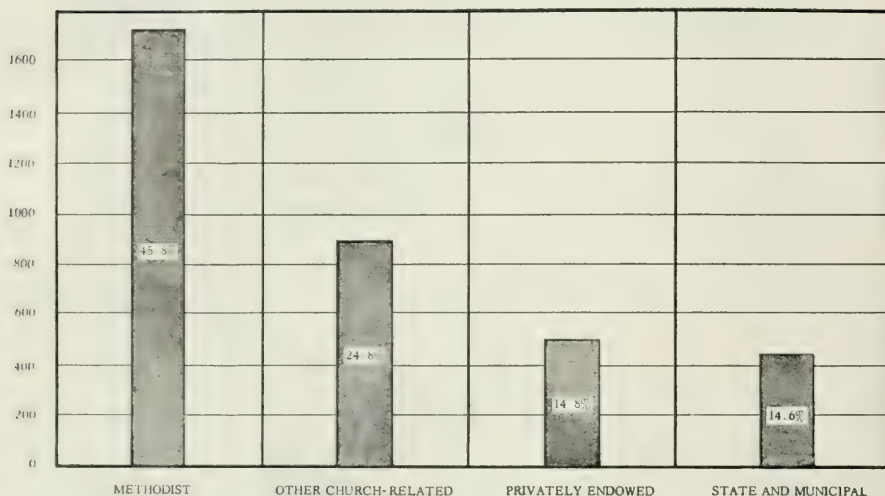
The idealism and devotion of our youth will respond, we believe, when the call to Christian service is clearly sounded. In 1954 approximately 3,500 young men in the Methodist schools, colleges and universities alone listed themselves as pre-ministerial students, most of whom were Methodists.

Table 4

Preministerial Students in Methodist Undergraduate Schools



Information as to the over-all total of Methodist pre-ministerial students in all types of colleges is not available, but an approximation of the number can be arrived at by taking a projection from the percentage of men in Methodist seminaries who came from Methodist undergraduate schools. This figure was 46% in 1954. If the proportion holds true for the undergraduate level, and the Commission has no reason to believe it does not, then the 3,500 pre-ministerial students in Methodist undergraduate schools are only 46% of the total Methodist pre-ministerial students now enrolled in undergraduate Programs. The total number, therefore, is evidently approximately 7,600 Methodist pre-ministerial students in both Methodist and non-Methodist undergraduate colleges and universities. The percentages of theological students in 1954 who came from the various types of undergraduate schools is shown in the following table.

Table 5COLLEGES FROM WHICH THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS CAME IN 1954

* This total is larger than the 3,253 full-time and part-time students reported by the schools because some of the students had attended more than one type of undergraduate school.

TOTAL 3,587 *

From among the 7,600 Methodist pre-ministerial students in all types of colleges it may be expected that approximately one fourth, or 1,900 persons, might be ready for entering theological school each year. Careful guidance and selection among these may be expected to provide the 1,500 ministerial students the Church needs to have admitted to seminary yearly to achieve her goal of 1,200 seminary graduates annually by 1960. The theological schools of the Church have made rapid strides in co-operative recruiting. Further development in Unified Recruiting, Guidance and Admissions Programs will result in reducing the loss of qualified pre-ministerial students between college and seminary.

Recommendations

The Study Commission recommends that the goal of 1,200 theological school graduates annually be accepted by the Church to be achieved during the 1956-1960 quadrennium.

The Commission further recommends that a Unified Program of Ministerial Recruitment and Guidance be developed by the Department of Theological Schools in co-operation with the Annual Conference Boards of Ministerial Training, the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, the Methodist colleges and universities, the Wesley Foundations, and the Methodist theological schools, to-

gether with all other Agencies and resources for recruiting in the Church, and that a co-ordinated Program of Admissions be developed by the Methodist theological schools in co-operation with the Director of Theological Schools.

II—PRESENT SCHOOLS

To meet the need of the Church for a trained ministry we must look to three possible sources of supply, indicated by the 1952 General Conference Resolution: (a) an increased number of men from our existing ten Methodist theological schools; (b) graduates of new Methodist seminaries which may be established; and (c) an increased number from accredited non-Methodist schools. These three possibilities are to be considered in turn, in this and the two succeeding sections.

The investigation of the possibility of expansion led the Study Commission to seek to become thoroughly acquainted with the ten Methodist seminaries as they now function. The demands upon these schools are heavier today than ever before; the Study Commission commends these schools to the Church for the way in which they are meeting these demands. The difficulties against which they labor are large, so large that without the help which the 1952 General Conference provided all would have been seriously handicapped and some might actually have lost their accreditation. Their services to the Church, nationally, regionally, and locally, are great, rich in their diversity, and beyond measurement. As the accompanying figures show, most of these schools have already greatly enlarged their faculties and student bodies. In some cases the present enrollment is straining facilities and resources.

Any recommendations as to a further increase in size, therefore, must be made in full appreciation of what each seminary is already seeking to do with what it has. Only the overpowering need of the Church could justify further request for the kind of capital investment and current expenditures increases entailed by the suggestion that more students should be accommodated. These conclusions were arrived at on the basis of firsthand observation, and a careful collection and comparison of factual information, of all ten seminaries. Every aspect of each school's life and program was subjected to scrutiny: nature of organization, relationship to the Church, curriculum, faculty, student body, alumni, policies in respect to admission, orientation, scholarships, field work and graduate study, financial problems, the library, housing, and all the host of concerns with which a seminary must deal. Special strengths were un-

covered here, weaknesses there, and these have been shared with the schools in question. Limitations as to the scope of this statement prevent a detailed Report of the Commission's information at this place. Suffice it here to say that comments to follow concerning a possible increase in size of existing schools are made in the light of this full body of information, a picture of Methodist theological education that provokes admiration for what is now being accomplished, distress at the handicaps still being encountered, and confidence in their future.

Table 6



These reactions are not uniform from school to school for the simple reason that the schools themselves differ in numerous ways. Some schools are integral parts of universities; others are independent of such ties. There is no single pattern of school government, or of relationship to The Methodist Church. And the variety of policy and practice is immense in such matters as curriculum, choice of faculty, and selection and guidance of students. Without giving its commendation to every policy and practice, the Study Commission concludes that diversity of itself is a good thing, and that Methodist theological education is stronger because of it. Minimum requirements as to the

organizational framework of a Methodist seminary are, to the Commission's view, desirable, and some are suggested in the following section on new seminaries. But these are not of such a nature as to call in question the fruitful variety of behavior now existent in the Methodist schools.

The issue of whether the present seminaries can increase their enrollment focuses attention on optimum size. Yet such a problem cannot be solved merely by reference to what an institution is; it inevitably involves posing the question as to what it ought to be. Thus the Study Commission found that its investigation of the ten existing seminaries forced its consideration of the more basic inquiry as to the nature of the task which a seminary is expected to perform.

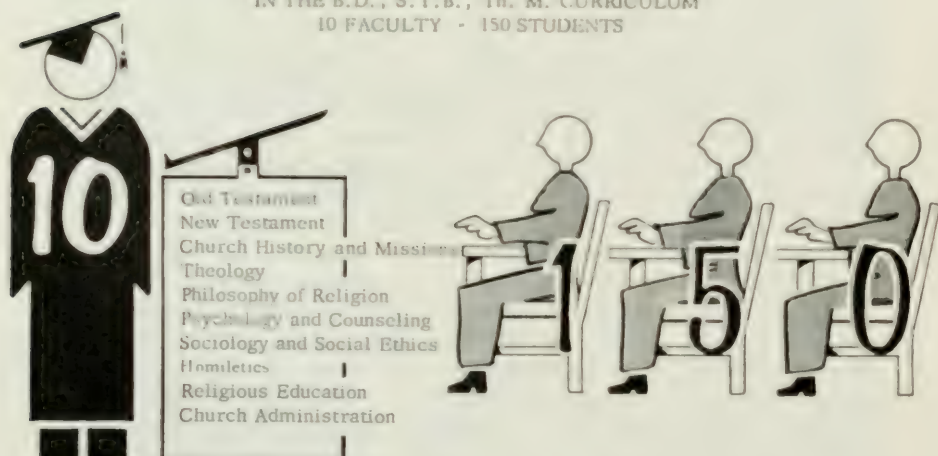
A seminary's major task is to train men for the Parish Ministry. Granted that individual seminaries should pursue other important aims, such as preparing men for various specialized ministries, the one central aim for all alike should be the preparation of Parish Ministers. Then the determination of the seminary's task comes about by the discovery of what the local Minister needs to know and to be able to do. Today as in all days the Parish Minister must know the Word of God and the life of his people, the experience of the Christian community through the years and at the present time, and the relevance of that experience for individuals and for society. He must be able to act as Priest and Prophet, as Administrator, Teacher and Counselor, according to the best techniques of the time. Thus the seminary must offer work in the fields of the Minister's requisite knowledge and give him the necessary skills. This means that, as a minimum, the school must provide for the study of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Missions, Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Psychology and Counseling, Sociology and Social Ethics, Homiletics, Religious Education and Church Administration. Other disciplines, too, clamor for inclusion, and these ten may often go by other names or be sub-divided into more specialized concerns. The Study Commission holds no brief for this as a definitive list, and is prepared to sympathize with any reader who feels that some ultimate concern has been omitted. A summary of the curriculum offerings of our Methodist seminaries by Courses offered, Courses required, student enrollment, and credit hours produced is included in the more detailed Report, divided into thirty-three specific fields. The point is, simply, that, though a seminary may well need more, no institution worthy of the function of preparing men for the Par-

ish Ministry can possibly provide adequate education with less.

The next step in the development of the Commission's thinking had to do with the nature of present-day scholarship. Men who are competent in theological education agree that it is hardly possible any longer for one person to be fully competent in two or more of these fields, and certainly not desirable for a Professor to teach in several of them. Thus the need to offer these fields as a minimum base for an adequate theological education suggests a minimum faculty of ten for a seminary. How many students can a faculty of ten care for adequately? A host of factors go into the answering of such a question: the desirability of intimate contact between student and Professor; the need of the Professor for adequate time for preparation, for research and writing; the need of the student for guidance in a variety of in-school experiences; the demands of worthy extra-curricular interests on both students and Faculty; the limitations of time and energy. In the light of these factors, educators agree that a student-faculty ratio of fifteen to one is the highest that should be countenanced. Ten faculty members, then, should not try to be, or be expected to be, responsible for more than 150 students.

Table 7

BASIC UNIT FOR A THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
IN THE B.D., S.T.B., Th. M. CURRICULUM
10 FACULTY - 150 STUDENTS



Minimum & Maximum Limits of Optimum Effectiveness

1 to 4 UNITS

10 - 40 FACULTY 150 - 600 STUDENTS

In this fashion, therefore, the Commission arrived at the figures of 150 students and ten faculty members as the "basic unit" for guidance in searching for the optimum size of either existing or new seminaries. But caution must be exercised in the use of this basic unit. The figures are an approximation, and their application to any one institution will not be determinative, merely suggestive. Theological schools in the United States range from fewer than ten to more than two thousand in enrollment. Among Methodist schools the spread is from fewer than seventy full-time students to more than four hundred in the B.D., S.T.B., Th.M. curriculum. (Students enrolled in other Degree Programs account for the remainder in total enrollments.) A host of factors peculiar to each institution—the facilities it possesses, the demands of its specialized training programs, the very nature of its educational philosophy—convince the Commission that there is no single optimum size for all Methodist seminaries. Certainly the suggestion of this basic unit should not be taken to mean that, when a school is committed to an increase, it either can or ought to expand by roughly ten faculty members and 150 students all at once.

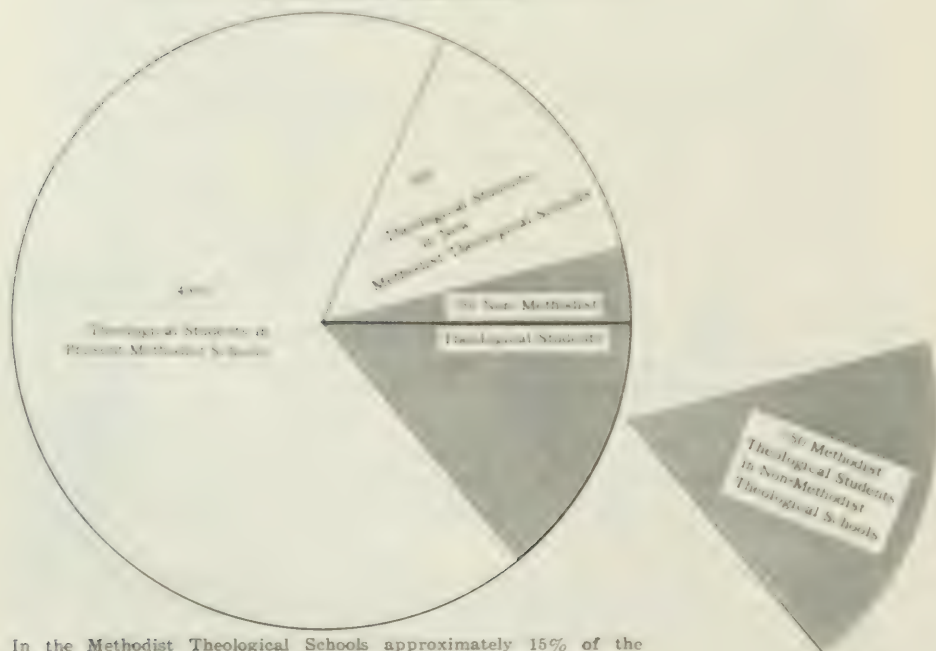
Yet with all these cautionary elements fully credited, the Commission believes that such a basic unit as has been suggested, which was arrived at as a result of its seeking to face fundamental questions about the task of the Minister and thus the nature of the training he should receive, points to several helpful conclusions: (1) No Methodist school ought to aim at being less than one basic unit in size. (2) No school ought to become more than approximately three, or perhaps in the extreme emergency of the Church, four units in size. (3) Though no school will be able to expand rapidly from one unit to two, or from two to three, the more gradual expansion that may be both possible and desirable should be of such nature as to keep the figures of the basic unit in view, and the student-faculty ratio it embodies in balance. (4) The Church as a whole ought to be mindful that 150-10, or 15-1, is a maximum ratio, applicable only when all local factors are propitious and facilities are adequate, that this is not now the case in any of the Methodist seminaries, and that in any event the maximum is not the ideal.

Recognizing the difficulties entailed by the recommendation to all of our schools, the Study Commission recommends that the present Methodist seminaries be requested to undertake an expansion representing a total of 1,300 additional students, thus bringing their total enrollment

up from approximately 3,000 to approximately 4,300. The schools, when this enrollment goal is reached, would be graduating approximately 1,075 persons annually for the Church's Ministry. The suggested apportionments of this increase are given for the individual schools in the full Report, and have been discussed with each school. Acceptance of these figures by the seminaries is subject to such variables as the possibility for plant expansion, the securing of capital funds from other sources than World Service, the enlargement of annual gifts and other funds for an increased budget, and the availability of qualified applicants for admission and of competent teaching personnel. The rate of possible expansion will differ from school to school, for both the capacity and the liberty of any school's response to the Church's need are not the same, and in any event are not predictable. But the approximate goal should be set. The Commission believes that an expansion of 1,300 students is a reasonable aim in the light of the need of the Church, the present state of the schools and the character of theological education.

Table 8

Enrollment Goals for the Methodist Theological Schools
in the 1956-60 Quadrennium



In the Methodist Theological Schools approximately 15% of the students are from other denominations. If this percentage continues in the expansion recommended, the number of Non-Methodists in Methodist Schools will approximately equal the 776 Methodists in accredited Non-Methodist Schools in 1954.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In three of the schools major changes involving location and/or organizational structure are contemplated. The Study Commission gave careful attention to the proposals in each of these schools. The summary statements which follow give some indication of the nature of these special considerations and show the grounds for the subsequent recommendations.

Westminster Theological Seminary

Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, formerly serving the Methodist Protestant Church, at the time of unification became one of the Methodist Theological Schools, serving the entire Church. It was incorporated by the Maryland Legislature in 1884. The Seminary is now under the direction and supervision of the General Council of The Methodist Protestant Church through a Board of Governors elected by The General Conference. This Board is elected each quadrennium for a four-year term. The Board of Governors holds the property, elects the faculty, and exercises supervisory responsibility for the Seminary. The President of the seminary and the Bishop of the Washington Area are *ex officio* members of the Board.

Many factors combine to indicate the desirability of the removal of Westminster to a new location. The expansion of the Seminary itself, the expansion of Western Maryland College, the necessity for new buildings and facilities and the strategic opportunity open to a Methodist Seminary in the nation's capital have been cited as reasons contributing to the decision of the Board to move the Seminary to Washington, D.C.

Largely through the leadership of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Washington Area and Bishop James H. Straughn (retired), who was formerly President of the General Council of the Methodist Protestant Church, negotiations have developed which have resulted in (1) the offer of a new site for the Seminary on the northeast corner of the American University campus in Washington, and (2) an agreement with Western Maryland College to purchase the present properties of the Seminary at Westminster.

The Study Commission recognizes the opportunities in the move to Washington and recommends that the proposal for the relocation of Westminster Theological Seminary be approved, and that Westminster continue to receive an allocation of World Service funds through the

Department of Theological Schools in accordance with the action of the Section of Ministerial Education.

Southern California School of Theology

In 1885 the Maclay College of Theology was established as an affiliated college of the University of Southern California, with the support of the Southern California Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since 1922 the School of Religion has operated as an integral part of the University, combining in its operation the functions of the original Maclay College of Theology. The Methodist Church has continued its concern and support for the School of Religion as one of the recognized Methodist Theological Schools.

From 1928, when the Board of Trustees of the University became a self-perpetuating body, no longer elected as previously by the Southern California-Arizona Conference, until 1952 the University charter provided that a majority of the Trustees must be members of The Methodist Church. In 1952 the University corporation amended its charter, eliminating reference to The Methodist Church. Since that time various efforts have been made by the Conference and the University to arrive at a working agreement regarding the operation of the School of Religion. In 1955 the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference passed a Resolution requesting from The General Conference permission to establish the Southern California School of Theology as a Methodist Seminary, directly related to The Methodist Church and independent of the University of Southern California. In so far as possible it is intended that the new School of Theology shall continue the tradition of the Maclay College of Theology and the functions previously performed by the University of Southern California School of Religion.

Articles of incorporation were adopted by the Conference, the Board of Trustees has been elected, and Committees have been designated. Committees on location, faculty, and negotiation with the University of Southern California have been making specific plans for the new school. The Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference approved the asking of the planning committee for \$80,000 to \$100,000 annually for the school's support from the Conference.

Request for authorization of the school's reorganization and relocation as a Methodist Theological School will be made directly to The General Conference by the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

The Study Commission recognizes the strategic importance of a Methodist Theological School in Southern California. Regular Reports have been made to the Commission concerning the progress of the reorganization and relocation plans. The Commission recommends to the Section of Ministerial Education that the proposal for the organization and establishment of the Southern California School of Theology be approved, and that the school shall continue to receive an allocation of World Service funds through the Department of Theological Schools as a Methodist theological school, subject to authorization of the school by The General Conference.

Gammon Theological Seminary

Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, was founded in 1883 for the purpose of providing trained Christian leadership for the great body of Negro people in America. Bishop Henry White Warren and Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield were active in the establishment and early service of the school.

Recent growth in size at Gammon has paralleled a strengthening of the Academic Program. In the autumn quarter, 1955, the enrollment was 76, an all-time high for the school. Gammon is the largest Negro seminary in America. In 1954-55, 92 per cent of its enrollment were B.D. candidates.

Gammon's unique opportunity and responsibility for the immediate future, as the only accredited Negro theological school in the South, is to provide educational program and facilities of high quality for Negro ministerial students. Certainly some of the Negro ministerial students will enroll in theological schools in other parts of the country. However, more than half of the Negro Methodist theological school graduates are coming from Gammon, and the Church faces at the same time a shortage of Negro ministers and a decline in the number of Negro ministerial members.

Three questions confront the Church in respect to Gammon. They have been phrased by The College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction and President Harry V. Richardson of Gammon as follows:

- "1. In the face of approaching integration in American education and in The Methodist Church, will Gammon still be needed?
- "2. Is Gammon a product of segregation in The Methodist Church? Or, if separate Racial Divisions in the Church go, would Gammon go too? If the Central

Jurisdiction is eliminated, will there be a place for Gammon?

"3. Should Gammon move from its present location to the Atlanta University Center?"

The answers to these and other questions will involve adjustment to the action of The General Conference and the negotiation of numerous financial and educational arrangements, whatever decision is reached.

The Study Commission recommends that a Committee be designated by the Section on Ministerial Education to work with the Committee of the Board of Trustees of Gammon in determining what should be the program and place of Gammon Theological Seminary in the immediate and also the longer reach of the future.

Recommendations

The Study Commission recommends:

That the ten Methodist theological schools be commended for outstanding and devoted service to the Church in ministerial education, especially for the enrichment and expansion of their Educational Programs during the 1952-1956 quadrennium;

That the ten Methodist theological schools be requested to expand their enrollments with the objective of providing educational opportunity for a total enrollment of 4,300 full-time equivalent B.D. students each year, an increase of approximately 45% over present enrollment levels; and

That proportionate increases in financial support from World Service funds be made to the Methodist theological schools on the basis of size, service and particular needs for the 1956-1960 quadrennium to the extent that such funds are available to the Department of Theological Schools.

The Study Commission further recommends:

That the reorganization and relocation plans of Westminster Theological Seminary and the Southern California School of Theology, be approved, and that these Schools be continued as Methodist Theological Schools approved to receive allocations of World Service funds through the Department of Theological Schools, subject to the approval of their reorganization and relocation plans by the University Senate in consultation with the Department of Theological Schools.

That the Section of Ministerial Education be requested

to designate a Committee to study the ministry and the needs and resources in ministerial education for the Methodist ministry; and that this Committee be instructed to give special attention to the future program of Gammon Theological Seminary.

III—NEW METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

Just as the Church faces a challenge of a growing nation with a Program of establishing new churches properly located to follow the mobility of its people, so she must give attention to the proper location of additional Theological Schools. Beyond the limits of advisable expansion of its existing Seminaries shown above, there is the need for the development of two new Theological Schools to enroll 250 students each by 1960.

The choice of the most strategic locations for new Seminaries by the whole Church, facing its ministerial education needs collectively, will help to avoid indiscriminate and expedient solutions to the problems of ministerial training which might develop in many localities without sufficient attention to educational standards. Our Church, confronted as it is by ministerial need of near-tidal-wave proportions, must provide new Theological School facilities. The availability of the schools to the various geographical sections of the Church is important for the future. In addition to the National and Inter-National character of the seminary community and its services, there are many values which accrue to the churches of a region from the presence of a Theological School in that area. Not only are there direct services rendered by the theological students through their field work appointments, services of faculty members, library resources, special lectureships and the like also are readily available to churches, Ministers and the larger community of the church. The existing schools have profoundly influenced the areas in which they have been serving through the years. Wise decision by the whole Church on where new schools may most strategically be located will greatly strengthen the total effectiveness of the Church across the nation as well as in those immediate areas served by the schools.

The Study Commission received proposals for new theological schools from a number of locations in various parts of the country. The data considered concerning each proposed new location included the following:

- (1) General population trends,
- (2) Methodist membership trends,

- (3) Per cent of Methodist membership in the general population,
- (4) Ministerial needs in the area,
- (5) The number of men in theological schools from the locality,
- (6) The number of pre-ministerial students in the colleges and universities within a specified radius,
- (7) The distance of the proposed locations from existing Methodist Theological Schools,
- (8) The number of Pastoral Charges in the area suitable for Student Pastorates,
- (9) Other Student Work opportunities,
- (10) Transportation facilities,
- (11) Educational and cultural opportunities in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location,
- (12) The desire of the Conferences in the locality to co-operate in the establishment of a school,
- (13) The availability of an educational institution to which the school could be **intimately related** and the willingness of that institution to co-operate in the development of a Theological School,
- (14) The evidences of financial resources sufficient to insure the successful establishment of a school,
- (15) The interest of the Bishop or Bishops related to the proposed locality, and
- (16) The distribution of the schools in an over-all pattern across the nation.

In light of these and other less formal considerations the Study Commission recommends the authorization by the 1956 General Conference of two new Methodist Theological Schools in the 1956-60 quadrennium. The two localities recommended are (1) the Ohio Area, and (2) the Kansas-Missouri-Nebraska Areas. The basic data regarding these two locations may be summarized as follows:

Ohio

Population	8,554,000
Methodist Membership	557,010
Percentage of Population in Methodist Membership	6.51%
Number of Pastoral Charges	1,196

Ministerial Needs Annually, 1956-1960:

Replacements	78
New Churches	20
Multiple Ministries	19

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Separation of Circuits	12
Special Appointments	14
Total	133
Number of Ohio Students in Methodist Seminaries ..	185
Number of Preministerial Students in Ohio Methodist Colleges	172

Student Charges and Church Employment:

In Ohio	204
Within 150 Miles	254
(inclusive of 204 in Ohio)	

Possible Location: "In Ohio" (at one of several possible urban or collegiate centers)

Distance from Nearest Seminary ..	Approximately 350 Miles
Average Distance from Nearest Three Methodist Seminaries	500 Miles

Statement of the Area Committee:

"The Annual Conferences in Ohio have adopted Resolutions favoring the establishment of a Seminary in or near Ohio. Considering the needs and financial responsibility involved in establishing a Seminary in or near Ohio, we are convinced that the need is here and that the money can be raised."

Statement of the Resident Bishop Hazen G. Werner:

"Ohio Methodists will welcome any consideration given to the establishment of a new Theological School in the North Central Jurisdiction with its likely location in Ohio."

Kansas-Missouri-Nebraska

Population:

Kansas	2,016,000
Missouri	4,154,000
Nebraska	1,366,000
Total	7,536,000

Methodist membership:

Kansas	227,166
Missouri	263,222
Nebraska	121,575
Total	611,963

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*Percentage of Population in Methodist
Membership:*

Kansas	11.27%
Missouri	6.34%
Nebraska	8.9%

Number of Pastoral Charges:

Kansas	564
Missouri	760
Nebraska	321

Total	1,645
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Ministerial Needs Annually, 1956-1960:

Replacements:

Kansas 27; Missouri 44; Nebraska 21

New Churches:

Kansas 3; Missouri 15; Nebraska 5

Multiple Ministries:

Kansas 15; Missouri 9; Nebraska 6

Separation of Circuits:

Kansas 7; Missouri 9; Nebraska 12

Special Appointments:

Kansas 11; Missouri 6; Nebraska 4

Total All Classes	194
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Number of Students in Methodist Seminaries:

Kansas	77
Missouri	43
Nebraska	35

Total	155
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*Number of Preministerial Students in Methodist
Colleges and Wesley Foundations Within 300
Miles of Kansas City*

393

Student Charges and Church Employment:

Kansas	31
Missouri	114
Nebraska	(not available)

Total	145 plus
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*Supply Pastors Now Serving Charges Within 150
Miles of Kansas City:*

Central West Conference	19
Iowa-Des Moines	71

Missouri	113
St. Louis	56
Southwest Missouri	103
Central Kansas	61
Kansas	53
Nebraska	74
North Arkansas	76

Total	626
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Possible Location: Kansas City, Missouri

Distance from Nearest Methodist Seminary 500 Miles

Average Distance from Nearest Three Schools 567 Miles

Resolutions Providing Support of the Proposals in Contiguous Conferences:

"The Kansas Conference HAS voted to provide an amount equal to a minimum of 20 cents per member per year for the 1956-1960 quadrennium. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt tells me that at the proper time he will present this matter to his Conference and he believes they will join the Conferences of the Kansas Area. This would mean a minimum support of \$100,000 annually for at least four years for the seminary." Dana Dawson, Bishop, The Kansas Area.

Statement of the Resident Bishops by Bishop Dana Dawson:

"My colleagues in The Council of Bishops who live in this section share the concern which Bishop Ivan Lee Holt and I have in the proposed seminary."

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, under date of May 25th, 1955, writes:

"I'm heartily in favor of establishing a Seminary in our corner of the vineyard. I'll be glad to support the project from what I know of it at the present time."

Bishop H. Bascom Watts, in a letter dated May 23rd, 1955, states:

"As you know I am greatly interested in the establishment of a new Seminary somewhere in this vicinity. I feel sure of its great need and that once under way it will meet with general acceptance and strong support. Please speak any word of encouragement from me to the Committee as you feel it is needed."

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., in a letter written in May, 1955, has this to say:

"Please express to the group my deep interest in the establishment of a Seminary in this section; and, my pledge to support it in any way I can."

Dana Dawson, Bishop,
The Kansas Area

Location and Affiliation

Decisions regarding the precise location and institutional affiliation of the new schools will be affected by many considerations inherent in the localities themselves. Because organizational plans for the schools will need to be adjusted to local factors, the Study Commission believes that the determination of the exact location and institutional affiliation of the schools authorized should be reserved to Area Committees in the Areas herein specified, the Department of Theological Schools of the Board of Education, and the University Senate. (See *The Methodist Discipline*, Par. 1392.)

Table 9



Recommendations

The Study Commission recommends that authorization be granted for the establishment of two new Methodist Theological Schools to be developed during the 1956-1960 quad-

rennium with the objective of enrolling 250 students each, one to be established in the Ohio Area, North Central Jurisdiction, and the other to be established in the Kansas-Missouri-Nebraska Areas, South Central Jurisdiction.

THE AUTHORITY FOR THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE EXACT LOCATION, THE FINANCIAL PROVISIONS, THE TIME OF IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS AND THE CHARTERING OF EACH SCHOOL SHALL BE VESTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION, DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF A COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE AREAS NAMED. THE AUTHORITY FOR DETERMINING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND CRITERIA AND ALL OTHER MATTERS NORMALLY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE SHALL BE VESTED IN THAT BODY, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE AREAS NAMED.

IV—NON-METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

A third locus of training for Methodist ministers is the non-Methodist Seminary. The Church is already depending heavily upon such schools: in the academic year 1953-54 there were 776 Methodist students in accredited non-Methodist Seminaries, producing 153 Methodist graduates, in their various Degree Programs. In comparison, Methodist schools were training 482 non-Methodist students in the same year. Many of these were likewise enrolled in various Special Programs in addition to the usual B.D. course. (Details are available in the full Report.) Thus the debt of the Church to other Seminaries is large, and recognition of this debt is called for. As shown in Table 6, if non-Methodist enrollment in our schools is maintained as at present at approximately 15%, the expansion proposed for the Methodist schools would bring their non-Methodist enrollment to approximately 750 students.

One form of recognition should be the appreciation which the Church feels for such service. Another form is the interest which the Church should take in the kind and quality of training which the Methodist students are receiving. In some cases this training is of the highest quality; in others its inadequacy is pitifully apparent. Where well done, it usually includes Special Courses in Methodist History and

Policy and supervision of field work in Methodist churches. Such provisions often represent considerable expense to the schools themselves. It is likely that the stronger non-Methodist Seminaries will continue to enroll a significant portion of the Methodist ministerial students, and may increase the number if qualified applicants are available, though many are now near or at capacity enrollment.

The General Conference directive envisaged "the possibility . . . of designating any present existing non-Methodist theological schools to receive Methodist sanction and support . . .," and instructed the Commission to look into the wisdom as well as the possibility of such a move. Its desirability is not universally accepted in the Church. Some feel that such support could only be at the expense of existing Methodist schools which themselves need all the help they can get. Others who desire the establishment of new Methodist schools are sometimes suspicious that this proposal would weaken their case. On the other side, however, are those who see this method as being a less expensive way of meeting the Church's need than the founding of new schools. Others who recognize that many Methodists will continue to go to non-Methodist Seminaries feel that by this proposal some guidance and co-operation can be maintained with such institutions, so that their training of Methodist students may become stronger.

The Commission has sought to collect and weigh all such opinions, pro and con, and has come to the conclusion that some type of sanction and support is called for and desirable, though it must not be to the detriment of the existing Methodist Seminaries. The limit of probable expansion of Methodist enrollment in accredited non-Methodist institutions is 1,000 students. Not more than 75% or 750 of these will probably be enrolled in the B.D. or equivalent program. Since this will be approximately the same number as the non-Methodist enrollment in the Methodist schools when expansion goals are reached, the number of Methodist B.D. graduates will be in the vicinity of the 1,200 needed annually for replacement and minimum expansion. In light of these figures, any support should be viewed not as competitive with other efforts of the Church to strengthen its own Program of Theological Education, but as an integral though quite limited part of the over-all plan to provide a trained ministry in numbers sufficiently large to try to meet the immense need.

Several methods of granting current sanction and support to non-Methodist Seminaries were considered by the

Commission. The possibilities include: (1) a scholarship program; (2) per capita payment to the school for additional Methodist students; (3) provision for a Chair or a Department offering Courses in Methodist History, Doctrine and Polity; (4) special educational projects for Methodist students; (5) establishment of a residence for Methodist students; (6) allocation of Methodist funds on a contractual basis; and (7) a program of grants, with conditions similar to those now applying to Methodist schools in the use of World Service money. Various combinations of these seven were also examined.

After careful evaluation of these possibilities, the Study Commission submits the following recommendations: (a) that for the immediate future, during the period of critical shortage in Methodist seminary facilities, the Department of Theological Schools be given authority to make *limited* and *temporary* grants to selected non-Methodist Seminaries to provide assistance and encouragement for the training of additional Methodist ministerial students; (b) that the total of such grants to all non-Methodist schools *shall not exceed \$25,000 annually*; (c) that only those schools on the approved list of the University Senate may be selected by the Department to receive such grants, the initiative in the choice of schools and services to rest with the Department; and (d) that the specific purpose to which these grants may be applied shall be limited to the provision of teaching personnel for courses especially relevant for Methodist students or to the strengthening of library holdings in subjects especially pertinent for Methodist interests.

Recommendations

The Study Commission recommends:

That the appreciation of The Methodist Church be expressed to the non-Methodist Seminaries for the educational opportunities afforded to Methodist theological students;

That the Director of the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to invite consultation with the Administrative heads of non-Methodist schools in the selection of faculty personnel, part-time or full-time, to be engaged for teaching Courses offered especially for Methodist students; and

That the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to initiate a temporary and limited Program of Grants to selected non-Methodist schools, in accordance with the

recommendations of the Study Commission, for special instruction and services offered to Methodist students.

V—FINANCING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

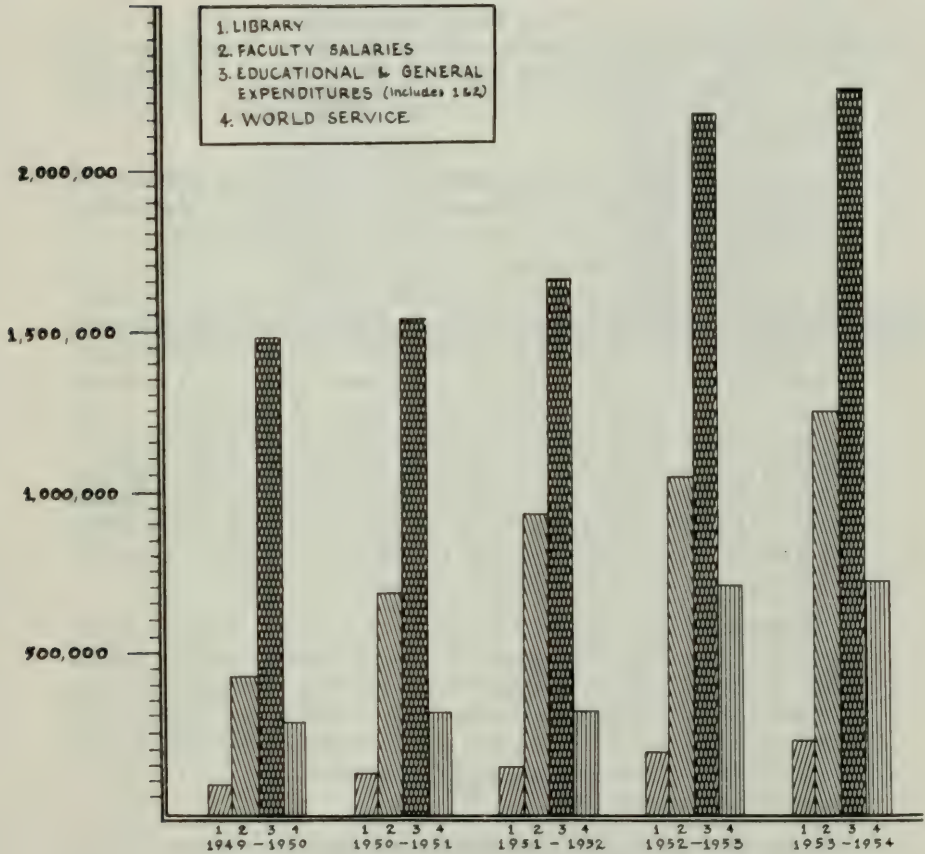
In the early history of Methodist Theological Schools in the United States financial support came almost entirely from private gifts. As the need for a theologically trained ministry came to be increasingly realized, official action was taken by the Church at large in connection with support and sponsorship of the schools. In 1952 the Department of Theological Schools was formed within the General Board of Education as a part of the Section of Ministerial Education. Support for the theological schools was provided by 8.9% of the World Service Funds for general appropriation, with a ceiling fixed at \$800,000 per year. Greater over-all advances in a United Program of Theological Education have been made in the past quadrennium than in any comparable period in the history of the Church. The accompanying graph shows the increases in library expenditures, faculty salaries, and total educational and general expenditures as compared with the increase in World Service support from 1949-50 to 1953-54.

The educational and general expenditures in 1953-54 for all ten schools, which include executive salaries and offices, administration and promotion, instructional salaries and services, library, and the operation and maintenance of the physical plants totaled \$2,429,016. On the basis of 3,046 students reported in the ten schools this educational and general expenditure represents a cost of \$798 per student, exclusive of scholarships and auxiliary costs for dining halls, dormitories and the like. The World Service Funds provided income equal to 30% of this amount. The remaining 70% came from student tuition and fees, endowment earnings, gifts, grants and other miscellaneous sources. The individual schools were responsible for all scholarship moneys, all capital increases, and additions to plant facilities in addition to the educational and general costs. Since the total expenditures continued to rise in 1955 and 1956, while the World Service allocations remained comparatively constant, it will be seen that the percentage of private funds necessary for the operation of the schools has risen sharply above that for 1954.

The recommended expansion of enrollments in the present theological schools to 4,300 represents an increase in educational and general costs to the schools, at the rate

Table 10

Comparison of Educational and General Expenditures to World Service Funds
in Methodist Theological Schools



1949-50

Library	70,380
Faculty Salaries	433,313
Total Educational and General Expenditures	1,487,578
World Service	287,625

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1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
101,801	120,250	170,066	178,064
658,674	878,779	988,750	1,212,433
1,489,108	1,624,174	2,181,113	2,429,016
276,145	279,085	683,604	691,101

per student in 1954, from \$2,429,016 to \$3,431,400. If General Church support for the schools through World Service is maintained at its 1954 ratio of 30% of the educational and general costs, this will require \$1,029,420, in World Service funds.

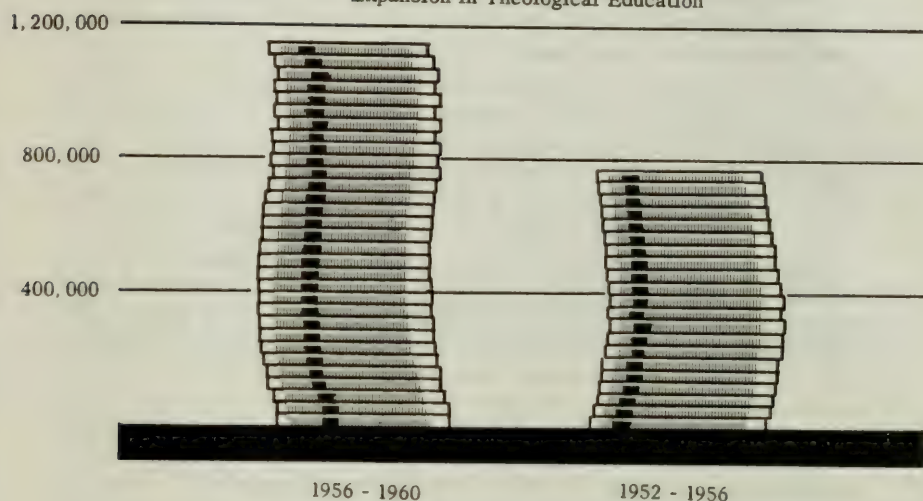
Over and above the expansion of the existing schools to 4,300 in enrollment the Church should provide Methodist theological educational opportunities for 500 additional students. The Study Commission recommends that this number be accommodated through the establishment of two new Theological Schools. In order that the Church may assist in providing adequate support for these new schools through the initial years when private gifts for capital and current needs are only beginning, and when student enrollments will be developing and income from student fees limited, General Church support for the new schools should be made available in the amount of \$150,000 annual appropriation, **OR \$75,000 FOR EACH SCHOOL IN THE EVENT THERE ARE TWO OF THEM** from World Service funds to be allocated through the Department of Theological Schools.

A total amount of \$1,179,420 per year is indicated by our study to be the minimum General Church support which The Methodist Church must provide for educational expenditures in theological education during the 1956-1960 quadrennium. This represents an increase of \$379,420 over the \$800,000 maximum annually, appropriated by The General Conference of 1952.

Since the grants to non-Methodist schools recommended on pages 42-43 of this Report are to be temporary and limited to a total of not more than \$25,000 in any year, the Study Commission suggests that such grants, where these are arranged for services to Methodist students requested by the Department of Theological Schools, be financed out of the reserve moneys designated for expansion which may accrue in the course of the development of new projects in theological education. No additional money is requested for grants to non-Methodist schools.

Table 11

Increase in Current Support
Necessary for the Recommended
Expansion in Theological Education



Recommendations

The Study Commission recommends that World Service appropriation in the amount of \$1,179,420 annually be made to the Department of Theological Schools for allocation to the Theological Schools of The Methodist Church.

The Commission further recommends that such limited and temporary grants to non-Methodist Theological Schools as may be arranged in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission may be paid out of reserve moneys accrued within the Department of Theological Schools. The total amount so expended shall not exceed \$25,000 in any one year.

Conclusion

The Program of Theological Education of The Methodist Church has been considered throughout the foregoing Report in a unitary rather than a piecemeal fashion. The recommendations have been drafted with the same sort of synoptic concern. Recruitment, enrollment, faculty-student ratio, plant facilities, and finance stand together as the component parts of a problem which must be faced with the pattern of location of the Theological Schools across the entire nation in mind.

Underlying the Report there is also the conscious intention to consider theological education as an integral part of the total concern and responsibility of the Church for

its ministry rather than as an isolated problem. The structure of the recommendations has been designed to take cognizance of the Church's ministerial needs, the fullest possible use of present Seminary resources, and plans for enlarging those resources with a view to matching facilities and program to the magnitude of the need.

The proposals for expansion may seem more extensive than necessary to some readers. To others the acceptance of 1,200 seminary graduates per year as the goal for the quadrennium will appear to fall pitifully short of the 2,800 ministers required if the Church is to meet its full annual replacement needs and expansion possibilities.

The recommendations are such as to challenge Methodism to take significant steps forward. The Study Commission believes that the Methodist people will meet the challenge with the necessary faith and appropriate action. Our ministry, our educational institutions and our world-wide opportunities are parts of our living heritage. The acceptance of this inheritance requires that the Church, with vision, dedication, and sacrifice, provide adequate educational preparation for the Ministers of tomorrow.

Recommendations of The General Conference Study Commission on Theological Education

I. The Study Commission recommends:

That the goal of 1,200 theological school graduates annually be accepted by the Church to be achieved during the 1956-1960 quadrennium.

II. The Commission further recommends

That a unified Program of Ministerial Recruitment and Guidance be developed by the Department of Theological Schools in co-operation with the Annual Conference Boards of Ministerial Training, the Inter-Board Commission on Christian Vocations, the Methodist colleges and universities, the Wesley Foundations, and the Methodist Theological Schools, together with all other Agencies and resources for recruiting in the Church, and that a co-ordinated Program of Admissions be developed by the Methodist Theological Schools in co-operation with the Director of Theological Schools.

III. The Study Commission recommends:

That the ten Methodist theological schools be commended for outstanding and devoted service to the Church in ministerial education, especially for the enrichment and ex-

pansion of their educational programs during the 1952-1956 quadrennium;

That the ten Methodist theological schools be requested to expand their enrollments with the objective of providing educational opportunity for a total enrollment of 4,300 full-time equivalent B.D. students each year, an increase of approximately 45% over present enrollment levels; and

The proportionate increase in financial support from World Service Funds be made to the Methodist Theological Schools on the basis of size, service and particular needs for the 1956-1960 quadrennium to the extent that such funds are available to the Department of Theological Schools, **AND THAT EXISTING SEMINARIES SHALL BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SO THAT THE GROWTH AND SERVICE OF SUCH SEMINARIES SHALL NOT BE HALTED NOR HINDERED.**

IV. The Study Commission further recommends:

That the reorganization and relocation plans of Westminster Theological Seminary, and the Southern California School of Theology, be approved, and that these Schools be continued as Methodist Theological Schools approved to receive allocations of World Service Funds through the Department of Theological Schools, subject to the approval of their reorganization and relocation plans by the University Senate in consultation with the Department of Theological Schools.

That the Section of Ministerial Education be requested to designate a Committee to study the Ministry and the needs and resources in ministerial education for the Methodist ministry; and that this Committee be instructed to give special attention to the future program of Gammon Theological Seminary.

V. The Study Commission recommends:

That authorization be granted for the establishment of two new Methodist Theological Schools to be developed during the 1956-1960 quadrennium with the objective of enrolling 250 students each, one to be established in the Ohio Area, North Central Jurisdiction, and the other to be established in the Kansas-Missouri-Nebraska Areas, South Central Jurisdiction. The authority for determining the exact location and type of organization for each school should be invested in a Committee on Theological Education to be designated by the Area named, the Department of Theological Schools of the Board of Education, and the University Senate.

VI. *The Study Commission recommends:*

That the appreciation of The Methodist Church be expressed to the non-Methodist Seminaries for the educational opportunities afforded to Methodist theological students;

That the director of the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to invite consultation with the Administrative heads of non-Methodist schools in the selection of faculty personnel, part-time or full-time, to be engaged for teaching courses offered especially for Methodist students; and

That the Department of Theological Schools be authorized to initiate a temporary and limited program of grants to selected non-Methodist schools, in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission, for special instruction and services offered to Methodist students.

VII. *The Study Commission recommends:*

That World Service appropriation in the amount of \$1,179,420 annually be made to the Department of Theological Schools for allocation to the theological schools of The Methodist Church.

VIII. *The Commission further recommends:*

That such limited and temporary grants to non-Methodist theological schools as may be arranged in accordance with the recommendations of the Study Commission may be paid out of reserve moneys accrued within the Department of Theological Schools. The total amount so expended shall not exceed \$25,000 in any one year.

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REPORT

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO

List of Accounts Comprising This Report and Index to Pages

	Principal Value (Market) Dec. 31, 1955*	Income Dis- tribution 1955	Page No. Portfolio	Page No. Income Report
C. W. Alverson Estate	\$ 2,161.73	\$	21	51 & 52
Nannie Findley Bean	1.00		22	
Boyce & Boyd	80,869.12	2,133.56	23 & 24	53 to 55
Boyce & Boyd—Invested Income				56 & 57
Emma C. Ewing	40,134.86	1,067.75	25	58
Francesca N. Gamble Bequest No. 1	193,604.63	5,780.32	26 & 27	59 to 61
Francesca N. Gamble Bequest No. 2	76,691.39	1,995.51	28	62 & 63
Francesca N. Gamble Bequest No. 3	87,176.39	2,263.72	29	64 & 65
E. H. Gammon Fund	186,804.10	5,231.56	30 & 31	66 to 68
James T. Gantt Fund	6,328.90		32	69
General Endowment Fund	333,285.92	9,395.59	49 & 50	95 to 100
Frank V. Hale Estate	2,886.30	17.19	33	70
John W. Hamilton	1,254.67		34	71
John W. Hamilton—Invested Income				72
Ashbel Hubbard Fund	120,048.87	5,876.53	35 & 36	73 to 75
Mary J. Knowles Memorial Fund	128,054.25	3,851.84	37 & 38	76 to 78
Mary J. Knowles Memorial Sinking Fund	4,985.94		39	79 & 80
Estate of Elizabeth Macardell	525.00		40	81
Permanent Fund	8,408.43		41	82 & 83
Permanent Fund—Invested Income	6,120.88		42	84 & 85
Louisa C. Reilly Estate	119.74		43	86
Martin Ruter—Invested Income	200.00	5.00	44	87
Scoville-Elkenburgh Trust	228,097.82		45 & 46	88 to 91
Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa	177,376.41	6,022.36	47 & 48	92 to 94
Total	\$1,685,136.35	\$43,640.93		

* Includes Principal Cash.

PORTFOLIO OF ASSETS HELD IN ALL ACCOUNTS

The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church

A. #2062

SUMMARY OF SECURITIES

December 31, 1955

Amount	Description	Book Value	Income	Mkt.	Mkt. Value	%
U.S. GOV'T BONDS						
3,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 5-1-56	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00	100	\$ 3,000	
1,800	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 6-1-56	1,800.00	45.00	100	1,800	
9,400	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 7-1-56	9,400.00	235.00	100	9,400	
13,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 8-1-56	13,000.00	325.00	100	13,000	
18,400	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 10-1-56	18,400.00	460.00	100	18,400	
37,900	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 12-1-56	37,900.00	947.50	100	37,900	
100,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 1-1-57	100,000.00	2,500.00	100	100,000	
104,800	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 1-1-58	104,800.00	2,620.00	100	104,800	
3,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 8-1-58	3,000.00	75.00	100	3,000	
100,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 1-1-59	100,000.00	2,500.00	100	100,000	
2,100	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 5-1-59	2,100.00	52.50	100	2,100	
10,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 7-1-59	10,000.00	250.00	100	10,000	
1,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 7-1-61	1,000.00	25.00	100	1,000	
1,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 8-1-61	1,000.00	25.00	100	1,000	
1,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 11-1-61	1,000.00	25.00	100	1,000	
14,100	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 1-1-62	14,100.00	352.50	100	14,000	
41,000	U.S. Sav. "G" 2½% 4-1-62	41,000.00	1,025.00	100	41,000	
1,500	U.S. Sav. "K" 2.76% 4-1-66	1,500.00	41.40	100	1,500	
1,000	U.S. Sav. "K" 2.76% 5-1-66	1,000.00	27.60	100	1,000	
5,000	U.S. Sav. "K" 2.76% 6-1-66	5,000.00	138.00	100	5,000	
12,000	U.S. Sav. "K" 2.76% 7-1-66	12,000.00	331.20	100	12,000	
22,000	U.S. Treas. 2¼% 6-15-62-59	22,000.00	495.00	97	21,340	
499,000	U.S. Treas. 2¾% 4-1-80-75	499,000.00	13,722.50	100	499,000	
500	U.S. Treas. 3¼% 6-15-83-78	500.00	16.25	105	525	
4,300	U.S. Treas. 2½% 9-15-72-67	4,150.69	107.50	95	4,085	
500	U.S. Treas. 2½% 12-15-58	500.00	12.50	99	495	
3,000	U.S. Treas. 2¾% 9-15-61	2,972.82	82.50	99	2,970	
400	U.S. Treas. 2½% 6-15-67-62	390.12	10.00	97	388	
Sub Total		\$1,010,513.63	\$26,521.95	2.63Y	\$1,009,803	59.9

PORTFOLIO OF ASSETS HELD IN ALL ACCOUNTS

The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church

A. #2062

SUMMARY OF SECURITIES

December 31, 1955

Amount	Description	Book Value	Income	Mkt.	Mkt. Value	%
UTILITY BONDS						
15,000	Appalachian Elec. Power Co. 3½% 12-1-83	\$ 15,423.60	\$ 525.00	103	\$ 15,450	
20,000	Cleveland Elec. Ill. Co. 3¾% 6-1-86	20,478.90	675.00	102	20,400	
10,000	Dayton Power & Light Co. 3¼% 2-1-82	10,225.00	325.00	101	10,100	
28,000	Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. 3½% 9-15-83	28,000.00	875.00	99	27,720	
3,000	Northern Natural Gas Co. 2½% 5-1-60	2,876.25	78.75	95	2,850	
5,000	Portland General Electric Co. 3½% 7-1-75	4,762.50	156.25	95	4,750	
	Sub Total	\$ 81,765.35	\$ 2,635.00		\$ 81,270	4.8
INDUSTRIAL BONDS						
25,000	General Motors Corp. 3¼% 7-1-79	\$ 25,343.75	\$ 812.50	100	\$ 25,000	
	Sub Total	\$ 25,343.75	\$ 812.50	3.25Y	\$ 25,000	1.5
EQUIPMENT TRUST CERTIFICATES						
5,000	Chicago & Eastern Illinois R.R. 3½% 9-1-67	\$ 5,086.74	\$ 181.25	100	\$ 5,000	
10,000	Missouri Pacific R.R.	10,240.85	375.00	100	10,000	
37,000	Ches. & Ohio R.R. 3½% 1-1-66	36,542.20	1,341.25	100	37,000	
	Sub Total	\$ 51,869.79	\$ 1,897.50	3.65Y	\$ 52,000	3.1
	Total Bonds	\$1,169,492.52	\$31,866.95	2.73Y	\$1,168,073	69.3
RAILROAD PREFERRED						
90 shs.	Cincinnati, New Orleans, Texas Pacific Rwy. Co. 100 Par 5%					
	Cum. Pfd.	\$ 9,996.40	\$ 450.00	115	\$ 10,350	
	Sub Total	\$ 9,996.40	\$ 450.00	4.35Y	\$ 10,350	0.6

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SUMMARY OF SECURITIES

December 31, 1955

Amount	Description	Book Value	Income	Mkt.	Mkt. Value	%
INDUSTRIAL PREFERRED						
100 shs.	American Can Co. \$25 Par 7% Pfd.	\$ 4,180.15	\$ 175.00	45	\$ 4,500	
79 shs.	Corn Products Refining Co. \$100 Par 7%	13,672.99	553.00	178	14,062	
100 shs.	International Harvester Co. \$100 Par 7% Pfd.	16,675.05	700.00	168	16,800	
50 shs.	National Biscuit Co. \$100 7% Pfd.	8,635.10	350.00	175	8,750	
	Sub Total	\$ 43,163.29	\$ 1,778.00	4.03Y	\$ 44,112	2.6
	Total Preferred	\$ 53,159.69	\$ 2,228.00	4.09Y	\$ 54,462	3.2
UTILITY COMMON						
205 shs.	Boston Edison Co.	\$ 11,347.72	\$ 574.00	57	\$ 11,685	
612 shs.	Cincinnati Gas & Elec. Co.	8,529.75	734.00	27	16,524	
166 shs.	Cincinnati Sub Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	12,691.91	747.00	90	14,940	
400 shs.	Cleveland Elec. Ill. Co.	10,772.10	640.00	37	14,800	
243 shs.	Baltimore Gas & Elec. Co.	10,639.98	388.80	34	8,262	
200 shs.	Dayton Power & Light Co.	7,462.30	440.00	45	9,000	
	Sub Total	\$ 61,442.86	\$ 3,524.20	4.69Y	\$ 75,211	4.5
INDUSTRIAL COMMON						
52-50/100 shs.	Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.	\$ 3,740.50	\$ 156.00	115	\$ 5,980	
300 shs.	American Can Co.	10,901.86	600.00	47	14,100	
831 shs.	Corn Products Co.	21,204.16	1,246.50	28	23,268	
100 shs.	E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.	9,009.98	700.00	231	23,100	
316 shs.	Eastman Kodak Co.	16,394.88	837.40	81	25,596	
100 shs.	General Mills, Inc.	5,731.95	300.00	69	6,900	
180 shs.	International Harvester Co.	6,218.95	360.00	36	6,480	
200 shs.	Owen-Illinois Glass Co.	7,483.50	500.00	67	13,400	
240 shs.	J. C. Penney Co.	17,080.91	1,020.00	99	23,760	
335 shs.	Procter & Gamble Co.	24,305.06	1,172.50	100	33,500	
681-75/100 shs.	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	14,511.51	783.15	36	24,516	
200 shs.	Sherwin-Williams Co.	14,590.82	900.00	107	21,400	
431 shs.	Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	34,606.14	2,262.75	153	65,943	
301 shs.	Union Carbide & Carbon Co.	\$ 22,154.06	\$ 903.00	110	\$ 33,110	
310 shs.	F. W. Woolworth Co.	14,313.39	775.00	47	14,570	
200 shs.	Wm. Wrigley, Jr., Co.	14,741.93	1,000.00	91	18,200	
	Sub Total	\$ 236,989.60	\$13,516.30	3.82Y	\$ 353,823	21.0
RAILROAD COMMON						
100 shs.	Union Pacific R.R. Co.	\$ 11,175.00	\$ 700.00	179	\$ 17,900	
	Sub Total	\$ 11,175.00	\$ 700.00	3.91Y	\$ 17,900	1.0
	Total Common	\$ 309,607.46	\$17,740.50	3.97Y	\$ 446,934	26.5

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The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church

A. #2062

Decembtr 31, 1955

SUMMARY OF SECURITIES

Amount	Description	Book Value	Income	Mkt.	Mkt. Value %	
REAL ESTATE						
200 Acres of the Harriet Nail Survey	Abstract #790	\$ 1.00			1	
*40 Acres Real Estate on South Side	Cottalfe Hill, Mobile County,					
	Alabama	1.00			1	
1/2 Interest in mineral rights on	80 acres Cottalfe Hill, Mobile					
	County, Alabama	1.00			1	
Total Real Estate		\$ 3.00			\$ 3	0
Total Portfolio of Securities ..		\$1,532,262.67	\$51,834.45	3.10Y	\$1,669,472	99.0
Principal Cash 12-31-55 ..		15,644.35			15,664.35	1.0
TOTAL PORTFOLIO ..		\$1,547,927.02			\$1,685,136.35	100.0

Arnold A. Johnson (*), Secretary-Treasurer

* Interest in Mineral rights on—

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COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE(See Paragraph 735-738, 1952 *Discipline*)

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Central Treasury Report as Prepared by the Accounting Office

WORLD SERVICE APPORTIONMENT AND WORLD SERVICE SPECIAL GIFTS JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

	June 1 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Receipts				
Received by Treasurer	\$9,321,375.47	\$9,635,213.54	\$9,786,468.77	\$9,906,192.20
Undistributed amount for prior year				377.24
				<u>\$9,906,569.44</u>

Direct Receipts by Agencies

Board of Missions	\$ 10,866.68	\$	\$	\$
Board of Education	30,419.68	24,530.64	29,443.81	38,188.57
Board of Temperance	18,333.44	19,691.65	12,401.75	5,894.77
Board of Hospitals and Homes	273.58	297.81	337.59	384.68
Board of World Peace	323.70	165.00	325.00	65.00
Board of Evangelism	355.00	169.00	1,070.25	
American Bible Society	21,405.66	20,838.20	26,793.80	21,265.13
Radio and Film		4,299.43	3,364.26	3,681.48
	<u>\$ 81,977.74</u>	<u>\$ 69,900.73</u>	<u>\$ 70,826.61</u>	<u>\$ 65,798.15</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$9,403,353.21</u>	<u>\$9,705,114.27</u>	<u>\$9,857,295.38</u>	<u>\$9,972,367.59</u>

Disbursements

Board of Missions	\$ 10,939.23	\$	\$	\$
Board of Education	33,958.64	31,081.79	38,309.08	48,731.09
Theological School	2,378.75	599.00	660.00	395.44
Board of Temperance	18,684.94	19,930.00	19,999.88	12,519.65
Board of Hospitals and Homes	1,084.76	1,246.41	1,058.72	1,309.51
Board of Lay Activities		99.40		50.00
Board of World Peace	679.70	568.95	787.38	1,063.03
Board of Evangelism	372.32	577.39	1,150.25	752.51
American Bible Society	18,748.50	26,086.48	30,558.03	25,950.43
Radio and Film		4,299.43	3,364.26	3,681.48
	<u>\$ 86,846.84</u>	<u>\$ 84,488.85</u>	<u>\$ 95,887.60</u>	<u>\$ 94,453.14</u>

Fixed Payments

W.D.C.S. (Deaconess Pensions)	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Board of Pensions (Illinois)	115,000.00	115,000.00	115,000.00	115,000.00
Board of Pensions (Missouri)	71,000.00	71,000.00	71,000.00	71,000.00
The American University	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
	<u>\$ 281,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 281,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 281,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 281,000.00</u>

Preferred Charges

Council on World Service and Finance	\$ 12,807.37	\$ 14,580.14	\$ 15,960.13	\$ 23,625.80
Central Receiving Treasury	67,787.48	67,640.35	74,632.88	67,244.96
File of Pastors and Church Officials	11,106.05	12,696.96	12,699.09	12,749.25
Wills, Bequests and Gifts	168.80	20,454.45	25,000.00	26,282.34
Promotion and Cultivation Office	242,602.54	379,566.63	362,927.03	461,024.17
Co-operative Expense	48,713.09			
	<u>\$ 383,185.93</u>	<u>\$ 494,938.53</u>	<u>\$ 491,219.13</u>	<u>\$ 590,926.52</u>

Distributed on Ratio

Board of Missions	\$5,394,721.89	\$5,514,662.28	\$5,604,759.13	\$5,616,587.81
Board of Education	1,359,279.56	1,389,500.31	1,412,201.53	1,415,181.88
Scarritt College	48,452.96	49,530.23	50,339.45*	50,000.00
Theological Schools	770,056.51	787,177.13	800,037.79*	800,000.00
Dept. of In-Service Training	80,466.57	82,255.59	83,599.44	83,775.93
Board of Temperance	174,776.86	178,662.68	181,581.62	181,964.82
Board of Hospitals and Homes	94,310.29	96,407.09	97,982.17	98,188.85
Board of Lay Activities	141,898.05	145,052.86	147,422.69	147,733.79
Board of World Peace	79,601.34	81,371.13	82,700.55	82,875.16
General Board of Evangelism	188,620.58	192,814.19	195,964.31	196,377.94
American Bible Society	117,671.54	120,287.73	122,252.96	122,510.92
Radio and Film Commission	159,202.69	162,742.24	165,401.07	165,750.08
Board of Social and Economic Relations	43,261.60	44,223.43	44,945.94	45,040.75
	<u>\$8,652,320.44</u>	<u>\$8,844,686.89</u>	<u>\$8,989,188.65</u>	<u>\$9,005,987.93</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$9,403,353.21</u>	<u>\$9,705,114.27</u>	<u>\$9,857,295.38</u>	<u>\$9,972,367.59</u>

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT DISTRIBUTION TO BOARDS AND AGENCIES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

	6-1-1952 to 5-31-1953		6-1-1953 to 5-31-1954		6-1-1954 to 5-31-1955		6-1-1955 to 5-31-1956	
Distribution on Ratio....(a)	\$ 8,652,320.44	69.2	\$ 8,844,686.89	71.5	\$ 8,989,188.65	67.3	\$ 9,005,610.69	64.3
†Prior Year							377,24†	
Fixed Payments.....(b)	281,000.00	2.2	281,000.00	2.3	281,000.00	2.1	281,000.00	2.0
Special Gifts and Advance..(c)	3,577,637.12	28.6	3,249,997.73	26.2	4,088,216.21	30.6	4,719,822.38	33.7
Total.....	\$12,510,957.56		\$12,375,684.62		\$13,358,404.86		\$14,006,810.31	
Board of Miss. & Ch. Ext..(a)	\$ 5,394,121.89		\$ 5,514,662.28		\$ 5,604,759.13		\$ 5,616,587.81	
Board of Miss. & Ch. Ext..(c)	3,501,729.51		3,165,508.88		3,992,328.61		4,625,369.24	
Total.....	\$ 8,896,451.40	71.1	\$ 8,680,171.16	70.1	\$ 9,597,087.74	71.8	\$10,241,957.05	73.1
Board of Education.....(a)	\$ 1,359,279.56		\$ 1,389,500.31		\$ 1,412,201.53		\$ 1,415,181.88	
Board of Education.....(c)	34,583.64		31,081.79		38,309.08		48,731.09	
Total.....	\$ 1,393,863.20	11.1	\$ 1,420,582.10	11.5	\$ 1,450,510.61	10.9	\$ 1,463,912.97	10.4
Theological Schools.....(a)	\$ 770,056.51		\$ 787,177.13		\$ 800,037.79*		\$ 800,000.00	
Theological Schools.....(c)	1,753.75		599.00		660.00		395.44	
Total.....	\$ 771,810.26	6.2	\$ 787,776.13	6.4	\$ 800,697.79	6.0	\$ 800,395.44	5.7
Scarritt College.....(a)	\$ 48,452.96	.4	\$ 49,530.23	.4	\$ 50,339.45*	.4	\$ 50,000.00	.4
Dept. of In-Service Trng..(a)	\$ 80,466.57	.6	\$ 82,255.59	.7	\$ 83,599.44	.6	\$ 83,775.93	.6
Board of Temperance.....(a)	\$ 174,776.86		\$ 178,662.68		\$ 181,581.62		\$ 181,964.82	
Board of Temperance.....(c)	18,684.94		19,930.00		19,999.88		12,519.65	
Total.....	\$ 193,461.80	1.5	\$ 198,592.68	1.6	\$ 201,581.50	1.5	\$ 194,484.47	1.4
Board of Hosp. and Homes.(a)	\$ 94,310.29		\$ 96,407.09		\$ 97,982.17		\$ 98,188.85	
Board of Hosp. and Homes.(c)	1,084.76		1,246.41		1,058.72		1,309.51	
Total.....	\$ 95,395.05	.8	\$ 97,653.50	.8	\$ 99,040.89	.7	\$ 99,488.36	.7
Board of Lay Activities....(a)	\$ 141,898.05		\$ 145,052.86		\$ 147,422.69		\$ 147,733.79	
Board of Lay Activities....(c)			99.40				50.00	
Total.....	\$ 141,898.05	1.1	\$ 145,152.26	1.2	\$ 147,422.69	1.1	\$ 147,783.79	1.1
Board of World Peace.....(a)	\$ 79,601.34		\$ 81,371.13		\$ 82,700.55		\$ 82,875.16	
Board of World Peace.....(c)	679.70		568.95		787.38		1,063.03	
Total.....	\$ 80,281.04	.6	\$ 81,940.08	.6	\$ 83,487.93	.6	\$ 83,938.19	.6
General Bd. of Evangelism..(a)	\$ 188,620.58		\$ 192,814.19		\$ 195,964.31		\$ 196,377.94	
General Bd. of Evangelism.(c)	372.32		577.39		1,150.25		752.51	
Total.....	\$ 188,992.90	1.5	\$ 193,391.58	1.6	\$ 197,114.56	1.5	\$ 197,130.45	1.4
American Bible Society....(a)	\$ 117,671.54		\$ 120,287.73		\$ 122,252.96		\$ 122,510.92	
American Bible Society....(c)	18,748.50		26,086.48		30,558.03		25,950.43	
Total.....	\$ 136,420.04	1.1	\$ 146,374.21	1.2	\$ 152,810.99	1.2	\$ 148,461.35	1.1
Radio & Film Commission.(a)	\$ 159,202.69		\$ 162,742.24		\$ 165,401.07		\$ 165,750.08	
Radio & Film Commission.(c)			4,299.43		3,364.26		3,681.48	
Total.....	\$ 159,202.69	1.3	\$ 167,041.67	1.3	\$ 168,765.33	1.3	\$ 169,431.56	1.2
Board of Social and Economic Relations.....(a)	\$ 43,261.60	.4	\$ 44,223.43	.3	\$ 44,945.94	.3	\$ 45,040.75	.3
Woman's Division of Chris- tian Serv. Deaconess Pen(b)	\$ 45,000.00	.4	\$ 45,000.00	.4	\$ 45,000.00	.3	\$ 45,000.00	.3
Board of Pensions (Ill.)....(b)	\$ 115,000.00	.9	\$ 115,000.00	.9	\$ 115,000.00	.9	\$ 115,000.00	.8
Board of Pensions (Mo.)....(b)	\$ 71,000.00	.6	\$ 71,000.00	.6	\$ 71,000.00	.5	\$ 71,000.00	.5
American University.....(b)	\$ 50,000.00	.4	\$ 50,000.00	.4	\$ 50,000.00	.4	\$ 50,000.00	.4

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†Redistributed to other Boards.

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WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS ON APPORTIONMENT

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Annual Appor- tionment for Quadrennium— 1952-56
Whole Church	\$9,316,506.37	\$9,620,625.42	\$9,761,407.78*	\$9,877,537.21*	\$9,525,089.00
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$2,670,686.07	\$2,648,222.21	\$2,691,229.12*	\$2,717,742.58*	\$2,740,006.00
				+1,358.95†	
BOSTON AREA	190,683.62	192,508.24	207,784.66*	212,158.83*	222,460.00
Maine	24,971.30	19,796.28	23,735.39*	29,522.22*	29,839.00
New England	92,810.76	97,056.79	96,727.18	96,680.34	100,804.00
New England Southern	51,804.56	52,797.88	66,213.09*	64,617.41	70,720.00
New Hampshire	21,097.00	22,857.29	21,109.00	22,697.81†	21,097.00
NEW YORK AREA	531,568.32	524,675.01	524,069.80	527,976.13*	525,898.00
Newark	156,542.07	160,311.84	158,104.54	158,727.15*	157,964.00
New York	88,540.20	82,121.10	84,087.00*	84,437.28*	84,042.00
New York East	174,369.47	176,084.77	175,374.02	178,229.39*	176,338.00
Troy	112,116.58	106,157.30	106,504.24*	106,582.31*	107,554.00
PHILADELPHIA AREA	466,796.21	456,612.23	459,802.67*	467,092.74*	510,181.00
New Jersey	141,746.99	138,923.89	140,098.62*	140,102.08*	166,989.00
Philadelphia	192,401.65	185,728.34	183,480.30	187,917.56*	186,442.00
Puerto Rico Provisional	3,600.00	1,960.00	2,327.00*	1,797.00	2,926.00
Wyoming	129,047.57	130,000.00	133,896.75*	137,276.10*	153,824.00
PITTSBURGH AREA	554,869.02	560,446.92	568,178.59*	581,069.98*	557,274.00
Erie	162,124.61	162,951.00	163,462.71*	165,277.57*	164,537.00
Pittsburgh	215,810.99	220,218.54	227,300.98*	238,906.41*	215,851.00
West Virginia	176,933.42	177,277.38	177,414.90*	176,886.00	176,886.00
SYRACUSE AREA	323,409.15	321,021.29	330,422.90*	337,164.25*	340,428.00
Central New York	127,889.15	125,614.25	132,405.25*	135,086.25*	140,448.00
Genesee	146,287.70	145,635.04	145,846.65*	146,555.00*	145,344.00
Northern New York	49,232.30	49,772.00	52,171.00*	55,523.00*	54,636.00
WASHINGTON AREA	603,359.75	592,958.52	600,970.50*	592,280.65	583,765.00
Baltimore	305,110.31	296,403.34	294,013.00	294,716.42*	293,813.00
Central Pennsylvania	198,460.48	199,523.00	204,283.73*	196,732.53	198,576.00
Peninsula	99,788.96	97,032.18	102,673.77*	100,831.70	91,376.00
Southeastern Jurisdiction	\$1,797,975.69	\$1,923,274.77	\$1,957,855.09*	\$1,921,411.81	\$1,932,792.00
ATLANTA AREA	276,239.21	287,913.01	285,558.00	279,561.62	272,558.00
North Georgia	145,078.21	156,754.01	154,399.00	148,402.60	141,399.00
South Georgia	131,161.00	131,159.00	131,159.00	131,159.02*	131,159.00
BIRMINGHAM AREA	154,327.48	161,761.07	169,899.86*	164,700.86	155,852.00
Alabama	48,089.41	63,391.96	72,926.22*	60,260.41	61,167.00
North Alabama	106,238.07	98,369.11	96,973.64	104,440.45*	94,685.00
CHARLOTTE AREA	307,917.27	351,975.74	344,599.36	356,819.50*	353,567.00
South Carolina	135,740.90	148,651.10	151,079.00*	147,295.00	153,010.00
Western North Carolina	172,176.37	203,324.64	193,520.36	209,524.50*	200,557.00
JACKSON AREA	128,360.44	97,479.34	116,499.91*	112,096.93	115,557.00
Mississippi	77,179.15	42,309.00	60,630.00*	60,630.00	60,630.00
North Mississippi	51,181.29	55,170.34	55,869.91*	51,466.93	54,927.00

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† Includes \$1,358.95 inadvertently credited to Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. To be corrected in subsequent year.

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Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Annual Appor- tionment for Quadrennium— 1952-56
JACKSONVILLE AREA	161,508.76	164,641.15	166,633.64*	167,769.00*	158,432.00
Cuba	643.90	736.18	636.05	956.18*	
Florida	160,864.86	163,904.97	165,997.59*	166,812.82*	158,432.00
LOUISVILLE AREA	192,605.66	211,433.76	216,431.54*	206,978.42	217,316.00
Kentucky	52,099.98	60,683.47	49,940.97	57,617.50	59,426.00
Louisville	50,384.73	58,104.84	64,736.61*	57,342.61	56,645.00
Memphis	90,120.95	92,645.45	91,753.96	92,018.31*	101,245.00
NASHVILLE AREA	234,001.52	254,052.97	256,556.78*	247,054.42	257,835.00
Holston	153,661.00	161,502.99	162,860.73*	162,454.73	164,840.00
Tennessee	80,340.52	92,549.98	93,696.05*	84,599.69	92,995.00
RICHMOND AREA	343,015.35	394,017.73	401,676.00*	386,431.06	401,675.00
North Carolina	91,512.35	98,521.73	106,180.00*	90,935.06	106,179.00
Virginia	251,503.00	295,496.00	295,496.00	295,496.00	295,496.00
Central Jurisdiction	\$ 166,816.40	\$ 210,034.48	\$ 178,907.76	\$ 165,320.77	\$ 222,081.00
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	45,656.70	56,205.00	48,528.68	47,903.95	52,005.00
Central Alabama	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,919.00
Florida	9,977.00	7,098.00	9,321.00*	8,196.00	8,196.00
Georgia	14,318.69	13,274.00	13,574.68*	14,074.95*	15,257.00
South Carolina	16,361.01	30,833.00	20,633.00	20,633.00	20,633.00
BALTIMORE AREA	53,076.30	58,920.78	51,812.74	49,033.24	78,062.00
Delaware	24,197.00	27,149.00	20,928.00	20,196.24	32,685.00
East Tennessee	1,474.70	1,120.00	1,675.14*		5,557.00
North Carolina	9,900.91	12,036.00	9,932.00	10,723.00*	11,636.00
Washington	17,503.69	18,615.78	19,277.60*	18,114.00	28,184.00
NEW ORLEANS AREA	21,337.81	38,458.80	27,197.95	26,191.58	33,108.00
Louisiana	5,009.25	12,187.34	12,187.34	11,212.34	13,982.00
Mississippi	9,986.46	9,971.46	8,476.00	9,972.00*	11,690.00
Upper Mississippi	6,342.10	16,300.00	6,534.61	5,007.24	7,436.00
NEW ORLEANS AREA	21,375.34	20,144.78	17,556.39	15,953.00	22,289.00
Texas	8,187.34	12,187.34	9,596.34	8,000.00	14,336.00
West Texas	12,188.00	7,957.44	7,960.05*	7,953.00	7,953.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	26,370.25	36,305.12	33,812.00	26,239.00	36,617.00
Central West	9,408.00	10,740.00	10,740.00	10,740.00	10,740.00
Lexington	15,038.00	20,320.12	20,320.00	11,999.00	20,320.00
Southwest	1,924.25	2,140.00	1,252.00	2,000.00*	2,452.00
Tennessee		3,105.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,105.00
North Central Jurisdiction	\$2,774,670.93	\$2,902,534.82	\$2,945,017.86*	\$3,048,127.51*	\$2,726,016.00
CHICAGO AREA	557,434.92	551,436.87	561,790.19*	569,972.51*	538,401.00
Illinois	247,770.41	236,358.01	249,274.37*	255,803.84*	231,008.00
Rock River	213,170.58	213,899.00	216,902.00*	212,208.00	210,513.00
Southern Illinois	96,493.93	101,179.86	95,613.82	101,960.67*	96,880.00
DAKOTAS AREA	55,721.82	53,110.50	39,312.15	75,598.38*	55,346.00
North Dakota	24,030.18	22,816.44	14,999.24	33,209.50*	25,827.00
South Dakota	31,691.64	30,294.06	24,312.91	42,388.88*	25,519.00

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DES MOINES AREA	290,795.97	309,082.08	314,734.05*	316,067.94*	278,508.00
Iowa-Des Moines	148,271.67	153,013.11	157,775.78*	157,118.94	136,497.00
North Iowa	142,524.30	156,068.97	156,958.27*	158,949.00*	142,011.00
DETROIT AREA	334,824.47	353,517.31	376,059.98*	407,192.19*	352,467.00
Detroit	206,571.67	220,276.22	244,736.59*	266,443.61*	220,754.00
Michigan	128,252.80	133,241.09	131,323.39	140,748.58*	131,713.00
INDIANA AREA	508,676.95	536,626.04	524,647.91	521,995.24	520,848.00
Indiana	183,071.00	181,568.00	185,092.24*	183,158.61	183,092.00
North Indiana	217,887.37	246,394.03	232,024.00	232,024.00	232,024.00
Northwest Indiana	107,718.58	108,664.01	107,531.67	106,812.63	105,732.00
MINNESOTA AREA	151,163.62	151,086.00	151,108.00*	157,849.22*	150,968.00
Minnesota	151,163.62	151,086.00	151,108.00*	157,849.22*	150,968.00
OHIO AREA	724,410.70	785,577.69	830,084.12*	848,270.72*	697,735.00
Northeast Ohio	383,446.67	418,751.52	456,418.87*	467,601.89*	344,917.00
Ohio	340,964.03	366,826.17	373,665.25*	380,668.83*	352,818.00
WISCONSIN AREA	151,642.48	162,098.33	147,281.46	151,181.31*	131,743.00
West Wisconsin	47,958.75	51,955.96	52,730.13*	51,533.65	47,947.00
Wisconsin	103,683.73	110,142.37	94,551.33	99,647.66*	83,796.00
South Central Jurisdiction	\$1,257,877.25	\$1,280,321.10	\$1,320,544.90*	\$1,313,502.13	\$1,262,290.00
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA ..	216,170.83	208,960.45	232,632.95*	232,622.15	218,945.00
Little Rock	74,889.16	68,020.94	84,783.90*	75,898.00	75,898.00
Louisiana	69,945.65	69,930.00	74,732.05*	83,607.15*	69,930.00
North Arkansas	71,336.02	71,009.51	73,117.00*	73,117.00	73,117.00
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA ..	218,311.62	240,033.99	236,613.50	243,238.42*	222,956.00
Central Texas	50,101.00	67,365.00	60,575.15	60,188.08	58,713.00
North Texas	75,171.00	81,134.00	83,000.00*	90,000.00*	71,880.00
Northwest Texas	93,039.62	91,534.99	93,038.35*	93,050.34*	92,363.00
HOUSTON-SAN ANTONIO AREA	252,269.95	252,216.00	264,492.18*	252,216.00	252,216.00
Rio Grande	6,765.00	6,765.00	6,765.00	6,765.00	6,765.00
Southwest Texas	104,093.80	104,057.00	104,057.00	104,057.00	104,057.00
Texas	141,411.15	141,394.00	153,670.18*	141,394.00	141,394.00
KANSAS AREA	201,512.53	206,504.58	214,507.14*	210,993.43	205,511.00
Central Kansas	114,477.85	121,504.58	129,393.06*	125,993.43	122,595.00
Kansas	87,034.68	85,000.00	85,114.08*	85,000.00	82,916.00
MISSOURI AREA	113,933.70	128,022.57	124,546.14	132,891.55*	119,115.00
Missouri	26,851.09	32,800.81	31,216.97	35,841.55*	26,914.00
Saint Louis	51,066.61	58,221.76	54,329.17	57,050.00*	56,965.00
Southwest Missouri	36,016.00	37,000.00	39,000.00*	40,000.00*	35,236.00
NEBRASKA AREA	108,460.46	109,658.08	109,652.00	110,348.00*	109,652.00
Nebraska	108,460.46	109,658.08	109,652.00	110,348.00*	109,652.00

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Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Annual Appor- tionment for Quadrennium— 1952-56
OKLA.-NEW MEXICO AREA . . .	147,218.16	134,925.43	138,100.99*	131,192.58	133,895.00
Oklahoma	105,348.78	92,596.00	92,596.00	92,598.45*	92,596.00
Indian Mission	665.13	1,050.59	775.94	853.96*	101.00
New Mexico	41,204.25	41,278.84	44,729.05*	37,740.17	41,198.00
Western Jurisdiction	\$ 647,389.13	\$ 656,022.55	\$ 667,732.58*	\$ 708,962.30*	\$ 641,904.00
DENVER AREA	128,853.66	118,044.41	111,010.84	136,317.13*	125,019.00
Colorado	73,789.14	70,891.47	59,349.16	88,012.47*	73,629.00
Montana	39,506.58	30,044.94	34,048.73*	33,858.66	37,634.00
Wyoming State	15,557.94	17,108.00	17,612.95*	14,500.00	13,756.00
LOS ANGELES AREA	236,335.93	235,256.03	237,309.67*	235,712.23	234,100.00
Hawaii Mission	3,078.38	2,824.00	3,072.05*	2,500.00	428.00
Latin American Provisional	1,533.80	703.77	2,193.12*	1,566.23	2,026.00
Southern California- Arizona	231,723.75	231,728.26	232,044.50*	231,646.00	231,646.00
PORTLAND AREA	170,351.49	180,899.78	186,730.03*	193,564.62*	179,508.00
Alaska Mission	2,768.75	1,116.00	2,882.00*	2,744.00	1,129.00
Idaho	17,285.65	18,842.74	19,432.56*	19,674.62*	19,113.00
Oregon	57,843.00	67,618.00	69,415.47*	76,146.00*	69,331.00
Pacific Northwest	92,454.09	93,323.04	95,000.00*	95,000.00	89,935.00
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	111,848.05	121,822.33	132,682.04*	143,314.32*	103,277.00
California-Nevada	110,000.00	120,000.00	129,995.00*	140,005.00*	102,084.00
Pacific Japanese Provisional	1,848.05	1,822.33	2,687.04*	3,309.32*	1,193.00
MISCELLANEOUS	1,090.90	215.49	120.47	2,470.11	

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EPISCOPAL FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Receipts				
Balance Forward June 1	\$1,341,933.04	\$1,152,992.55	\$1,391,422.86	\$1,689,076.85
Receipts from Churches June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1956	1,089,283.47	1,287,032.36	1,371,966.14	1,427,987.09
Refunds of Pension Certificates—Prior Years			553.58	
Income from Securities June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1956	22,110.82	21,003.22	25,078.24	39,638.83
TOTAL	\$2,453,327.33	\$2,461,028.13	\$2,789,020.82	\$3,156,702.77

Disbursements

Support of Bishops				
Salaries—Effective Bishops	\$ 390,972.16	\$ 386,387.08	\$ 390,000.00	\$ 390,000.00
Episcopal Residence	82,433.34	83,312.00	85,862.00	85,862.00
Maintenance of Bishops' Offices	142,478.96	147,724.70	149,608.31	148,500.00
Travel Expenses, Postage and Telegrams	118,392.77	110,256.79	115,157.73	119,181.09
Bishops' Retirement Allowances	89,666.41	86,326.77	75,999.96	68,666.56
Allowances for Bishops' Widows	55,740.00	57,840.02	62,040.00	61,140.00
Payments to Families Account of Bishop's Death	800.08	6,249.89	2,299.99	1,466.66
Grants-in-Aid to Central Conferences	116,883.05	120,848.68	147,356.82	136,801.56
Travel Expense for Bishops' Wives and Children of the Central Conference	2,974.16	884.00	900.15	1,047.20
Travel Expenses for Bishops of Central Conference to Council of Bishops	6,233.55	9,326.51	7,373.18	15,398.36
Travel—Bishops Affiliated Autonomous Methodist	42.95			5,738.13
Overseas Travel Authorized by General Conference	410.00	13,235.40	7,291.66	6,349.75
Special Travel Authorized by Council of Bishops	10,533.07	19,945.41	15,289.74	30,410.46
Moving Expenses	12,186.21	1,513.07	100.00	887.64
	\$1,029,746.71	\$1,043,850.32	\$1,059,279.54	\$1,071,449.51

Council of Bishops

Secretarial Expense	\$ 4,108.30	\$ 3,430.28	\$ 3,714.89	\$ 4,119.70
Official Forms and Supplies	1,749.28	981.00	452.98	310.03
Transportation Bureau	556.00	381.00	760.35	1,092.00
General Expenses	2,146.78	3,473.31	14,397.76	13,470.20
Secretary Pension Plan	119.04*			
Bishops and Secretaries Social Security Contribution	399.94			
Printing		1,033.73	1,770.46	280.00
	\$ 8,841.26	\$ 9,299.32	\$ 21,096.44	\$ 19,271.93

Miscellaneous

Supplies	\$ 847.02	\$ 64.21	\$ 254.51	\$ 14.52
Printing		147.34	153.98	1,027.35
Postage	159.14	221.26	855.74	143.64
Mailing Cost		16.78	301.21	77.41
Share—Central Treasury Expense	10,726.08	15,439.74	17,577.20	18,774.21
Audit	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Bishop's Episcopal Reserve Pension	250,000.00			
Telephone and Telegraph		166.30	25.35	19.24
Refund from Board of Pensions	385.43*			
	\$ 261,746.81	\$ 16,455.63	\$ 19,567.99	\$ 20,456.38
Total Disbursements	\$1,300,334.78	\$1,069,605.27	\$1,099,943.97	\$1,111,177.82
Balance	\$1,152,992.55	\$1,391,422.86	\$1,689,076.85	\$2,045,524.95

THE EPISCOPAL FUND
ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS
JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Salaries and Pensions	Episcopal Residence Allowances	Travel	Postage Telephone & Telegrams	Maintenance of Bishops' Offices	Moving Expense	Total
Summary							
Effective Bishops.....	\$390,000.00	\$85,862.00	\$ 78,735.46	\$34,279.20	\$148,500.00	\$ 751.10	\$ 738,127.76
Retired Bishops.....	68,666.66		6,166.43				74,833.09
Widows of Bishops.....	61,140.00						61,140.00
Payments to Families Account of Bishops'							
Death.....	1,466.66						1,466.66
Overseas Travel Au- thorized by General Conference.....			6,349.75				6,349.75
Special Travel Author- ized by Council of Bishops.....			30,410.46				30,410.46
Bishops Elected by Central Conferences. Travel to Council of Bishops.....	136,801.56		1,047.20			136.54	137,985.30
Bishops Affiliated Au- tonomous Methodist			15,364.37				15,364.37
			5,738.13				5,738.13
Totals.....	\$658,074.88	\$85,862.00	\$143,811.80	\$34,279.20	\$148,500.00	\$ 878.64	\$1,071,415.52

Elected by Jurisdictional Conference

Effective Bishops							
Newell S. Booth.....	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,876.09	\$ 378.62	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 20,654.71
J. W. E. Bowen.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,845.57	98.34	4,000.00		18,343.91
John W. Branscomb.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,854.73	486.57	3,000.00		17,741.30
Charles W. Brashares.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,478.59	230.54	4,000.00		18,109.13
M. W. Clair, Jr.....	10,000.00	1,722.00	2,148.92	179.89	3,400.00		17,450.81
D. Stanley Coors.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,246.03	311.28	3,800.00		17,757.31
Fred P. Corson.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	3,336.78	836.87	4,000.00		20,573.65
Dana Dawson.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,260.79	1,539.81	4,000.00		20,200.60
Francis Gerald Ensley.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,133.49	771.25	4,000.00		18,304.74
Marvin A. Franklin.....	10,000.00	1,800.00	1,817.05	206.66	3,600.00		17,423.71
Paul N. Garber.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,167.13	1,281.77	4,000.00		19,848.90
A. Raymond Grant.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,687.29	1,944.31	4,000.00		21,031.60
Costen J. Harrell.....	10,000.00	1,500.00	1,722.23	304.57	4,000.00	\$ 751.10	18,277.90
Ivan Lee Holt.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,387.74	17.25	3,600.00		17,404.99
Gerald H. Kennedy.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	4,114.81	886.65	4,000.00		21,401.46
Willis J. King (Mon- rovia Area).....		300.00	185.10		600.00		1,085.10
Willis J. King (New Orleans Area).....	10,000.00	1,800.00	1,493.14		4,000.00		17,293.14
W. Earl Ledden.....	10,000.00	2,200.00	872.21	356.17	3,600.00		17,028.38
John Wesley Lord.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	3,186.97	281.34	4,000.00		19,868.31
Edgar A. Love.....	10,000.00	1,920.00	2,161.59	269.84	4,000.00		18,351.43
Paul E. Martin.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,288.62	456.58	3,600.00		17,745.20
William C. Martin.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,099.33	764.50	4,000.00		19,263.83
Arthur J. Moore.....	10,000.00	1,800.00	1,355.70	708.31	3,600.00		17,044.01
Frederick B. Newell.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,733.73	1,672.80	4,000.00		19,806.53
H. Clifford Northcott.....	10,000.00	2,000.00	1,680.69	940.26	2,400.00		17,020.95
G. Bromley Oxnam.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,290.53	1,386.11	4,000.00		19,076.64
Glenn R. Phillips.....	10,000.00	2,220.00	1,464.50	915.00	4,000.00		18,599.50
Clare Purcell.....	10,000.00	1,500.00	1,496.72	425.14	4,000.00		17,421.86
Richard C. Raines.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,112.32	2,349.33	4,000.00		19,861.65
Marshall R. Reed.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,193.34	282.82	4,000.00		18,876.16
Alexander P. Shaw.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,111.30	478.61	3,300.00		18,289.91
Roy H. Short.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,222.54	261.07	4,000.00		18,883.61
A. Frank Smith.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,780.25	774.04	4,000.00		19,954.29
W. Angie Smith.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,558.32	864.28	4,000.00		19,822.60
Donald H. Tippet.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,045.57	347.48	4,000.00		17,793.05
Edwin E. Voigt.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	2,100.94	628.26	4,000.00		19,129.20
W. T. Watkins.....	10,000.00	720.00	1,786.34	886.60	3,300.00		16,692.94
H. Bascom Watts.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	1,924.46	640.69	4,000.00		18,965.15
Hazen G. Werner.....	10,000.00	2,000.00	1,745.69	8,387.40	2,700.00		24,833.09
Lloyd C. Wicke.....	10,000.00	2,400.00	3,768.32	728.19	4,000.00		20,896.51

Retired Bishops

James C. Baker.....	4,000.00		936.55				4,936.55
H. A. Boaz.....	4,000.00		95.95				4,095.95
Ralph S. Cushman.....	4,000.00		503.02				4,503.02
Charles W. Flint.....	4,000.00		398.93				4,398.93
Wilbur E. Hammaker.....	4,000.00		490.44				4,490.44
*Lewis O. Hartman.....	666.66						666.66
Robert E. Jones.....	4,000.00		364.77				4,364.77

**Deceased.

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Edward W. Kelley....	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 239.31				\$ 4,239.31
Frederick D. Leete....	4,000.00		287.95				4,287.95
Titus Lowe.....	4,000.00		167.36				4,167.36
J. Ralph Magee.....	4,000.00		421.54				4,421.54
George A. Miller.....	4,000.00						4,000.00
W. W. Peele.....	4,000.00		145.41				4,145.41
Charles C. Seelman....	4,000.00		344.59				4,344.59
John M. Springer.....	4,000.00		287.32				4,287.32
James H. Straughn....	4,000.00		400.16				4,400.16
Raymond J. Wade....	4,000.00		678.63				4,678.63
Herbert Welch.....	4,000.00		404.50				4,404.50

Widows of Bishops

Mrs. W. N. Ainsworth..	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. James Atkins, Sr.	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200.00
Mrs. Bruce R. Baxter..	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. W. B. Beauchamp..	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. L. J. Birney.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. Edgar Blake.....	1,600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,600.00
Mrs. Robert N. Brooks..	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. Wallace E. Brown..	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. Charles W. Burns..	2,430.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. James Cannon, Jr.	1,280.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. M. W. Clair, Sr....	1,760.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,280.00
Mrs. U.V.W. Darling- ton.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,760.00
Mrs. J. E. Dickey.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. Lewis Hartman....	1,600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes..	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,600.00
Mrs. Eben S. Johnson....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. Paul B. Kern.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. Lorenzo H. King..	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. Edwin F. Lee.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. Adna W. Leonard..	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. F. F. Lewis.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. F. J. McConnell....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. J. H. McCoy.....	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
*Mrs. W. F. McMurry....	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200.00
*Mrs. Charles L. Mead..	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00
Mrs. Thomas Nichol- son.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200.00
*Mrs. E. G. Richardson..	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00
Mrs. E. L. Waldorf.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,800.00
Mrs. S. Ward.....	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00

**Payments to Families Account
of Bishops' Death**

Doris Garth.....	800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800.00
Mrs. Lewis O. Hartman..	666.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	666.66

**Overseas Travel Authorized
by General Conference**

John Branscomb.....	2,144.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,144.27
F. Gerald Ensley.....	1,714.97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,714.97
A. Raymond Grant.....	1,232.18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,232.18
Marshall R. Reed.....	1,258.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,258.33

**Special Travel Authorized
by Council of Bishops**

Newell S. Booth.....	2,748.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,748.00
John Branscomb.....	910.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	910.00
Charles W. Brashares..	1,905.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,905.90
F. Gerald Ensley.....	651.41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	651.41
A. Raymond Grant.....	1,262.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,262.45
Odd Hagen.....	3,024.72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,024.72
Ivan Lee Holt.....	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00
Paul E. Martin.....	50.88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.88
Willis J. King.....	1,611.77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,611.77
William C. Martin.....	280.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	280.00
Frederick B. Newell....	3,326.98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,326.98
G. Bromley Oxnam.....	2,058.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,058.16
Richard C. Raines.....	3,267.22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,267.22
Marshall R. Reed.....	1,274.70						1,274.70
W. Angie Smith.....	2,508.27						2,508.27
Hazen G. Werner.....	4,030.00						4,030.00

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Elected by Central Conferences

Effective or Retired Bishops and Widows of Bishops

<i>China Central Conference</i>						
John Gowdy.....						
Mrs. Carleton Lacy.....						
Ralph A. Ward.....						
Total Paid as Grants-in-Aid.....	\$ 25,460.00					\$ 25,460.00
<i>Latin American Central Conference</i>						
Enrique C. Balloch.....						
Santa Uberto Barbieri.....						
Roberto Elphick.....						
Juan E. Glattinoni.....						
Julio M. Sabanes.....						
Total Paid as Grants-in-Aid.....	\$ 21,660.00					21,660.00
<i>Southern Asia Central Conference</i>						
S. K. Mondol.....						
J. Waskom Pickett.....						
C. D. Rockey.....		\$ 140.00				140.00
J. A. Subhan.....		\$ 907.20				907.20
Total Paid as Grants-in-Aid.....	\$ 36,549.96					36,549.96
<i>Philippines Central Conference</i>						
Dionisio D. Alejandro.....						
Jose I. Valencia.....						
Total Paid in Grants-in-Aid.....	\$ 9,300.00					9,300.00
<i>Northern Europe Central Conference</i>						
Theodor Arvidson.....						
Odd Hagen.....						
Total Paid as Grants-in-Aid.....	\$ 10,331.60					10,331.60
<i>Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe-Geneva Area</i>						
Ferdinand Sigg.....						
Total Paid as Grants-in-Aid.....	\$ 7,000.00					7,000.00
<i>German Central Conference</i>						
Friedrich Wunderlich.....						
Mrs. J. W. E. Sommer.....						
Mrs. F. H. Otto Melle.....						
Total Paid as Grants-in-Aid.....	\$ 12,400.00					12,400.00
<i>Southeastern Asia Central Conference</i>						
Raymond L. Archer.....					136.54	136.54
Total Paid as Grants-in-Aid.....	\$ 14,100.00					14,100.00
<i>Bishops Travel to Council of Bishops</i>						
<i>China Central Conference</i>						
Ralph A. Ward.....		3,191.39				3,191.39
<i>Latin American Central Conference</i>						
Julio M. Sabanes.....		201.56				201.56
Santa Uberto Barbieri.....		192.25				192.25
<i>Southern Asia Central Conference</i>						
S. K. Mondol.....		1,511.32				1,511.32
J. W. Pickett.....		419.73				419.73
C. D. Rockey.....		2,923.02				2,923.02
J. A. Subhan.....		1,610.23				1,610.23
<i>Philippines Central Conference</i>						
Jose I. Valencia.....		437.84				437.84
<i>Northern Europe Central Conference</i>						
Odd Hagen.....		1,507.56				1,507.56
<i>Central Conference of Central and Southern Europe-Geneva Area</i>						
Ferdinand Sigg.....		1,087.92				1,087.92
<i>German Central Conference</i>						
Friedrich Wunderlich.....		1,805.77				1,805.77
<i>Southeastern Asia Central Conference</i>						
Raymond L. Archer.....		475.78				475.78
<i>Bishops Affiliated Autonomous Methodist</i>						
J. A. Do Amaral.....		1,374.00				1,374.00
H. J. Lew.....		1,277.43				1,277.43
J. P. Pinheiro.....		1,366.00				1,366.00
I. F. Sucasas.....		1,303.00				1,303.00
R. Zapata.....		417.70				417.70

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NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION ...	\$ 218,761.23	\$ 263,013.47	\$ 274,921.38	\$ 279,242.34
BOSTON AREA	20,511.52	24,654.31	25,871.76	28,227.39
Maine	4,129.21	4,606.22	5,044.33	6,001.39
New England	8,605.50	10,984.09	10,768.43	11,536.00
New England Southern	5,094.18	5,872.00	6,774.00	7,247.00
New Hampshire	2,682.63	3,192.00	3,285.00	3,443.00
NEW YORK AREA	48,491.12	55,972.67	57,299.31	53,207.22
Newark	13,103.35	15,442.65	15,019.00	15,694.00
New York	9,351.20	11,271.02	11,515.32	8,164.87
New York East	14,785.51	16,560.84	17,025.15	14,836.21
Troy	11,251.06	12,698.16	13,739.84	14,512.14
PHILADELPHIA AREA	37,698.99	47,361.21	49,139.79	51,643.74
New Jersey	12,536.99	17,453.21	17,701.79	18,442.74
Philadelphia	16,020.00	19,140.00	20,092.00	21,446.00
Puerto Rico Provisional	578.00	458.00	458.00	250.00
Wyoming	8,564.00	10,310.00	10,888.00	11,505.00
PITTSBURGH AREA	47,652.56	58,294.24	60,156.24	63,997.99
Erie	9,627.61	11,560.90	12,205.24	13,531.63
Pittsburgh	15,389.29	19,462.44	19,700.81	21,093.89
West Virginia	22,635.66	27,270.90	28,250.19	29,372.47
SYRACUSE AREA	24,298.00	28,859.00	31,033.00	29,717.00
Central New York	8,715.00	9,656.00	10,737.00	10,160.00
Genesee	10,100.00	12,190.00	13,055.00	12,012.00
Northern New York	5,483.00	7,013.00	7,241.00	7,545.00
WASHINGTON AREA	40,109.04	47,872.04	51,421.28	52,449.00
Baltimore	17,590.00	21,155.00	23,735.83	23,792.00
Central Pennsylvania	11,474.19	13,922.89	13,896.30	14,580.50
Peninsula	11,044.85	12,794.15	13,789.15	14,076.50
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION ...	\$ 279,315.03	\$ 328,083.93	\$ 347,184.49	\$ 367,184.57
ATLANTA AREA	32,560.00	41,552.96	44,525.71	48,276.37
North Georgia	18,209.97	23,496.24	24,813.48	25,770.07
South Georgia	14,350.03	18,056.72	19,712.23	22,506.30
BIRMINGHAM AREA	32,096.80	41,689.53	45,008.05	45,446.16
Alabama	10,670.19	16,879.62	19,890.21	17,826.62
North Alabama	21,426.61	24,809.91	25,117.84	27,619.54
CHARLOTTE AREA	51,502.07	63,233.53	61,144.42	66,003.13
South Carolina	23,862.83	26,862.30	28,728.54	30,156.38
Western North Carolina	27,639.24	36,371.23	32,415.88	35,846.75
JACKSON AREA	22,270.84	24,619.30	25,609.69	26,083.30
Mississippi	12,830.03	13,985.23	14,646.62	15,906.96
North Mississippi	9,440.81	10,634.07	10,963.07	10,176.34
JACKSONVILLE AREA	20,961.98	25,598.03	25,925.22	27,913.93
Cuba	144.38	183.71	170.04	210.95
Florida	20,817.60	25,414.32	25,755.18	27,702.98
LOUISVILLE AREA	34,443.30	42,108.11	46,970.38	48,206.21
Kentucky	10,450.79	11,831.80	12,762.77	13,859.89
Louisville	9,652.57	12,911.11	15,316.44	14,472.95
Memphis	14,339.94	17,365.20	18,891.17	19,873.37

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NASHVILLE AREA	35,535.52	32,755.57	36,869.62	38,131.46
Holston	23,642.03	19,380.41	23,312.30	25,266.92
Tennessee	11,893.49	13,375.16	13,557.32	12,864.54
RICHMOND AREA	49,944.52	56,526.90	61,131.40	67,124.01
North Carolina	18,014.24	21,920.05	21,404.06	24,522.97
Virginia	31,930.28	34,606.85	39,727.34	42,601.04
CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$ 31,032.37	\$ 34,867.80	\$ 36,882.57	\$ 33,991.29
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	6,746.04	9,264.00	5,456.50	6,126.00
Central Alabama .....	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Florida	555.00	1,225.00	865.00	1,480.00
Georgia	2,550.29	2,240.00	.....	3,646.00
South Carolina	3,640.75	4,799.00	3,591.50	.....
BALTIMORE AREA	11,294.87	14,340.27	14,220.30	13,063.30
Delaware	5,272.00	5,901.00	6,114.00	5,200.00
East Tennessee	500.00	1,225.05	1,056.18	329.30
North Carolina	1,007.00	1,955.00	2,030.12	2,343.00
Washington	4,515.87	5,259.22	5,020.00	5,191.00
NEW ORLEANS AREA	1,787.75	1,494.38	7,925.87	4,659.32
Louisiana .....	.....	.....	5,261.37	2,776.97
Mississippi	1,229.00	.....	1,224.00	1,122.00
Upper Mississippi	558.75	1,494.38	1,440.50	760.35
NEW ORLEANS AREA	3,749.71	4,578.10	4,364.50	4,375.10
Texas	1,953.71	2,431.10	2,449.50	2,297.10
West Texas	1,796.00	2,147.00	1,915.00	2,078.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	7,454.00	5,191.05	4,915.40	5,767.57
Central West	3,477.00	475.00	895.40	1,852.27
Lexington	3,550.00	3,324.05	4,020.00	3,183.30
Southwest	427.00	546.00	.....	232.00
Tennessee .....	.....	846.00	.....	500.00
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	\$ 257,520.80	\$ 314,841.94	\$ 322,159.36	\$ 340,827.25
CHICAGO AREA	57,049.04	72,304.39	65,200.56	72,986.29
Illinois	23,941.00	33,957.80	25,951.56	32,074.00
Rock River	21,232.00	23,786.00	23,851.00	24,611.00
Southern Illinois	11,876.04	14,560.59	15,398.00	16,301.29
DAKOTAS AREA	5,040.53	14,706.47	7,464.00	14,253.79
North Dakota	3,397.00	4,150.00	3,179.00	4,636.00
South Dakota	1,643.53	10,556.47	4,285.00	9,617.79
DES MOINES AREA	35,968.93	45,797.90	40,012.49	42,512.62
Iowa-Des Moines	18,449.99	19,719.63	20,227.57	22,182.19
North Iowa	17,518.94	26,078.27	19,784.92	20,330.43
DETROIT AREA	34,237.76	42,768.34	45,030.52	49,371.07
Detroit	20,366.75	25,636.36	27,143.94	28,782.65
Michigan	13,871.01	17,131.98	17,886.58	20,588.42
INDIANA AREA	39,127.83	46,456.33	47,371.22	49,670.28
Indiana	16,681.00	19,900.00	20,960.00	22,410.00
North Indiana	12,721.00	14,544.00	13,576.00	13,576.00
Northwest Indiana	9,725.83	12,012.33	12,835.22	13,684.28

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MINNESOTA AREA	14,038.00	14,901.00	18,951.00	18,792.00
Minnesota	14,038.00	14,901.00	18,951.00	18,792.00
OHIO AREA	57,682.69	60,622.77	79,924.65	73,428.84
North-East Ohio	23,802.57	28,226.75	36,325.45	30,440.36
Ohio	33,880.12	32,396.02	43,599.20	42,988.48
WISCONSIN AREA	14,376.02	17,284.74	18,204.92	19,812.36
West Wisconsin	6,102.77	7,367.74	7,351.92	8,581.86
Wisconsin	8,273.25	9,917.00	10,853.00	11,230.50
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION .. \$	231,280.54	\$ 260,670.21	\$ 301,666.65	\$ 304,943.09
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	35,667.89	40,272.18	45,202.50	47,784.73
Little Rock	9,545.49	10,201.77	12,792.97	13,487.16
Louisiana	15,293.27	18,000.63	19,014.12	20,779.26
North Arkansas	10,829.13	12,069.78	13,395.41	13,518.31
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	44,912.62	52,767.32	52,064.70	59,267.20
Central Texas	14,289.76	18,698.33	19,230.92	20,493.36
North Texas	15,418.26	16,579.65	14,278.15	19,009.48
Northwest Texas	15,204.60	17,489.34	18,555.63	19,764.36
HOUSTON-SAN ANTONIO AREA	40,367.86	39,979.12	69,024.69	57,853.48
Rio Grande	1,029.92	1,291.08	2,716.28	1,745.30
Southwest Texas	14,117.45	7,000.00	30,169.49	21,195.83
Texas	25,220.49	31,688.04	36,138.92	34,912.35
KANSAS AREA	31,077.21	32,927.96	35,719.50	36,181.75
Central Kansas	17,396.96	19,896.96	22,090.50	21,720.25
Kansas	13,680.25	13,031.00	13,629.00	14,461.00
MISSOURI AREA	31,751.46	38,757.86	38,763.93	42,883.84
Missouri	10,121.98	11,922.90	11,595.77	14,260.02
St. Louis	10,460.89	13,103.21	13,614.38	13,472.91
Southwest Missouri	11,168.59	13,731.75	13,553.78	15,150.91
NEBRASKA AREA	15,129.24	18,118.68	19,001.83	19,066.00
Nebraska	15,129.24	18,118.68	19,001.83	19,066.00
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	32,374.26	37,847.09	41,889.50	41,906.09
Oklahoma	24,165.01	31,365.16	31,460.34	32,530.04
Indian Mission	276.25	317.67	180.06	256.49
New Mexico	7,933.00	6,164.26	10,249.10	9,119.56
WESTERN JURISDICTION	\$ 71,055.71	\$ 84,119.51	\$ 88,280.09	\$ 101,066.58
DENVER AREA	16,221.50	16,234.61	16,279.53	21,086.84
Colorado	10,462.50	10,387.25	9,748.88	14,842.60
Montana	4,139.55	3,831.36	4,625.65	4,016.24
Wyoming State	1,619.45	2,016.00	1,905.00	2,228.00
LOS ANGELES AREA	\$ 18,574.70	\$ 23,017.28	\$ 25,504.46	\$ 27,709.89
Hawaii Mission		97.20	369.39	253.89
Latin American Provisional	235.90			
Southern California-Arizona	18,339.70	22,920.08	25,135.07	27,456.00

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PORTLAND AREA	19,530.51	23,499.78	23,720.42	28,126.94
Alaska Mission	65.00	61.00	86.00	121.00
Idaho	2,562.75	2,791.21	2,843.00	3,335.00
Oregon	6,196.70	7,754.50	7,015.92	9,609.95
Pacific Northwest	10,706.06	12,893.07	13,775.50	15,060.99
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	16,729.00	21,367.84	22,775.68	24,142.91
California-Nevada	15,750.00	20,323.84	21,649.68	22,971.91
Pacific Japanese Provisional	979.00	1,044.00	1,126.00	1,171.00
MISCELLANEOUS	317.79	1,435.50	871.60	731.97
RECAPITULATION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$ 218,761.23	\$ 263,013.47	\$ 274,921.38	\$ 279,242.34
Southeastern Jurisdiction	279,315.03	328,083.93	347,184.49	367,184.57
Central Jurisdiction	31,032.37	34,867.80	36,882.57	33,991.29
North Central Jurisdiction	257,520.80	314,841.94	322,159.36	340,827.25
South Central Jurisdiction	231,280.54	260,670.21	301,666.65	304,943.09
Western Jurisdiction	71,055.71	84,119.51	88,280.09	101,066.58
Miscellaneous	317.79	1,435.50	871.60	731.97
WHOLE CHURCH	\$1,089,283.47	\$1,287,032.36	\$1,371,966.14	\$1,427,987.09

**EPISCOPAL FUND RECEIPTS
OVERSEAS CONFERENCES****JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956**

Conference	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956
AFRICA PROVISIONAL				
ELISABETHVILLE AREA				
Angola Provisional	\$ 91.30	\$ 114.95	\$ 144.59	\$ 141.92
Central Congo Provisional	131.18	151.14	180.25	177.52
Rhodesia		273.63	144.30	96.44
S. E. Africa Provisional	24.31	28.83	44.26	51.09
S. Congo Provisional		436.45		
SOUTH EASTERN ASIA PROVISIONAL				
MONROVIA AREA				
Liberia		430.50	303.20	265.00
SINGAPORE AREA				
Sumatra Provisional	71.00		55.00	
Total	\$ 317.79	\$ 1,435.50	\$ 871.60	\$ 731.97

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	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Balance on Hand June 1	\$124,099.59	\$256,887.72	\$444,272.68	\$ 658,332.53
Interest on Investments		551.59	5,056.97	12,491.70
Receipts from Churches	398,208.23	420,917.14	409,427.87	384,971.29
Total	\$522,307.82	\$678,356.45	\$858,757.52	\$1,055,795.52

General Expenses

Stationery and Supplies	\$ 16.56	\$ 1.13	\$ 20.18	\$ 301.72
Printing	290.63	224.24	230.64	51.22
Postage	35.69	61.32	86.05	59.41
Mailing Cost	65.03	2276	78.10	5,057.03
Share of Central Treasury Expense	3,917.26	5,044.11	5,245.79	300.00
Audit	400.00	400.00	400.00	70.07
Miscellaneous Expense	(107.30)	17.96	168.01	1.38
Telephone and Telegraph	30.00			
	\$ 4,647.87	\$ 5,771.52	\$ 6,228.77	\$ 5,840.83

Committee and Commission Expenses

Transportation Bureau	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Statistical Office	32,500.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	32,500.00
Methodist Information	67,191.28	82,444.52	69,114.20	75,000.00
Methodist Historical Societies	10,757.75	13,191.90	11,798.08	11,796.28
Commission on Church Union	2,320.47	1,443.83	2,083.13	994.06
Judicial Council	1,574.32	2,232.60	2,059.76	7,156.54
World Methodist Council	22,377.29	27,479.29	24,389.75	24,576.29
Religion in American Life	17,000.00	21,333.28	19,999.98	20,000.00
United Church Canvass	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Co-ordinating Council	3,390.29	9,443.26	5,209.24	13,575.39
Commission on Pensions				3,000.00
Commission on Worship and Fine Arts	874.75	971.17	697.97	5,524.32
Local Entertainment of General Conference	1,132.20	(1,132.20)		20,000.00
	\$176,118.35	\$206,407.65	\$187,352.11	\$ 233,622.88

General Conference Expense	\$ 58,150.83	\$ 21,904.60	\$ 6,844.11	\$ 266,084.84
Total Expense	\$238,917.05	\$234,083.77	\$200,424.99	\$ 505,548.55
Balance	\$283,390.77	\$444,272.68	\$658,332.53	\$ 550,246.97
General Conference Expense and Reserve	\$165,357.31	\$283,686.20	\$400,243.66	\$ 285,643.49

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
EXPENSES FROM 6-1-1952 THROUGH 5-31-56

	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Office of Secretary				
Travel	\$ 111.61	\$ 536.84	\$ 35.49	\$ 1,544.84
Secretarial Expense	2,200.00	1,001.00	850.00	3,905.00
Postage	85.50	129.35	104.45	353.70
Stationery and Supplies	343.41	84.38	33.39	305.53
Mimeographing and Printing	460.83	128.11	330.56	106.44
Telephone and Telegraph	85.06	45.25	30.15	126.70
Miscellaneous	589.00	650.00	550.00	817.80
	<u>\$ 3,875.41</u>	<u>\$ 2,574.93</u>	<u>\$ 1,934.04</u>	<u>\$ 7,160.01</u>

Office of Treasury				
Travel	\$ 90.10		\$ 11.55	\$ 2,373.74
Secretarial Expense				62.81
Postage		\$ 34.19	1.98	50.87
Stationery and Supplies				58.81
Mimeographing and Printing			2.50	92.93
Telephone and Telegraph	(.34)			23.20
Miscellaneous		5.63		385.86
	<u>\$ 89.76</u>	<u>\$ 39.82</u>	<u>\$ 16.03</u>	<u>\$ 3,048.22</u>

Committee on General Conference Entertainment				
Committee Travel		\$ 6,076.48	\$ 4,262.61	\$ 7,102.66
Secretarial Expense		47.04		171.00
Postage		6.88		
Stationery and Supplies			.97	
Mimeographing and Printing		34.51	1.82	14.90
Telephone and Telegraph		30.09		
Miscellaneous		1.65		48.30
		<u>\$ 6,196.65</u>	<u>\$ 4,265.40</u>	<u>\$ 7,336.86</u>

General Conference Expense

Printing				
The Daily Christian Advocate	\$ 48,075.20			
The Daily Christian Advocate (Sales)	(9,009.11)			
The General Conference Journal	8,000.00	\$ 13,093.20	\$ 628.64	
Plan of Organization and Rules				\$ 297.50
General Conference Hand Books	1,584.37			
	<u>\$ 48,650.46</u>	<u>\$ 13,093.20</u>	<u>\$ 628.64</u>	<u>\$ 297.50</u>

Delegates				
U. S. Delegates Travel	\$ (239.87)			\$ 75,780.73
U. S. Delegates—Per Diem	(154.00)			97,405.00
Overseas Delegates Travel	3,619.56			61,350.63
Overseas Delegates—Per Diem				10,994.00
Fraternal Delegates Travel				700.97
Advance Lists—General Conference Delegates				444.27
Fraternal Delegates Per Diem				712.50
	<u>\$ 3,225.69</u>			<u>\$247,388.10</u>

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	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Program Entertainment				
Honorariums	\$ 600.00	.....	.....	\$ 2,200.00
Travel	113.45	.....	.....	244.66
Offerings (Credit) .....	.....	.....	.....	(7,858.33)
Evening Program .....	.....	.....	.....	137.28
	<u>\$ 713.45</u>	.....	.....	<u>(\$5,276.39)</u>
Committee on References				
				\$ 290.55
Committee on Editorial Revision				
				\$ 459.18
Stenotype .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stenographic Help (Extra)	\$ 356.56	.....	.....	.....
Bonds and Insurance and Photostats .....	.....	.....	.....	379.10
Rental of Equipment .....	.....	.....	.....	58.40
Cartage and Express .....	.....	.....	.....	105.07
Miscellaneous	(237.96)	.....	.....	13.25
Bank Charges .....	.....	.....	.....	100.83
Undesignated Expense .....	.....	.....	.....	992.58
Discipline Account	137.00	.....	.....	.....
Committee on Structure of Methodism Overseas .....	.....	.....	.....	3,596.58
Legal Expense .....	.....	.....	.....	135.00
	<u>\$ 255.60</u>	.....	.....	<u>\$ 5,380.81</u>
Total	<u>\$ 56,810.37</u>	<u>\$ 21,904.60</u>	<u>\$ 6,844.11</u>	<u>\$266,084.84</u>
Total Expenses (6-1-1952 through 5-31-1956)				<u>\$351,643.92</u>

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OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
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	Brought Forward May 31, 1952 Deficit Credit *	Annual Apportion- ment Quadrrennium 1952-56	Total Paid June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	Total Paid June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	Total Paid June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Total Paid June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Deficit Credit *
Whole Church	\$ 7,978.65*	\$409,543.00	\$398,208.23	\$420,917.14	\$409,427.87	\$384,971.29	\$ 16,668.82
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$ 1,894.10*	\$ 87,524.00	\$ 86,890.72	\$ 89,768.70	\$ 87,442.30	\$ 85,671.98	\$ 1,571.80*
Boston Area.....	1,255.62	8,053.00	8,930.55	7,553.13	8,600.68	8,490.83	107.57*
Maine.....	1,013.51	1,463.00	1,583.96	1,477.61	2,010.61	1,793.26	
New England.....	20.26*	3,567.00	3,545.86	3,567.88	3,567.00	3,594.00	27.00*
New England Southern	384.90	2,141.00	2,974.59	1,692.31	2,141.00	2,141.00	
New Hampshire.....	122.53*	882.00	826.14	815.33	882.00	962.57	80.57*
New York Area.....	1,881.65	19,053.00	20,476.66	20,554.95	19,059.50	16,684.53	1,318.01
Newark.....	1,050.46*	5,019.00	5,076.79	4,961.21	5,019.00	3,968.54	
New York.....		3,955.00	3,955.00	3,955.00	3,955.00	2,637.00	1,318.00
New York East.....	2,932.11	6,399.00	7,612.50	8,111.11	6,405.50	6,399.00	
Troy.....		3,680.00	3,832.37	3,527.63	3,680.00	3,679.99	.01
Philadelphia Area....	2,424.51*	16,776.00	17,475.37	18,153.60	14,836.12	13,512.40	702.00
New Jersey.....	612.51*	5,320.00	5,733.37	6,697.60	5,019.12	3,942.40	
Philadelphia.....		7,644.00	7,644.00	7,644.00	7,644.00	6,880.00	764.00
Puerto Rico Provisional	103.00	85.00	250.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	62.00*
Wyoming.....	1,915.00*	3,727.00	3,848.00	3,727.00	2,813.00	2,605.00	
Pittsburgh Area.....	2,223.75	16,812.00	17,326.24	17,834.12	17,524.03	18,410.13	1,622.77*
Eric.....	1,536.66	3,596.00	3,707.72	4,000.46	3,908.88	4,637.12	333.52*
Pittsburgh.....	356.67*	6,234.00	5,949.09	6,227.93	6,086.03	6,345.89	29.61*
West Virginia.....	1,043.76	6,982.00	7,669.43	7,605.73	7,529.12	7,427.12	1,259.64*
Syracuse Area.....	611.37	9,404.00	9,833.21	9,212.00	9,350.00	10,216.50	384.34*
Central New York....	392.75	3,199.00	3,661.00	3,066.00	3,137.00	3,921.00	596.25*
Genesee.....	132.88*	4,251.00	4,247.00	4,357.00	4,251.00	4,175.00	158.88*
Northern New York...	351.50	1,954.00	1,925.21	1,789.00	1,962.00	2,120.50	370.79
Washington Area.....	5,441.98*	17,426.00	12,848.69	16,460.90	18,071.97	18,357.59	1,477.13*
Baltimore.....	30.50	8,430.00	8,430.00	7,430.00	9,460.50	9,421.29	991.29*
Central Pennsylvania..	5,462.48*	5,249.00	387.69	5,283.90	5,158.47	5,189.30	485.84*
Peninsula.....	10.00*	3,747.00	4,031.00	3,747.00	3,453.00	3,747.00	
Southeastern Jurisdiction	\$ 5,696.85	\$100,754.00	\$ 95,688.46	\$101,929.77	\$100,909.86	\$ 88,521.22	\$ 21,663.54
Atlanta Area.....	455.51	13,071.00	12,940.58	13,212.83	13,071.00	12,951.00	564.10
North Georgia.....	465.52	7,558.00	7,437.59	7,699.83	7,558.00	7,438.00	564.10
South Georgia.....	10.01*	5,513.00	5,502.99	5,513.00	5,513.00	5,513.00	
Birmingham Area....		11,641.00	9,413.19	12,134.71	12,351.42	10,884.86	1,779.82
Alabama.....		4,137.00	3,906.97	4,462.54	5,200.89	2,977.60	
North Alabama.....		7,504.00	5,506.22	7,672.17	7,150.53	7,907.26	1,779.82
Charlotte Area.....	679.81	17,762.00	18,514.00	16,269.00	17,680.00	17,484.00	1,780.81
South Carolina.....	679.81	7,248.00	8,000.00	5,755.00	7,166.00	6,970.00	1,780.81
Western North Carolina		10,514.00	10,514.00	10,514.00	10,514.00	10,514.00	
Jackson Area.....	707.76	6,596.00	6,402.92	6,948.82	6,416.62	6,540.32	783.08
Mississippi.....	397.36	3,825.00	3,744.66	4,226.57	3,716.89	3,955.59	53.65
North Mississippi.....	310.40	2,771.00	2,658.26	2,722.25	2,699.73	2,584.73	729.43
Jacksonville Area....	557.84*	8,118.00	8,256.60	8,281.55	8,261.08	8,301.84	1,186.91*
Cuba.....	557.89*		138.60	163.55	143.08	183.84	1,186.96*
Florida.....	.05	8,118.00	8,118.00	8,118.00	8,118.00	8,118.00	.05
Louisville Area.....	540.16	12,625.00	10,234.86	12,860.53	13,072.06	12,809.72	2,062.99
Kentucky.....	38.57	3,659.00	2,410.75	3,659.00	3,659.00	3,659.00	1,286.82
Louisville.....	501.59	3,973.00	2,795.05	4,245.49	4,419.16	4,157.72	776.17
Memphis.....		4,993.00	5,029.06	4,956.04	4,993.90	4,993.00	
Nashville Area.....	2,432.17	11,699.00	12,152.25	10,854.79	10,815.68	10,584.04	4,821.41
Holston.....	771.60	7,700.00	7,700.00	6,390.54	6,802.23	6,903.29	3,775.54
Tennessee.....	1,660.57	3,999.00	4,452.25	4,464.25	4,013.45	3,680.75	1,045.87
Richmond Area.....	1,439.28	19,242.00	17,774.06	21,367.54	19,242.00	8,965.44	11,058.24
North Carolina.....	698.78	5,896.00	4,961.08	5,470.22	5,896.00	5,051.24	2,904.24
Virginia.....	740.50	13,346.00	12,812.98	15,897.32	13,346.00	3,914.20	8,154.00

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	Brought Forward May 31, 1952	Annual Apportion- ment Quadrennium 1952-56	Total Paid June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	Total Paid June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	Total Paid June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Total Paid June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Deficit Credit *
Central Jurisdiction...	\$ 5,346.82	\$ 10,003.00	\$ 8,461.07	\$ 9,060.63	\$ 10,824.04	\$ 10,351.88	\$ 6,661.20
ATLANTIC COAST AREA...	1,420.07	1,813.00	3,039.07	1,681.89	2,111.00	2,205.00	364.89*
Central Alabama.....	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	584.00	292.00*
Florida.....	35.00	273.00	214.00	41.89	571.00	373.00	72.89*
Georgia.....		399.00	399.00	399.00	399.00	399.00	.....
South Carolina.....	1,385.07	849.00	2,134.07	949.00	849.00	849.00	.....
BALTIMORE AREA.....	3,144.00	3,907.00	2,636.00	3,177.99	3,610.29	3,310.00	6,037.72
Delaware.....	1,378.00	1,649.00	1,124.00	1,254.00	1,416.00	1,380.00	2,800.00
East Tennessee.....		281.00	.....	158.99	76.29	.....	888.72
North Carolina.....	1,766.00	465.00	.....	365.00	494.00	418.00	2,349.00
Washington.....		1,512.00	1,512.00	1,400.00	1,624.00	1,512.00	.....
NEW ORLEANS AREA.....	175.00	1,219.00	407.00	1,585.00	1,528.00	1,152.38	378.62
Louisiana.....	39.00*	561.00	.....	1,083.00	561.00	509.02	51.98
Mississippi.....	214.00	407.00	407.00	.....	753.00	407.00	275.00
Upper Mississippi.....		251.00	.....	502.00	214.00	236.36	51.64
NEW ORLEANS AREA.....	530.00	1,091.00	1,089.00	1,060.00	1,091.00	1,654.00	.....
Texas.....	561.00	596.00	594.00	596.00	596.00	1,159.00	.....
West Texas.....	31.00*	495.00	495.00	464.00	495.00	495.00	.....
SAINT LOUIS AREA.....	77.75	1,973.00	1,290.00	1,555.75	2,483.75	2,030.50	609.75
Central West.....		382.00	274.00	294.00	242.50	717.50	.....
Lexington.....		1,223.00	955.00	981.75	2,241.25	913.00	199.00*
Southwest.....	77.25	153.00	61.00	65.00	.....	.....	563.25
Tennessee.....	.50	215.00	.....	215.00	.....	400.00	245.50
North Central Jurisdiction.....	\$ 13,487.28*	\$101,928.00	\$ 99,777.98	\$109,223.62	\$ 99,933.78	\$ 86,723.41	\$ 1,434.07*
CHICAGO AREA.....	468.00*	22,334.00	22,114.00	22,730.00	21,961.00	22,169.00	106.00*
Illinois.....		8,896.00	8,896.00	8,896.00	8,896.00	8,896.00	.....
Rock River.....	468.00*	9,473.00	9,253.00	9,869.00	9,100.00	9,308.00	106.00*
Southern Illinois.....		3,965.00	3,965.00	3,965.00	3,965.00	3,965.00	.....
DAKOTAS AREA.....	859.00*	3,004.00	2,102.69	3,783.31	1,614.00	4,000.63	343.63*
North Dakota.....	859.00	1,159.00	1,306.00	890.00	422.00	1,581.00	422.00*
South Dakota.....		1,845.00	796.69	2,893.31	1,192.00	2,419.63	78.37
DES MOINES AREA.....	485.78	12,044.00	10,800.86	16,125.78	15,099.93	6,805.00	169.79*
Iowa-Des Moines.....	485.78	5,528.00	6,154.67	7,739.97	8,583.93	289.00	169.79*
North Iowa.....		6,516.00	4,646.19	8,385.81	6,516.00	6,516.00	.....
DETROIT AREA.....	4,919.96*	13,904.00	14,928.61	16,169.41	12,077.48	13,088.70	5,568.16*
Detroit.....	4,993.15*	8,725.00	10,216.80	10,923.50	6,802.85	7,130.05	5,166.35*
Michigan.....	73.19	5,179.00	4,711.81	5,245.91	5,274.63	5,958.65	401.81*
INDIANA AREA.....	.12*	15,063.00	15,161.43	15,474.12	15,199.46	15,218.90	802.03*
Indiana.....	.12*	5,828.00	5,828.00	5,828.00	5,828.00	5,827.88	.....
North Indiana.....		5,567.00	5,414.45	5,719.55	5,567.00	5,567.00	.....
Northwest Indiana.....		3,668.00	3,918.98	3,926.57	3,804.46	3,824.02	802.03*
MINNESOTA AREA.....	1,073.40*	6,065.00	6,441.00	6,111.00	6,268.00	4,617.00	250.40*
Minnesota.....	1,073.40*	6,065.00	6,441.00	6,111.00	6,268.00	4,617.00	250.40*
OHIO AREA.....	5,843.20*	24,270.00	23,424.12	24,000.82	22,162.91	15,825.13	5,823.82
North-East Ohio.....	834.56*	10,827.00	7,410.70	11,113.55	12,392.05	9,475.97	2,081.17
Ohio.....	5,008.64*	13,443.00	16,013.42	12,887.27	9,770.86	6,349.16	3,742.65
WISCONSIN AREA.....	809.38*	5,244.00	4,805.27	4,829.18	5,551.00	4,999.05	17.88*
West Wisconsin.....	809.38*	1,965.00	1,526.27	1,682.18	2,140.00	1,720.05	17.88*
Wisconsin.....		3,279.00	3,279.00	3,147.00	3,411.00	3,279.00	.....
South Central Jurisdiction.....	\$ 787.22	\$ 79,207.00	\$ 75,960.59	\$ 80,479.97	\$ 79,973.55	\$ 81,196.65	\$ 4.46
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA.....	924.49	11,756.00	12,043.64	11,204.83	12,286.14	12,413.88	.....
Little Rock.....	1,294.73	3,062.00	3,719.88	2,570.00	3,532.97	3,719.88	.....
Louisiana.....	370.24*	5,499.00	5,128.76	5,499.00	5,499.00	5,499.00	
North Arkansas.....		3,195.00	3,195.00	3,135.83	3,254.17	3,195.00	

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DALLAS-FORT WORTH							
Area.....	137.27*	17,420.00	16,654.14	18,198.64	17,463.77	17,254.81	28.63*
Central Texas.....		5,223.00	4,453.68	5,992.32	5,223.00	5,223.00	
North Texas.....		6,211.00	6,211.00	6,239.63	6,211.00	6,211.00	28.63*
Northwest Texas.....	137.27*	5,986.00	5,989.46	5,966.69	6,029.77	5,820.81	
HOUSTON-SAN ANTONIO							
Area.....		15,056.00	16,056.00	13,607.00	15,505.00	15,056.00	
Rio Grande.....		307.00	307.00	307.00	307.00	307.00	
Southwest Texas.....		5,449.00	6,449.00	4,000.00	5,898.00	5,449.00	
Texas.....		9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00	9,300.00	
KANSAS AREA		9,193.00	9,193.00	9,193.00	9,193.00	9,193.00	
Central Kansas.....		5,862.00	5,862.00	5,862.00	5,862.00	5,862.00	
Kansas.....		3,331.00	3,331.00	3,331.00	3,331.00	3,331.00	
MISSOURI AREA		10,413.00	8,317.80	10,480.79	10,137.54	12,715.87	
Missouri.....		2,883.00	1,550.01	2,864.00	2,792.52	4,325.47	
St. Louis.....		3,939.00	3,176.79	4,025.79	3,754.02	4,799.40	
Southwest Missouri.....		3,591.00	3,591.00	3,591.00	3,591.00	3,591.00	
NEBRASKA AREA		4,715.00	4,291.00	4,856.00	4,856.00	4,856.00	1.00
Nebraska.....		4,715.00	4,291.00	4,856.00	4,856.00	4,856.00	1.00
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO							
Area.....		10,654.00	9,405.01	12,939.71	10,532.10	9,707.09	32.09
Oklahoma.....		8,309.00	7,121.01	9,596.99	8,209.00	8,309.00	
Indian Mission.....		61.00		92.72	39.10	80.09	32.09
New Mexico.....		2,284.00	2,284.00	3,250.00	2,284.00	1,318.00	
Western Jurisdiction	\$ 1,085.67	\$ 30,127.00	\$ 31,090.96	\$ 29,587.04	\$ 29,527.08	\$ 31,333.36	\$ 55.23
DENVER AREA	760.12	4,501.00	5,508.11	4,224.59	3,945.44	5,176.08	90.10*
Colorado.....	97.17	2,883.00	2,970.00	2,863.75	2,327.44	3,558.08	90.10*
Montana.....	662.95	1,128.00	2,048.11	870.84	1,128.00	1,128.00	
Wyoming State.....		490.00	490.00	490.00	490.00	490.00	
LOS ANGELES AREA	147.55	11,790.00	12,095.85	11,436.45	11,806.64	11,785.28	183.33
Hawaii Mission.....		275.00			275.00	275.00	550.00
Latin American							
Provisional.....	21.46*	130.00	110.94	50.27	176.87	125.28	35.18
Southern Calif.-Arizona	169.01	11,385.00	11,984.91	11,386.18	11,354.77	11,385.00	401.85*
PORTLAND AREA	172.00	7,434.00	7,123.00	7,529.00	7,365.00	7,889.00	2.00
Alaska Mission.....	172.00	67.00	106.00	14.00	75.00	245.00	
Idaho.....		764.00	764.00	764.00	764.00	762.00	2.00
Oregon.....		2,535.00	2,185.00	2,683.00	2,458.00	2,814.00	
Pacific Northwest.....		4,068.00	4,068.00	4,068.00	4,068.00	4,068.00	
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	6.00	6,402.00	6,364.00	6,397.00	6,410.00	6,483.00	40.00*
California-Nevada.....		6,096.00	6,096.00	6,096.00	6,096.00	6,096.00	
Pacific Japanese							
Provisional.....	6.00	306.00	268.00	301.00	314.00	387.00	40.00*
MISCELLANEOUS	5,513.83*		338.45	867.41	817.26	1,172.79	8,709.74*
RECAPITULATION							
Northeastern							
Jurisdiction.....	\$ 1,894.10*	\$ 87,524.00	\$ 86,890.72	\$ 89,768.70	\$ 87,442.30	\$ 85,671.98	\$ 1,571.80*
Southeastern							
Jurisdiction.....	5,696.85	100,754.00	95,688.46	101,929.77	100,909.86	88,521.22	21,663.54
Central Jurisdiction.....	5,346.82	10,003.00	8,461.07	9,060.63	10,824.04	10,351.88	6,661.20
North Central							
Jurisdiction.....	13,487.28*	101,928.00	99,777.98	109,223.62	99,933.78	86,723.41	1,434.07*
South Central							
Jurisdiction.....	787.22	79,207.00	75,960.59	80,479.97	79,973.55	81,196.65	4.46*
Western Jurisdiction.....	1,085.67	30,127.00	31,090.96	29,587.04	29,527.08	31,333.36	55.23
Miscellaneous.....	5,513.83*		338.45	867.41	817.26	1,172.79	8,709.74
WHOLE CHURCH	\$ 7,978.65*	\$409,543.00	\$398,208.23	\$420,917.14	\$409,427.87	\$384,971.29	\$ 16,668.82

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND RECEIPTS
OVERSEAS CONFERENCES PAYING
ON ADMINISTRATION FUND**

JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

Conference	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956
SOUTHERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE				
Bombay Area				
Bombay		\$ 18.87	\$ 39.00	.....
Gujarat .....		.....	20.57	\$ 39.87
Delhi Area				
Delhi	\$ 47.06	.....	103.66	33.93
Indus River	59.00	.....	.....	.....
North India	60.63	3.39	54.92	160.23
Hyderabad Area				
Central Prvinces	16.96	.....	17.88	.....
Hyderabad	23.23	21.18	.....	22.48
South India	51.93	.....	13.73	41.40
LATIN AMERICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE				
Santiago Area				
Peru Provisional		40.00	.....	.....
CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL CONFERENCE				
Geneva Area .....		.....	.....	560.00
AFRICA PROVISIONAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE				
Elisabethville Area				
Angola		363.81	.....	.....
Central Congo	56.20	86.38	102.98	101.44
Rhodesia			206.07	42.37
Southeast Africa Provisional	23.44	28.48	18.45	21.07
Southern Congo Provisional		127.25	.....	.....
SOUTHEASTERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE				
Monrovia Area				
Liberia		178.05	148.00	150.00
Singapore Area				
Burma .....		.....	92.00	.....
TOTAL	\$338.45	\$867.41	\$817.26	\$1,172.79

**INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CO-OPERATION FUND
RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES AND EXPENSES**

JUNE 1, 1952 THROUGH MAY 31, 1956

	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
RECEIPTS				
From Conferences (Through 740 Rush)	\$273,571.12	\$317,899.53	\$320,651.94	\$319,836.63
From Churches and Conferences direct to National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.	6,678.38	3,266.00	4,019.72	5,327.40
From Churches and Conferences direct to World Council of Churches	1,159.63	1,550.80	1,446.14	1,354.65
Total Gross Receipts	<u>\$281,409.13</u>	<u>\$322,716.33</u>	<u>\$326,117.80</u>	<u>\$326,518.68</u>
EXPENSES OF CENTRAL TREASURY				
Travel	\$ 14.56	\$ 88.40		
Printing	1,620.02	403.90	\$ 212.68	\$ 281.67
Postage	571.05	81.90	44.36	50.10
Mailing Costs	296.77	72.57	43.12	62.90
Share of Central Treasury Expenses	2,771.54	3,870.42	4,181.43	4,298.47
Audit		150.00	350.00	250.00
Miscellaneous Expense			5.64	9.88
Bank Exchange and Messenger Service	2.71	8.50	12.23	16.08
Telephone and Telegraph	7.88			8.98
Insurance	5.30	8.50	5.92	
Freight and Express	3.64			
	<u>\$ 5,293.47</u>	<u>\$ 4,684.19</u>	<u>\$ 4,855.38</u>	<u>\$ 4,978.08</u>
EXPENSES OF CENTRAL PROMOTION OFFICE				
Travel		\$ 33.81		
Printing		582.69	280.62	\$ 22.50
Postage			67.50	
Art Work			28.25	5.09
Share of General Promotion Office	3,346.29	3,990.74	4,713.07	6,486.11
	<u>\$ 3,346.29</u>	<u>\$ 4,607.24</u>	<u>\$ 5,089.44</u>	<u>\$ 6,513.70</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 8,639.76</u>	<u>\$ 9,291.43</u>	<u>\$ 9,944.82</u>	<u>\$ 11,491.78</u>
Balance	<u>\$272,769.37</u>	<u>\$313,424.90</u>	<u>\$316,172.98</u>	<u>\$315,026.90</u>
ALLOCATIONS TO COUNCILS				
National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. from receipts at 740 Rush and direct by N. C. C.	\$192,262.79	\$219,554.12	\$221,479.18	\$220,676.33
World Council of Churches received through 740 Rush Street and direct by W. C. C.	80,506.58	93,870.78	94,693.80	94,350.57
Total Allocation	<u>\$272,769.37</u>	<u>\$313,424.90</u>	<u>\$316,172.98</u>	<u>\$315,026.90</u>

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**ALLOCATIONS AND PAYMENTS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL
INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND**

JUNE 1, 1952 THROUGH MAY 31, 1956

	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Balance on Hand		\$ 86,230.64	\$ 83,488.07	\$ 91,545.12
ALLOCATION OF RECEIPTS (June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1956)				
A. Regular Administrative Work 60.00%	\$115,183.37	131,732.46	132,887.52	132,405.79
B. Radio and Film Commission 25.00%	47,993.07	54,888.54	55,369.78	55,169.10
C. Travel Expense of General Board. 2.50%	4,799.31	5,488.85	5,536.99	5,516.90
D. Reserve to meet Special Emergencies 12.50%	23,996.54	27,444.27	27,684.89	27,584.54
		\$219,554.12	\$221,479.18	\$220,676.33
	\$191,972.29	\$305,784.76	\$304,967.25	\$312,221.45
PAID ON ALLOCATION (June 1, 1952 Through May 31, 1956)				
Fund A—Regular Administrative Work	\$ 79,995.03	\$127,968.40	\$121,268.53	\$116,080.45
(Direct Receipts)	6,387.88	3,266.00	4,019.72	5,327.40
Fund B—Radio and Film Commission	14,276.80	72,569.07	48,202.43	43,935.18
(Travel Expense for Members)	1,010.54	2,522.48	4,476.19	2,928.02
Fund C—(Travel Expense of General Board) ..	4,071.40	3,694.61	4,305.26	5,606.73
Fund D—Reserve to Meet Emergencies		12,276.13	31,150.00	45,000.00
	\$105,741.65	\$222,296.69	\$213,422.13	\$218,877.78
Balance	\$ 86,230.64	\$ 83,488.07	\$ 91,545.12	\$ 93,343.67
BALANCE AVAILABLE ON ALLOCATION				
A. Regular Administrative Work	\$ 28,800.46	\$ 29,298.52	\$ 36,897.79	\$ 47,895.73
B. Radio and Film Commission	32,705.73	12,502.72	15,193.88	23,499.78
C. Travel Expense of Board Members	727.91	2,522.15	3,753.88	3,664.05
D. Reserve to Meet Special Emergencies	23,996.54	39,164.68	35,699.57	18,284.11
Total	\$ 86,230.64	\$ 83,488.07	\$ 91,545.12	\$ 93,343.67

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**ALLOCATIONS AND PAYMENTS TO WORLD COUNCIL
INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND**

JUNE 1, 1952 THROUGH MAY 31, 1956

	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Balance on Hand		\$ 24,921.58	\$ 24,357.92	\$ 20,976.12
ALLOCATION OF RECEIPTS (June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1956)				
A. Regular Administrative Work 94.15%	\$ 75,796.95	88,379.35	89,154.21	88,831.06
B. Expenses of Executive Committee and Travel to Meetings of WCC 5.85%	4,709.63	5,491.43	5,539.59	5,519.51
		<u>\$ 93,870.78</u>	<u>\$ 94,693.80</u>	<u>\$ 94,350.57</u>
	\$ 80,506.58	\$ 118,792.36	\$ 119,051.72	\$ 115,326.69
PAID ON ALLOCATION (June 1, 1952 Through May 31, 1956)				
Fund A—Regular Administrative Work	\$ 53,575.37	\$ 83,532.58	\$ 91,089.87	\$ 89,036.51
Direct Receipts	1,159.63	1,550.80	1,446.14	1,354.65
Fund B—Travel of General Board	850.00	9,351.06	5,539.59	1,400.00
	<u>\$ 55,585.00</u>	<u>\$ 94,434.44</u>	<u>\$ 98,075.60</u>	<u>\$ 91,791.16</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 24,921.58</u>	<u>\$ 24,357.92</u>	<u>\$ 20,976.12</u>	<u>\$ 23,535.53</u>
BALANCE AVAILABLE OF ALLOCATION				
A. Regular Administrative Work	\$ 21,061.95	\$ 24,357.92	\$ 20,976.12	\$ 19,416.02
B. Expenses and Travel of General Board	3,859.63			4,119.51
Total	<u>\$ 24,921.58</u>	<u>\$ 24,357.92</u>	<u>\$ 20,976.12</u>	<u>\$ 23,535.53</u>
BALANCE IN RESERVE				
World Council of Churches			\$ 17,880.80	\$ 13,433.93
(Transferred from Fund B)				

**INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND
TRANSMITTALS FROM PARTICIPATING
BOARDS AND AGENCIES**

JUNE 1, 1952 THROUGH MAY 31, 1956

	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
TRANSMITTALS				
Woman's Division of Christian Service				
(Foreign)	\$ 68,196.70	\$113,727.75	\$134,392.	\$ 56,086.00
Woman's Division of Christian Service (Home)	31,146.59	.....	18,130.00	18,377.93
Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions	14,379.00	6,293.00	6,293.00	6,293.00
Division of Christian Education	10,867.00	14 184.00	17,107.00	12,331.00
Board of Missions (World)	125,886.75	125,225.53	126,884.36	180,045.17
Board of Missions (National)	17,242.50	23,078.00	16,547.40	17,784.00
Methodist Publishing House	22,000.00	11,000.00	16,500.00	16,500.00
Methodist Commission on Overseas Relief	199,220.00	384,768.47	355,472.29	447,972.30
Board of Hospitals and Homes	250.00	250.00	.....	.....
	<u>\$489,188.54</u>	<u>\$678,526.75</u>	<u>\$691,326.05</u>	<u>\$755,389.40</u>
		<i>Amount Contributed</i>		

ALLOCATION OF FUND

Major Unit

I. General Administration W. D. C. S.— Foreign				
II. Division of Christian Education				
A. Commission on General Christian Education				
Board of Education	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 8,650.00	\$ 7,800.00
Methodist Publishing House	22,000.00	11,000.00	16,500.00	16,500.00
	<u>\$ 28,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,150.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,300.00</u>
B. Commission on Christian Higher Education				
Board of Education	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
C. Joint Commission on Missionary Education				
Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions	14,379.00	4,793.00	4,793.00	4,793.00
Woman's Division of Christian Service (Foreign)	3,844.00	6,437.00	6,437.00	6,437.00
Board of Education	367.00	367.00	367.00	367.00
	<u>\$ 18,590.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,597.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,597.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,597.00</u>
III. Division of Christian Life and Work				
Woman's Division of Christian Service (Home)	\$ 28,442.24	\$ 16,762.75	.....	\$ 125.00
Board of Education	500.00	750.00	.....	201.00
Board of Hospitals and Homes	250.00	250.00	.....	.....
Joint Section of Stewardship and Benevolence .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	<u>\$ 29,192.24</u>	<u>\$ 17,762.75</u>	.....	<u>\$ 326.00</u>
IV. Division of Foreign Missions				
Woman's Division	\$ 38,721.95	\$ 61,045.00	\$ 35,116.00	
Joint Section of Education and Cultivation		375.00	88,339.00	\$ 45,149.00

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	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Board of World Missions	125,871.70	125,225.53	126,884.36	180,045.17
	\$164,593.70	\$186,645.53	\$250,339.36	\$225,194.17
V. Division of Home Missions				
Woman's Division	\$ 13,335.10	\$ 18,708.00	\$ 18,130.00	\$ 9,058.00
Division of National Missions	7,419.16	6,410.50	6,369.90	22,978.93
	\$ 20,754.26	\$ 25,118.50	\$ 24,499.90	\$ 32,036.93
VII. General Department of United Church Women				
Woman's Division of Christian Service (Foreign)	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,637.00		\$ 250.00
VIII. Other Major Units				
A. Broadcasting and Film Commission				
Woman's Division of Christian Service (Foreign)	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 11,338.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
(Home)	2,250.00			
	\$ 14,000.00			
B. Church World Service				
Board of Missions (Home)	\$ 102.50			
Overseas Relief	144,220.00	356,768.47	269,672.29	\$347,972.30
	\$144,322.50			
C. Bureau of Church Buildings and Architecture				
Board of Missions (Home)	\$ 3,333.34	9,967.50	10,177.50	\$ 4,000.00
D. Washington Office Woman's Division of Christian Service (Foreign)	500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
E. Miscellaneous				
Payment on Appropriation (Woman's Division of Christian Service Foreign)			2,500.00	2,500.00
Payment on Appropriation (Board of Education)		1,867.00	4,090.00	3,963.00
Far Eastern Joint Office (Overseas Relief)		23,000.00	45,800.00	25,000.00
Board of Missions (Home)	6,387.50			75,000.00
		\$ 24,867.00	\$ 52,390.00	\$106,463.00
F. World Student Christian Federation (Overseas Relief)		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	
G. Inter-Mission Aid of International Missionary Council (Overseas Relief)	55,000.00	4,500.00	39,000.00	
World Council of Churches	15.00			
Total	\$489,188.54	\$678,526.75	\$691,326.05	\$755,389.40

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND RECEIPTS

JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Annual Apportion- ment
Whole Church	\$281,409.13	\$322,716.33	\$326,117.80	\$326,518.68	\$327,634.00
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$ 69,325.32	\$ 70,678.19	\$ 71,832.00	72,590.91 —1,358.95†	70,019.00
BOSTON AREA	5,808.68	6,121.22	6,333.34	7,881.95	6,443.00
Maine	294.76	1,023.98	1,238.15	1,171.00	1,171.00
New England	2,856.69	2,918.47	2,843.19	2,889.00	2,854.00
New England Southern	1,952.23	1,473.77	1,723.00	1,733.00	1,713.00
New Hampshire	705.00	705.00	529.00	730.00†	705.00
NEW YORK AREA	15,821.48	15,927.29	17,054.41	16,157.78	15,242.00
Newark	4,183.33	4,123.67	4,317.52	4,330.00	4,015.00
New York	3,234.00	3,159.00	3,751.00	3,047.00	3,164.00
New York East	5,126.99	5,312.78	5,241.22	5,259.78	5,119.00
Troy	3,277.16	3,331.84	3,744.67	3,521.00	2,944.00
PHILADELPHIA AREA	12,272.80	12,648.50	13,045.82	13,551.50	13,421.00
New Jersey	4,256.00	4,256.00	4,256.00	4,256.00	4,256.00
Philadelphia	4,989.80	5,317.50	5,714.82	6,220.50	6,115.00
Puerto Rico Provisional		68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00
Wyoming	3,027.00	3,007.00	3,007.00	3,007.00	2,982.00
PITTSBURGH AREA	13,711.80	13,704.48	13,598.39	13,784.85	13,449.00
Erie	3,019.41	2,931.69	2,860.67	3,017.81	2,877.00
Pittsburgh	5,153.44	5,113.68	5,165.92	5,182.04	4,987.00
West Virginia	5,538.95	5,659.11	5,571.80	5,585.00	5,585.00
SYRACUSE AREA	7,532.20	7,659.50	7,681.50	7,084.00	7,524.00
Central New York	2,752.20	2,558.50	2,661.25	2,539.00	2,559.00
Genesee	3,323.00	3,585.00	3,401.00	2,953.00	3,401.00
Northern New York	1,457.00	1,516.00	1,619.25	1,592.00	1,564.00
WASHINGTON AREA	14,178.36	14,617.20	14,118.54	14,130.83	13,940.00
Baltimore	6,777.26	6,924.00	7,041.80	6,919.00	6,744.00
Central Pennsylvania	4,404.10	4,696.20	4,079.74	4,214.83	4,199.00
Peninsula	2,997.00	2,997.00	2,997.00	2,997.00	2,997.00
Southeastern Jurisdiction	\$ 55,932.24	\$ 78,240.83	\$ 79,515.73	\$ 77,874.62	\$ 80,603.00
ATLANTA AREA	10,332.60	10,583.40	10,458.00	10,612.00	10,457.00
North Georgia	5,921.60	6,172.40	6,047.00	6,201.00	6,046.00
South Georgia	4,411.00	4,411.00	4,411.00	4,411.00	4,411.00
BIRMINGHAM AREA	6,053.68	9,456.66	9,783.53	9,634.61	9,312.00
Alabama	2,334.62	3,319.11	4,038.31	3,309.00	3,309.00
North Alabama	3,719.06	6,137.55	5,745.22	6,325.61	6,003.00
CHARLOTTE AREA	3,371.71	16,335.13	14,863.58	14,712.94	14,210.00
South Carolina	1,156.00	6,509.00	5,857.00	5,576.40	5,799.00
Western North Carolina	2,215.71	9,826.13	9,006.58	9,136.54	8,411.00
JACKSON AREA	4,008.10	4,678.39	5,095.56	4,924.38	5,277.00
Mississippi	2,395.22	2,807.52	3,198.24	3,004.44	3,060.00
North Mississippi	1,612.88	1,870.87	1,897.32	1,919.94	2,217.00
JACKSONVILLE AREA	6,586.17	6,561.18	6,561.71	6,564.22	6,494.00
Cuba		48.18	52.71	70.22	
Florida	6,586.17	6,513.00	6,509.00	6,494.00	6,494.00

† Excludes \$1,358.95 which should have been credited to World Service Receipts. To be corrected in subsequent year.

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND RECEIPTS— Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Annual Apportion- ment
LOUISVILLE AREA	6,401.06	8,031.00	8,471.85	8,119.31	10,101.00
Kentucky	480.00	570.83	600.50	621.74	2,927.00
Louisville	2,000.10	3,454.76	3,794.74	3,416.57	3,179.00
Memphis	3,920.96	4,005.41	4,076.61	4,081.00	3,995.00
NASHVILLE AREA	8,197.71	8,923.84	8,762.79	8,304.78	9,359.00
Holston	6,166.00	5,312.94	5,398.06	5,468.20	6,160.00
Tennessee	2,031.71	3,610.90	3,364.73	2,836.58	3,199.00
RICHMOND AREA	10,981.21	13,671.23	15,518.71	15,002.38	15,393.00
North Carolina	2,040.21	4,384.91	4,717.00	4,041.38	4,717.00
Virginia	8,941.00	9,286.32	10,801.71	10,961.00	10,676.00
Central Jurisdiction	\$ 4,125.78	\$ 6,158.53	\$ 6,148.16	\$ 5,503.35	\$ 8,002.00
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	1,188.33	1,535.95	1,218.00	1,499.84	1,450.00
Central Alabama	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	233.00
Florida	148.33	256.08	88.00	326.84	219.00
Georgia	261.00	300.87	251.00	294.00	319.00
South Carolina	579.00	779.00	679.00	679.00	679.00
BALTIMORE AREA	1,234.45	1,720.58	1,797.91	1,476.00	3,127.00
Delaware	552.00	729.00	643.00	400.00	1,320.00
East Tennessee		118.58	63.91		225.00
North Carolina				110.00	372.00
Washington	682.45	873.00	1,091.00	966.00	1,210.00
NEW ORLEANS AREA		850.00	1,223.25	881.01	975.00
Louisiana		448.00	448.00	412.16	448.00
Mississippi			603.00	277.00	326.00
Upper Mississippi		402.00	172.25	191.85	201.00
NEW ORLEANS AREA	803.00	873.00	873.00	873.00	873.00
Texas	407.00	477.00	477.00	477.00	477.00
West Texas	396.00	396.00	396.00	396.00	396.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	900.00	1,179.00	1,036.00	773.50	1,577.00
Central West	165.00	206.00	166.00	200.00	305.00
Lexington	680.00	760.00	870.00	401.50	978.00
Southwest	55.00	41.00			122.00
Tennessee		172.00		172.00	172.00
North Central Jurisdiction	\$ 67,928.88	\$ 81,823.15	\$ 81,697.12	\$ 84,381.72	\$ 81,542.00
CHICAGO AREA	17,076.00	18,469.00	17,493.00	17,746.00	7,867.00
Illinois	7,252.00	7,307.00	7,363.00	7,267.00	7,117.00
Rock River	6,652.00	7,990.00	6,958.00	7,307.00	7,578.00
Southern Illinois	3,172.00	3,172.00	3,172.00	3,172.00	3,172.00
DAKOTAS AREA	1,440.64	3,541.36	1,937.00	4,068.34	2,403.00
North Dakota	1,043.00	962.00	887.00	2,054.00	927.00
South Dakota	397.64	2,579.36	1,050.00	2,014.34	1,476.00
DES MOINES AREA	8,142.12	11,348.61	10,585.02	10,973.34	9,635.00
Iowa-Des Moines	2,929.12	6,130.61	5,322.02	5,879.70	4,422.00
North Iowa	5,213.00	5,218.00	5,263.00	5,093.64	5,213.00

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND RECEIPTS— Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Annual Apportion- ment
DETROIT AREA	7,379.35	8,297.96	8,974.23	9,397.75	11,123.00
Detroit	6,331.82	7,070.64	7,739.81	8,160.74	6,980.00
Michigan	1,047.53	1,227.32	1,234.42	1,237.01	4,143.00
INDIANA AREA	12,092.41	12,418.04	12,110.92	12,151.33	12,051.00
Indiana	4,632.00	4,602.00	4,697.00	4,667.00	4,662.00
North Indiana	4,342.41	4,595.59	4,454.00	4,456.00	4,454.00
Northwest Indiana	3,118.00	3,220.45	2,959.92	3,028.33	2,935.00
MINNESOTA AREA	4,994.00	4,867.00	4,980.00	5,419.00	4,852.00
Minnesota	4,994.00	4,867.00	4,980.00	5,419.00	4,852.00
OHIO AREA	13,041.36	18,756.18	21,331.58	20,132.60	19,416.00
North-East Ohio	5,588.05	9,418.10	10,456.96	8,028.84	8,661.00
Ohio	7,453.31	9,338.08	10,874.62	12,103.76	10,755.00
WISCONSIN AREA	3,763.00	4,125.00	4,285.37	4,493.36	4,195.00
West Wisconsin	1,592.00	1,592.00	1,433.89	1,765.11	1,572.00
Wisconsin	2,171.00	2,533.00	2,851.48	2,728.25	2,623.00
South Central Jurisdiction	\$ 57,037.26	\$ 63,912.18	\$ 64,824.42	\$ 62,921.32	\$ 63,366.00
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	8,379.49	9,873.30	9,675.77	9,468.80	9,404.00
Little Rock	1,424.49	2,942.95	2,483.37	2,448.80	2,449.00
Louisiana	4,399.00	4,424.00	4,561.75	4,464.00	4,399.00
North Arkansas	2,556.00	2,506.35	2,630.65	2,556.00	2,556.00
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	13,423.45	14,585.84	14,056.02	13,936.00	13,936.00
Central Texas	3,612.68	4,793.32	4,178.00	4,178.00	4,178.00
North Texas	5,019.00	5,019.00	5,029.00	4,969.00	4,969.00
Northwest Texas	4,791.77	4,773.52	4,849.02	4,789.00	4,789.00
HOUSTON-SAN ANTONIO AREA	10,183.22	10,366.61	12,859.62	9,865.59	12,044.00
Rio Grande	245.00	245.00	245.00	245.00	245.00
Southwest Texas	3,385.69	3,000.00	5,476.66	2,487.00	4,359.00
Texas	6,552.53	7,121.61	7,137.96	7,133.59	7,440.00
KANSAS AREA	7,395.00	7,450.00	7,425.00	7,379.00	7,355.00
Central Kansas	4,700.00	4,740.00	4,690.00	4,630.00	4,690.00
Kansas	2,695.00	2,710.00	2,735.00	2,749.00	2,665.00
MISSOURI AREA	5,928.74	8,448.81	8,107.25	9,909.63	8,331.00
Missouri	1,149.15	2,250.21	2,068.01	3,820.63	2,307.00
St. Louis	1,896.59	3,320.60	3,081.24	3,181.00	3,151.00
Southwest Missouri	2,883.00	2,878.00	2,958.00	2,908.00	2,873.00
NEBRASKA AREA	3,716.35	3,801.60	3,974.91	3,772.00	3,772.00
Nebraska	3,716.35	3,801.60	3,974.91	3,772.00	3,772.00
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	8,011.01	9,386.02	8,725.85	8,590.30	3,524.00
Oklahoma	6,184.01	7,572.99	6,708.50	6,775.25	6,648.00
Indian Mission		101.33	68.55	59.85	49.00
New Mexico	1,827.00	1,711.70	1,048.80	1,755.20	1,827.00
Western Jurisdiction	\$ 21,635.04	\$ 21,903.45	\$ 22,100.37	\$ 23,246.76	\$ 24,102.00
DENVER AREA	3,478.98	3,694.37	3,184.46	4,125.43	3,600.00

**INTER-DENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND RECEIPTS—
Continued**

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956	Annual Apportion- ment
Colorado	2,169.78	2,304.58	1,890.46	2,831.43	2,306.00
Montana	907.20	997.79	902.00	902.00	902.00
Wyoming State	402.00	392.00	392.00	392.00	392.00
LOS ANGELES AREA	7,189.81	7,084.58	7,677.66	7,869.33	9,433.00
Hawaii Mission			220.00	220.00	220.00
Latin American Provisional	88.87	40.26	141.66	99.69	104.00
Southern California-Arizona	7,100.94	7,044.32	7,316.00	7,549.64	9,109.00
PORTLAND AREA	5,850.25	5,859.50	6,118.25	5,950.00	5,947.00
Alaska Mission	53.00	11.00	53.00	53.00	53.00
Idaho	636.00	611.00	626.00	614.00	611.00
Oregon	1,811.25	1,982.50	2,174.25	2,028.00	2,028.00
Pacific Northwest	3,350.00	3,255.00	3,265.00	3,255.00	3,255.00
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	5,116.00	5,265.00	5,120.00	5,302.00	5,122.00
California-Nevada	4,907.00	5,012.00	4,877.00	5,039.00	4,877.00
Pacific Japanese Provisional	209.00	253.00	243.00	263.00	245.00
MISCELLANEOUS	5,424.61	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATEMENT
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Receipts				
By Central Treasury	\$2,007,256.62	\$1,835,410.99	\$2,014,053.35	\$2,303,697.32
Division of World Missions	1,168,974.61	1,323,897.71	1,769,129.66	2,089,512.94
Division of National Missions	211,211.40	166,270.09	334,245.62	362,196.55
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief ..	163,316.26	244,832.72	172,993.57	343,918.52
	<u>\$3,550,758.89</u>	<u>\$3,570,411.51</u>	<u>\$4,290,422.20</u>	<u>\$5,099,325.33</u>
Disbursements				
Division of World Missions				
Received Direct	\$1,168,974.61	\$1,323,897.71	\$1,769,129.66	\$2,089,512.94
Designated through Central Treasury ...	1,685,546.67	1,546,933.19	1,706,803.80	1,815,578.79
	<u>\$2,854,521.28</u>	<u>\$2,870,830.90</u>	<u>\$3,475,933.46</u>	<u>\$3,905,091.73</u>
Division of National Missions				
Received Direct	\$ 211,211.40	\$ 166,270.09	\$ 334,245.62	\$ 362,196.55
Designated through Central Treasury ...	425,117.60	128,407.89	182,149.53	358,080.96
	<u>\$ 636,329.00</u>	<u>\$ 294,677.98</u>	<u>\$ 516,395.15</u>	<u>\$ 720,277.51</u>
Overseas Relief				
Received Direct	\$ 163,316.26	\$ 244,832.72	\$ 172,993.57	\$ 343,918.52
Designated through Central Treasury ...	221,316.67	161,464.04	146,118.70	130,037.57
	<u>\$ 384,632.93</u>	<u>\$ 406,296.76</u>	<u>\$ 319,112.27</u>	<u>\$ 473,956.09</u>
Total Distributed	\$3,875,483.21	\$3,571,805.64	\$4,311,440.88	\$5,099,325.33
Undistributed amount for month of				
May, 1953 and 1954	\$ 22,412.81	\$ 21,018.68		
Undistributed	(347,137.13)*	(22,412.81)*	(21,018.68)*	
	<u>(\$ 324,724.32)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,394.13)</u>	<u>(21,018.68)</u>	
Total	<u>\$3,550,758.89</u>	<u>\$3,570,411.51</u>	<u>\$4,290,422.20</u>	

(Credit)

* This amount is the undistributed figure carried over from previous fiscal year.

GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS FUND RECEIPTS
JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$578,141.61	\$495,613.52	\$ 614,292.71	\$ 736,529.97*
BOSTON AREA	41,810.39	46,335.05	48,261.58	54,083.34*
Maine	9,942.84	9,795.20	10,117.83	9,932.10
New England	20,301.70	20,093.94	26,399.90	28,177.68*
New England Southern	9,252.15	10,747.65	10,067.93	11,420.31*
New Hampshire	2,313.70	5,698.26	1,675.92	4,553.25*
NEW YORK AREA	78,799.87	109,092.47	121,894.59	127,688.83*
Newark	16,836.29	26,776.81	33,019.73	43,142.22*
New York	14,002.43	21,490.97	25,520.73	21,114.06
New York East	31,606.47	45,964.52	44,473.97	39,894.55
Troy	16,354.68	14,860.17	18,880.16	23,538.00*
PHILADELPHIA AREA	109,769.15	78,743.85	105,755.27	133,939.26*
New Jersey	44,348.21	29,552.87	33,201.04	40,307.21*
Philadelphia	49,007.91	34,503.80	53,917.68	57,095.81*
Puerto Rico Provisional	55.00		25.00	
Wyoming	16,358.03	14,687.18	18,611.55	36,536.24*
PITTSBURGH AREA	167,245.58	82,269.11	101,251.07	156,735.13*
Erie	35,124.83	31,591.27	32,664.73	52,196.58*
Pittsburgh	106,991.23	35,755.61	29,614.62	61,766.70*
West Virginia	25,129.52	14,922.23	38,971.72	42,771.85*
SYRACUSE AREA	80,414.34	69,668.47	85,473.93	103,811.30*
Central New York	27,195.83	36,651.14	30,018.18	32,510.57*
Genesee	45,502.35	25,347.37	46,590.56	57,112.15*
Northern New York	7,716.16	7,649.96	8,865.19	14,188.58*
WASHINGTON AREA	100,102.28	109,504.57	151,656.27	160,272.11*
Baltimore	38,215.41	48,703.33	81,101.36	74,222.50
Central Pennsylvania	35,272.88	37,397.98	41,452.95	42,795.22*
Peninsula	26,613.99	23,403.26	29,101.96	43,254.39*
Southeastern Jurisdiction	\$972,989.56	\$930,288.42	\$1,202,848.14	\$1,427,450.18*
ATLANTA AREA	99,527.05	116,866.74	156,178.61	197,198.49*
North Georgia	64,989.72	71,700.06	92,997.36	122,445.97*
South Georgia	34,537.33	45,166.68	63,181.25	74,752.52*
BIRMINGHAM AREA	55,294.13	60,075.63	81,621.06	96,576.22*
Alabama	18,220.34	23,903.22	38,643.30	41,561.43*
North Alabama	37,073.79	36,172.41	42,977.76	55,014.79*
CHARLOTTE AREA	185,780.19	167,217.31	230,157.47	245,699.55*
South Carolina	63,861.50	66,454.83	91,178.24	105,601.31*
Western North Carolina	121,918.69	100,762.48	138,979.23	140,098.24*
JACKSON AREA	38,752.74	50,799.13	47,116.24	44,312.83
Mississippi	29,948.07	27,432.89	26,061.28	22,954.10
North Mississippi	8,804.67	23,366.24	21,054.96	21,358.73*

* Indicates increase over previous year.

GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS FUND RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
	May 31, 1953	May 31, 1954	May 31, 1955	May 31, 1956
JACKSONVILLE AREA	133,444.37	151,256.99	191,539.69	302,870.85*
Cuba	47.54	40.00	204.70	414.89*
Florida	133,396.83	151,216.99	191,334.99	302,455.96*
LOUISVILLE AREA	139,463.14	101,805.40	116,031.76	130,427.80*
Kentucky	32,512.88	26,281.55	27,987.65	29,119.55*
Louisville	43,852.86	28,797.55	28,011.20	28,883.39*
Memphis	63,097.40	46,726.30	60,032.91	72,424.86*
NASHVILLE AREA	110,361.64	96,978.93	133,016.01	142,199.64*
Holston	62,193.34	57,683.09	86,974.27	93,738.88*
Tennessee	48,168.30	39,295.84	46,041.74	48,460.76*
RICHMOND AREA	210,366.30	185,288.29	247,187.30	268,164.80*
North Carolina	34,082.30	43,693.07	52,970.82	45,350.34
Virginia	176,284.00	141,595.22	194,216.48	222,814.46*
Central Jurisdiction	\$ 4,619.67	\$ 4,871.58	\$ 10,093.30	\$ 8,013.04
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	927.10	220.44	138.00	765.40*
Central Alabama	4.10	7.16	.....	150.00*
Florida	247.00	150.00	83.00	293.40*
Georgia .....	.....	63.28	45.50	172.00*
South Carolina	676.00	.....	9.50	150.00*
BALTIMORE AREA	1,665.00	591.64	3,302.81	2,002.33
Delaware	105.00	405.00	2,004.50	510.00
East Tennessee	50.00	10.00	10.00	16.00*
North Carolina	1,510.00	.....	2.61	97.00*
Washington .....	.....	176.64	1,285.70	1,379.33*
NEW ORLEANS AREA .....	.....	2,158.50	5,459.74	3,227.00
Louisiana .....	.....	525.00	2,430.42	1,483.00
Mississippi .....	.....	631.00	2,130.00	1,200.00
Upper Mississippi .....	.....	1,002.50	899.32	544.00
NEW ORLEANS AREA	444.07	770.50	839.75	762.52
Texas	48.07	570.50	725.75	752.00*
West Texas	396.00	200.00	114.00	10.52
SAINT LOUIS AREA	1,583.50	1,130.50	353.00	1,255.79*
Central West	484.50	74.78	10.00	1,148.59*
Lexington	1,024.00	1,055.72	169.00	91.20
Southwest	17.00	.....	174.00	10.00
Tennessee	58.00	.....	.....	6.00*
North Central Jurisdiction	\$ 970,065.52	\$ 1,049,036.27	\$ 1,170,708.88	\$ 1,248,403.60*
CHICAGO AREA	120,248.00	116,537.16	154,226.25	180,065.25*
Illinois	40,327.63	24,570.05	44,124.18	51,040.04*
Rock River	33,738.18	46,110.61	69,231.30	75,702.26*
Southern Illinois	46,182.19	45,856.50	40,870.77	53,322.95*
DAKOTAS AREA	15,473.69	19,483.45	25,582.21	34,961.89*

* Indicates increase over previous year.

GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS FUND RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1 to May 31, 1956
	May 31, 1953	May 31, 1954	May 31, 1955	May 31, 1956
North Dakota	7,912.90	10,572.49	9,001.73	16,497.85
South Dakota	7,560.79	8,910.96	16,580.48	18,926.73
DES MOINES AREA	150,826.50	164,897.91	148,433.38	145,185.85
Iowa-Des Moines	81,221.07	82,090.27	76,867.40	72,473.73
North Iowa	69,605.43	82,807.64	71,565.98	72,112.12
DETROIT AREA	101,044.36	113,237.17	130,753.36	147,563.56*
Detroit	62,725.68	70,153.06	80,381.05	88,998.98*
Michigan	38,318.68	43,084.11	50,372.31	58,564.58*
INDIANA AREA	207,467.65	248,712.22	292,822.46	320,189.89*
Indiana	88,862.71	97,434.63	135,939.94	129,154.54
North Indiana	86,178.48	115,219.96	111,573.69	141,583.83*
Northwest Indiana	32,426.46	36,057.63	45,308.83	49,512.52*
MINNESOTA AREA	68,396.72	57,311.04	100,794.20	84,674.67*
Minnesota	68,396.72	57,311.04	100,794.20	84,674.67*
OHIO AREA	256,233.87	279,751.64	268,762.78	282,330.30*
North-East Ohio	130,194.17	118,562.59	134,157.25	141,362.73*
Ohio	126,039.70	161,189.05	134,605.53	141,468.48*
WISCONSIN AREA	50,374.73	49,105.68	49,334.24	53,912.91*
West Wisconsin	27,122.01	25,361.19	23,765.22	30,070.70*
Wisconsin	23,252.72	23,744.49	25,569.02	22,842.84
South Central Jurisdiction	\$ 692,681.70	\$ 709,342.61	\$ 808,067.52	\$ 979,520.20*
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	72,754.84	85,445.93	114,647.58	122,893.83*
Little Rock	17,187.57	24,336.61	43,098.83	47,248.83*
Louisiana	40,842.20	43,789.76	50,811.04	52,108.83*
North Arkansas	14,725.07	17,319.56	20,737.71	22,537.20*
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	163,166.35	189,732.51	185,469.33	249,683.63*
Central Texas	38,034.09	35,379.81	45,109.30	51,976.97*
North Texas	70,367.99	77,928.06	69,135.25	114,937.37*
Northwest Texas	54,764.27	76,424.64	71,224.78	84,770.70*
HOUSTON-SAN ANTONIO AREA	122,058.03	112,618.90	179,789.79	247,897.89*
Rio Grande	2,290.51	1,120.63	745.27	700.70
Southwest Texas	27,139.66	29,368.05	88,168.68	107,736.68*
Texas	92,627.86	82,130.22	90,875.84	140,461.61*
KANSAS AREA	119,724.64	95,341.53	84,901.57	100,593.59*
Central Kansas	79,682.56	61,466.33	55,848.04	65,327.27*
Kansas	40,042.08	33,875.20	29,053.53	35,266.32*
MISSOURI AREA	78,660.88	70,114.31	74,288.13	78,409.74*
Missouri	23,150.48	22,384.74	24,414.17	29,445.45*
St. Louis	33,175.99	34,813.86	34,972.67	31,392.21
Southwest Missouri	22,334.41	12,915.71	14,901.29	18,571.51*

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GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS FUND RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
NEBRASKA AREA	40,478.24	38,815.24	37,730.56	48,437.57*
Nebraska	40,478.24	38,815.24	37,730.56	48,437.57*
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	95,838.72	117,274.19	131,240.56	132,206.00*
Oklahoma	83,618.64	97,218.47	110,488.92	107,330.72
Indian Mission			3.00	25.40*
New Mexico	12,220.08	20,055.72	20,748.64	24,849.88*
Western Jurisdiction	\$ 287,652.98	\$ 257,796.12	\$ 294,811.27	\$ 330,273.71*
DELAWARE AREA	38,265.95	31,855.57	27,477.54	45,886.47*
Colorado	22,275.64	18,552.62	14,356.73	28,599.05*
Montana	9,659.51	7,793.75	6,675.81	11,245.24*
Wyoming State	6,330.80	5,509.20	6,445.00	6,042.18
LOS ANGELES AREA	167,503.47	128,944.74	143,674.05	134,915.64
Hawaii Mission	2,622.14	473.73	5,432.37	2,798.53
Indian American Provisional	271.84	259.78	40.48	25.00
Southern Calif.-Arizona	164,609.49	128,211.23	138,201.20	132,092.11
PACIFIC AREA	40,649.47	47,008.25	55,339.99	74,430.70*
Alaska Mission	503.65	1,155.57	574.00	620.00*
Hawaii	2,105.13	3,186.79	3,743.42	10,733.45*
Hawaii	18,723.48	16,775.05	20,722.42	22,952.16*
Pacific Northwest	19,317.21	25,890.84	30,300.15	40,125.09*
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	41,234.09	49,987.56	68,319.69	75,040.90*
California-Nevada	39,965.74	49,178.01	66,626.37	73,654.90*
Pacific Japanese Provisional	1,268.35	809.55	1,693.32	1,386.00
MISCELLANEOUS	44,547.85	123,462.99	189,600.38	368,759.63*
RECAPITULATION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction	578,141.61	495,613.52	614,292.71	736,529.97*
Southeastern Jurisdiction	972,989.56	930,288.42	1,202,848.14	1,427,450.18*
Central Jurisdiction	4,619.67	4,871.58	10,093.30	8,013.04
North Central Jurisdiction	970,065.52	1,049,036.27	1,170,708.88	1,248,403.60*
South Central Jurisdiction	692,681.70	709,342.61	808,067.52	979,895.20*
Western Jurisdiction	287,652.98	257,796.12	294,811.27	330,273.71*
Miscellaneous	44,547.85	123,462.99	189,600.38	368,759.63*
WORLD CHURCH	\$3,550,698.89	\$3,570,411.51	\$4,290,422.20	\$5,099,325.33*

* Indicates increase over previous year.

WEEK OF DEDICATION
JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Receipts				
Balance on Hand as of June 1	\$	\$169,511.11	\$235,993.26	\$164,392.55
Receipts from Conference 6-1-52 to 5-31-56	607,680.81	682,686.93	691,695.26	673,692.01
Total	<u>\$607,680.81</u>	<u>\$852,198.04</u>	<u>\$927,688.52</u>	<u>\$838,084.56</u>
Travel	\$ 1,153.33	\$ 1,283.07	\$ 1,608.35	\$ 772.96
Printing	29,567.82	27,111.19	21,445.69	31,278.73
Postage	15,191.23	11,251.06	8,693.92	12,370.82
Mailing Costs and Labor	3,755.86	6,780.34	5,329.87	12,222.48
Freight and Express	15.40	938.95	624.70	318.52
Art Work		2,140.84	1,499.13	1,182.91
Advertising	538.74	1,446.63	672.62	1,506.28
Editorial Contributions		225.00	150.00	50.00
Telephone and Telegraph	91.56	69.91	79.57	158.71
Contingent Fund	83.28	1,770.05	961.82	164.75
Supplies (Envelopes, etc.)	1,664.32	6,005.15	7,438.74	6,681.46
Audit		200.00	200.00	100.00
Share—General Promotional Expense	6,917.32	8,680.76	9,977.91	13,375.49
Films				5,025.81
Total	<u>\$ 58,978.86</u>	<u>\$ 67,902.95</u>	<u>\$ 58,682.32</u>	<u>\$ 85,208.92</u>
PAID ON DISTRIBUTION				
Crusade for Scholarship Fund	\$	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Board of World Missions	208,554.96	235,418.68	299,514.62	249,563.98
Board of National Missions	113,757.26	134,490.55	181,384.10	149,738.38
Overseas Relief	56,878.62	78,392.60	123,714.93	99,825.60
Total	<u>\$379,190.84</u>	<u>\$548,301.83</u>	<u>\$704,613.65</u>	<u>\$599,127.96</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$438,169.70</u>	<u>\$616,204.78</u>	<u>\$763,295.97</u>	<u>\$684,336.88</u>
DUE ON DISTRIBUTION				
Board of World Missions	\$ 93,231.11	\$115,204.42	\$ 82,196.28	\$ 76,873.85
Board of National Missions	50,853.33	70,797.98	49,317.76	46,124.30
Overseas Relief	25,426.67	49,990.86	32,878.51	30,749.53
Balance	<u>\$169,511.11</u>	<u>\$235,993.26</u>	<u>\$164,392.55</u>	<u>\$153,747.68</u>

WEEK OF DEDICATION FUND RECEIPTS
JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$122,884.82	\$125,908.17	\$123,318.64	\$118,014.20
BOSTON AREA	9,347.81	10,037.20	9,049.42	9,275.15*
Maine	1,520.91	1,714.34	1,789.95	1,797.81*
New England	4,920.10	5,268.43	4,535.71	4,881.72*
New England Southern	2,291.73	2,257.52	2,334.06	1,812.05
New Hampshire	615.07	796.91	389.70	783.57*
NEW YORK AREA	30,200.03	30,752.74	26,627.39	23,507.89
Newark	11,312.44	10,254.62	9,686.25	9,637.78
New York	5,188.33	6,288.14	4,562.51	440.21
New York East	8,359.68	8,488.11	7,485.13	8,274.39*
Troy	5,339.58	5,721.87	4,893.50	5,155.51*
PHILADELPHIA AREA	20,354.31	18,081.79	21,539.64	18,753.31
New Jersey	6,542.91	5,120.68	6,264.44	5,033.60
Philadelphia	8,153.90	7,392.93	9,466.56	8,301.71
Puerto Rico Provisional	176.50	95.18	75.64	120.00*
Wyoming	5,481.00	5,473.00	5,733.00	5,298.00
PITTSBURGH AREA	34,371.87	35,420.54	34,754.25	37,127.68*
Erie	9,830.02	9,712.40	10,865.77	10,771.02
Pittsburgh	12,490.70	14,047.55	12,357.29	13,222.18*
West Virginia	12,051.15	11,660.59	11,531.19	13,134.48*
SYRACUSE AREA	13,121.54	13,676.15	12,894.36	9,970.67
Central New York	4,045.09	4,829.24	4,421.96	2,027.00
Genesee	6,576.00	6,293.94	6,075.00	5,873.00
Northern New York	2,500.45	2,552.97	2,397.40	2,070.67
WASHINGTON AREA	15,489.26	17,939.75	18,453.58	19,379.50*
Baltimore	5,242.62	5,927.40	6,868.03	7,682.54*
Central Pennsylvania	5,688.90	6,971.74	7,151.04	6,931.16
Peninsula	4,557.74	5,040.61	4,434.51	4,765.80*
Southeastern Jurisdiction	\$235,909.19	\$202,484.05	\$200,370.00	\$191,270.09
ATLANTA AREA	18,395.92	19,298.76	15,195.70	18,744.08*
North Georgia	10,286.10	12,345.42	9,319.60	10,568.97*
South Georgia	8,109.82	6,953.34	5,876.10	8,175.11*
BIRMINGHAM AREA	8,865.12	11,375.20	17,747.11	7,657.70
Alabama	117.16	4,658.72	10,071.54	877.39
North Alabama	8,747.96	6,716.48	7,675.57	6,780.31
CHARLOTTE AREA	44,179.73	48,882.16	44,971.23	43,182.66
South Carolina	14,468.65	19,013.35	15,067.31	12,426.74
Western North Carolina	29,711.08	29,868.81	29,903.92	30,755.92*
JACKSON AREA	64,434.08	40,869.52	39,884.16	46,251.74*
Mississippi	42,834.84	24,407.07	28,727.03	33,416.91*
North Mississippi	21,599.24	16,462.45	11,157.13	12,834.83*

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WEEK OF DEDICATION FUND RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
JACKSONVILLE AREA	19,699.79	20,990.45	22,321.98	21,261.82
Cuba	202.14	201.60	213.53	290.15*
Florida	19,497.65	20,788.85	22,108.45	20,971.67
LOUISVILLE AREA	18,693.00	15,547.64	15,468.57	13,986.13
Kentucky	7,227.36	4,627.32	4,105.67	2,289.30
Louisville	4,098.45	4,505.68	4,796.20	5,165.43*
Memphis	7,367.19	6,414.64	6,566.70	6,531.40
NASHVILLE AREA	39,863.91	23,711.75	22,792.37	22,365.46
Holston	32,093.43	17,117.14	15,233.86	15,305.01*
Tennessee	7,770.48	6,594.61	7,558.51	7,060.45
RICHMOND AREA	21,777.64	21,808.57	21,988.88	17,820.50
North Carolina	8,191.72	8,602.38	9,261.79	6,630.23
Virginia	13,585.92	13,206.19	12,727.09	11,190.27
Central Jurisdiction	6,151.05	6,044.58	7,366.46	6,780.16
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	730.00	707.63	875.32	333.82
Central Alabama		100.00	100.00	
Florida	120.00	89.00	119.00	82.00
Georgia	132.00	69.38	88.82	251.82*
South Carolina	478.00	449.25	567.50	
BALTIMORE AREA	1,762.05	2,184.90	2,091.17	2,367.26*
Delaware	862.00	905.00	1,077.00	1,000.00
East Tennessee		524.90	312.55	
North Carolina			201.62	93.10
Washington	900.05	755.00	500.00	1,274.16*
NEW ORLEANS AREA	738.00		1,377.70	788.42
Louisiana			500.00	516.00*
Mississippi	738.00			
Upper Mississippi			877.70	272.42
NEW ORLEANS AREA	2,200.00	1,235.25	1,438.75	1,459.00*
Texas	1,100.00	935.25	1,113.75	1,100.00
West Texas	1,100.00	300.00	325.00	359.00*
SAINT LOUIS AREA	721.00	1,916.80	1,583.52	1,831.66*
Central West		782.10	466.52	474.96*
Lexington	632.00	1,028.70	998.00	999.70*
Southwest	89.00	106.00		107.00*
Tennessee			119.00	250.00*
North Central Jurisdiction	\$139,872.70	\$143,231.72	\$152,991.70	\$146,708.18
CHICAGO AREA	30,975.24	25,957.14	28,207.16	27,240.29
Illinois	12,786.30	12,285.68	11,262.45	11,769.54*
Rock River	12,808.15	7,217.73	11,578.00	10,085.76
Southern Illinois	5,380.79	6,453.73	5,366.71	5,384.99*

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WEEK OF DEDICATION FUND RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1954	June 1, 1955
	to May 31, 1953	to May 31, 1954	to May 31, 1955	to May 31, 1956
DAKOTAS AREA	4,355.87	4,676.70	2,895.00	5,276.34*
North Dakota	1,549.50	1,788.00	895.00	1,863.00*
South Dakota	2,806.37	2,888.70	2,000.00	3,413.34*
DES MOINES AREA	20,336.23	21,052.51	22,008.98	21,264.53
Iowa-Des Moines	9,635.31	8,326.65	9,390.35	9,177.55
North Iowa	10,700.92	12,725.86	12,618.63	12,086.98
DETROIT AREA	12,683.16	13,591.94	14,435.76	16,280.30*
Detroit	8,561.48	8,871.07	9,739.36	10,852.71*
Michigan	4,121.68	4,720.87	4,696.40	5,427.59*
INDIANA AREA	16,138.85	15,500.67	16,166.98	17,437.67*
Indiana	7,931.00	7,749.00	8,121.00	8,619.00*
North Indiana	5,546.00	6,085.00	6,000.00	6,547.00*
Northwest Indiana	2,661.85	1,666.67	2,045.98	2,271.67*
MINNESOTA AREA	7,109.00	6,203.00	7,940.00	11,920.00*
Minnesota	7,109.00	6,203.00	7,940.00	11,920.00*
OHIO AREA	41,533.62	50,981.89	54,118.54	39,541.59
North-East Ohio	20,793.64	28,203.57	32,305.37	19,069.06
Ohio	20,739.98	22,778.32	21,813.17	20,472.53
WISCONSIN AREA	6,740.73	5,267.87	7,219.28	7,747.46*
West Wisconsin	3,184.17	2,025.58	3,235.00	3,145.66
Wisconsin	3,556.56	3,242.29	3,984.28	4,601.80*
South Central Jurisdiction	\$178,044.58	\$164,399.77	\$169,483.18	\$167,919.76
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	27,741.08	29,140.29	29,236.00	27,194.94
Little Rock	10,392.83	9,986.95	12,111.19	10,180.13
Louisiana	12,239.81	13,754.71	11,638.40	11,649.08*
North Arkansas	5,108.44	5,398.63	5,486.41	5,365.73
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	31,449.74	18,660.63	24,267.80	26,278.69*
Central Texas	9,423.28	866.68	7,445.24	8,844.27*
North Texas	10,982.61	8,593.80	7,544.45	8,583.94*
Northwest Texas	11,043.85	9,200.15	9,278.11	8,850.48
HOUSTON-SAN ANTONIO AREA	17,799.72	15,151.00	18,814.31	25,103.71*
Rio Grande	1,648.05	912.63	1,821.37	2,253.42*
Southwest Texas	2,209.34	7,131.09	9,149.47	15,072.11*
Texas	13,942.33	7,107.28	7,843.47	7,778.18
KANSAS AREA	33,689.35	28,915.48	29,111.08	25,427.69
Central Kansas	25,589.30	21,078.48	21,992.08	18,425.69
Kansas	8,100.05	7,837.00	7,119.00	7,002.00
MISSOURI AREA	30,567.28	35,389.64	30,869.42	34,471.01*
Missouri	7,277.55	9,577.40	8,060.20	9,142.68*
St. Louis	15,828.39	13,464.48	12,775.93	13,503.53*
Southwest Missouri	7,461.34	12,347.76	10,033.29	11,824.80*

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WEEK OF DEDICATION FUND RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
NEBRASKA AREA	8,256.29	7,910.79	8,080.87	8,472.10*
Nebraska	8,256.69	7,910.79	8,080.87	8,472.10*
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	28,541.12	29,231.94	29,103.70	20,971.62
Oklahoma	21,020.89	21,684.63	21,855.17	14,287.54
Indian Mission	278.61	120.00	168.83	112.30
New Mexico	7,241.62	7,427.31	7,079.70	6,571.78
Western Jurisdiction	33,697.66	40,616.64	38,165.28	42,999.62*
DENVER AREA	5,642.33	7,130.33	6,464.79	7,448.69*
Colorado	3,025.38	3,895.44	3,493.20	4,816.89*
Montana	1,746.58	2,144.49	1,974.75	1,765.61
Wyoming State	870.37	1,090.40	996.84	866.19
LOS ANGELES AREA	8,752.03	6,550.40	7,303.99	7,461.52*
Hawaii Mission	766.42	30.60	475.32	353.34
Latin American Provisional	143.43	.....	176.48	138.10
Southern California-Arizona	7,842.18	6,519.80	6,652.19	6,970.08*
PORTLAND AREA	9,997.70	15,781.62	13,928.47	16,305.21*
Alaska Mission	614.00	201.00	948.00	920.00
Idaho	1,271.28	2,000.59	1,807.80	1,425.55
Oregon	3,618.59	5,596.01	3,953.73	5,930.22*
Pacific Northwest	4,493.83	7,984.02	7,218.94	8,029.44*
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	9,305.60	11,154.29	10,468.03	11,784.20*
California-Nevada	8,338.37	9,491.12	8,887.70	9,227.81*
Pacific Japanese Provisional	967.23	1,663.17	1,580.33	2,556.39*
MISCELLANEOUS	59.83	2.00	.....	.....
RECAPITULATION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction	122,884.82	125,908.17	123,318.64	118,014.20
Southeastern Jurisdiction	235,909.19	202,484.05	200,370.00	191,270.09
Central Jurisdiction	6,151.05	6,044.58	7,366.46	6,780.16
North Central Jurisdiction	139,872.70	143,231.72	152,991.70	146,708.18
South Central Jurisdiction	178,044.58	164,399.77	169,483.18	167,919.76
Western Jurisdiction	33,697.66	40,616.64	38,165.28	42,999.62
Miscellaneous	59.83	2.00	.....	.....
WHOLE CHURCH	\$716,619.83	\$682,686.93	\$691,695.26	\$673,692.01

* Indicates increase over previous year.

**FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Receipts	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Balance on Hand		\$ 49,994.80	\$ 52,877.63	\$ 71,819.24	\$ 51,509.76
From Churches and Conferences 6-1-1952 to 5-31-1956		534,171.45	639,922.61	698,842.29	755,390.38
Total		\$584,166.25	\$692,800.24	\$770,661.53	\$806,900.14
Travel	\$	209.47	\$ 212.45	\$ 199.53	\$ 272.01
Printing		9,048.33	16,993.28	20,604.42	18,868.43
Postage		6,761.54	4,679.06	7,354.88	8,631.96
Mailing Costs and Labor		4,587.18	4,450.68	4,448.66	5,583.80
Freight and Express			265.32	238.02	191.87
Art Work		1,000.00	1,474.68	1,000.33	2,091.65
Advertising		292.30	547.06	649.08	675.63
Telephone and Telegraph		12.75	35.19	78.92	110.58
Contingent Fund		21.67	151.76	67.38	182.06
Supplies (Envelopes, etc.)		4,822.12	8,468.92	7,540.32	7,863.58
Audit		120.00	120.00	200.00	100.00
Share—General Promotional Expense		2,222.53	12,089.96	10,069.87	14,988.62
Filmstrip and Other Audio Visual Aids					3,778.50
Total	\$	29,097.89	\$ 49,488.36	\$ 52,451.41	\$ 63,338.69
PAID ON DISTRIBUTION					
Committee for Overseas Relief	\$	251,095.39	\$285,746.32	\$333,350.17	\$333,932.63
Methodist Commission on Camp Act.		125,547.67	142,873.16	166,675.90	166,966.28
Methodist Commission on Chaplains		125,547.67	142,873.16	166,675.10	166,966.28
Total		\$502,190.73	\$571,492.64	\$666,700.36	\$667,865.19
Total Disbursements		531,288.62	620,981.00	719,151.77	731,203.88
DUE ON DISTRIBUTION					
Committee for Overseas Relief	\$	26,438.81	\$ 35,909.62	\$ 25,754.88	\$ 37,848.14
Methodist Commission on Camp Act.		13,219.41	17,954.81	12,877.44	18,924.06
Methodist Commission on Chaplains		13,219.41	17,954.81	12,877.44	18,924.06
Balance	\$	52,877.63	\$ 71,819.24	\$ 51,509.76	\$ 75,696.26

FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING RECEIPTS
JUNE 1, 1952 TO MAY 31, 1956

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Whole Church	\$534,171.45	\$639,922.61	\$698,842.29	\$755,390.38
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$129,159.24	\$150,485.69	\$160,435.18	\$176,069.27
BOSTON AREA	10,791.61	11,298.81	12,363.33	13,652.18
Maine	1,737.58	1,622.36	1,906.40	2,297.33
New England	4,664.40	4,820.80	5,160.15	5,880.02
New England Southern	3,161.39	3,516.71	3,989.84	3,786.85
New Hampshire	1,228.24	1,338.94	1,306.94	1,687.98
NEW YORK AREA	25,803.20	30,708.98	33,830.70	36,726.67
Newark	7,339.35	9,151.85	9,225.98	11,212.98
New York	5,570.82	6,118.78	6,562.89	6,688.60
New York East	7,892.93	10,166.17	11,375.57	11,580.40
Troy	5,000.10	5,272.18	6,666.26	7,244.69
PHILADELPHIA AREA	25,235.64	28,989.35	29,468.16	31,006.29
New Jersey	6,575.22	7,417.11	8,029.60	8,223.25
Philadelphia	14,005.13	15,517.49	15,551.56	16,453.04
Puerto Rico Provisional	71.14	107.70		
Wyoming	4,584.15	5,947.05	5,887.00	6,330.00
PITTSBURGH AREA	25,953.20	32,900.54	34,469.05	40,826.12
Erie	7,802.58	9,191.95	9,531.24	12,449.16
Pittsburgh	8,436.19	10,430.86	11,533.46	14,090.79
West Virginia	9,714.43	13,277.73	13,404.35	14,286.17
SYRACUSE AREA	9,037.60	11,973.15	12,667.13	12,767.17
Central New York	3,091.64	4,116.31	3,979.28	3,723.45
Genesee	4,013.00	5,839.37	5,891.99	6,307.80
Northern New York	1,932.96	2,017.47	2,795.86	2,735.92
WASHINGTON AREA	32,337.99	34,614.86	37,636.81	41,090.84
Baltimore	17,207.63	17,192.55	19,039.37	21,931.92
Central Pennsylvania	9,285.89	10,829.30	11,940.98	12,197.72
Peninsula	5,844.47	6,593.01	6,656.46	6,961.20
Southeastern Jurisdiction	\$124,084.48	\$142,298.14	\$158,982.89	\$166,403.96
ATLANTA AREA	16,383.95	16,463.11	16,072.42	18,790.50
North Georgia	8,990.55	10,120.08	9,689.98	11,343.52
South Georgia	7,393.40	6,343.03	6,382.44	7,446.98
BIRMINGHAM AREA	6,331.07	12,714.93	14,809.43	11,789.42
Alabama	495.05	6,764.58	8,533.70	6,165.46
North Alabama	5,836.02	5,950.35	6,275.73	5,623.96
CHARLOTTE AREA	26,910.19	27,918.92	30,654.57	28,564.38
South Carolina	13,245.34	12,406.15	13,293.06	12,607.15
Western North Carolina	13,664.85	15,512.77	17,361.51	15,957.23
JACKSON AREA	9,885.31	11,751.14	13,667.81	14,591.96
Mississippi	4,897.00	5,805.67	6,567.34	8,131.49
North Mississippi	4,988.31	5,945.47	7,100.47	6,460.47

FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
JACKSONVILLE AREA	14,252.23	17,022.97	18,523.24	22,359.14
Cuba	4.55	123.48	43.93	72.12
Florida	14,247.68	16,899.49	18,479.31	22,287.02
LOUISVILLE AREA	10,610.47	8,392.91	14,121.48	13,739.40
Kentucky	2,939.08	1,410.00	6,132.09	5,088.42
Louisville	1,360.10	489.67	1,696.86	1,755.88
Memphis	6,311.29	6,493.24	6,292.53	6,895.10
NASHVILLE AREA	7,582.92	8,141.93	12,006.37	12,770.65
Holston	3,499.22	3,852.43	6,276.93	6,367.37
Tennessee	4,083.70	4,289.50	5,729.44	6,403.28
RICHMOND AREA	32,128.34	39,982.23	39,127.57	43,798.51
North Carolina	5,966.37	6,772.32	7,318.24	9,521.19
Virginia	26,161.97	33,119.91	31,809.33	34,277.32
Central Jurisdiction	\$ 4,289.96	\$ 6,595.58	\$ 6,545.71	\$ 6,904.57
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	1,271.27	976.99	804.47	549.78
Central Alabama	5.82	100.00	100.00	.....
Florida	226.00	129.00	21.00	144.00
Georgia	499.45	329.04	220.47	405.78
South Carolina	540.00	418.95	463.00	.....
BALTIMORE AREA	1,521.19	2,212.00	2,475.66	2,116.76
Delaware	8,889.40	1,072.00	1,155.00	900.00
East Tennessee	11.00	106.00	144.36	182.01
North Carolina	10.35	36.00	140.30	134.75
Washington	610.44	998.00	1,036.00	900.00
NEW ORLEANS AREA	8.00	842.31	1,085.29	864.65
Louisiana .....	.....	649.00	444.50	464.40
Mississippi	8.00	186.31	.....	.....
Upper Mississippi .....	.....	7.00	640.79	400.25
NEW ORLEANS AREA	528.50	864.00	516.58	598.78
Texas	317.50	754.00	402.00	219.78
West Texas	211.00	110.00	114.58	379.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	961.00	1,700.28	1,663.71	2,774.60
Central West	540.00	650.00	544.71	645.60
Lexington	396.00	928.05	875.00	1,829.00
Southwest	25.00	122.23	52.00	50.00
Tennessee .....	.....	.....	192.00	250.00
North Central Jurisdiction	\$143,002.59	\$171,934.97	\$191,429.14	\$205,544.68
CHICAGO AREA	28,486.20	33,130.41	36,459.53	40,371.51
Illinois	11,207.90	12,488.74	13,364.97	16,279.17
Rock River	8,330.01	11,364.71	13,610.93	13,861.83
Southern Illinois	8,948.29	9,276.96	9,483.63	10,230.51
DAKOTAS AREA	3,391.80	3,901.15	4,863.73	6,819.14
North Dakota	1,206.90	1,720.66	2,091.76	2,030.00
South Dakota	2,184.90	2,180.49	2,771.97	4,789.14

FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	June 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954	June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
DES MOINES AREA	16,702.27	20,264.38	23,588.30	25,579.10
Iowa-Des Moines	8,601.79	8,354.56	10,058.93	10,405.51
North Iowa	8,100.48	11,909.82	13,529.37	15,173.50
DETROIT AREA	16,685.65	20,899.05	22,221.38	24,888.83
Detroit	11,231.39	13,681.56	15,571.99	16,071.25
Michigan	5,454.26	7,217.49	6,649.39	8,817.58
INDIANA AREA	23,766.92	28,647.84	27,069.64	29,706.48
Indiana	10,126.74	11,464.35	11,108.51	11,167.05
North Indiana	7,859.50	10,765.00	9,723.60	11,505.50
Northwest Indiana	5,780.68	6,418.49	6,237.53	7,033.93
MINNESOTA AREA	10,260.12	9,623.00	13,088.00	16,031.00
Minnesota	10,260.12	9,623.00	13,088.00	16,031.00
OHIO AREA	35,472.50	46,735.08	52,246.52	50,380.04
North-East Ohio	16,060.23	21,876.03	25,826.82	21,660.72
Ohio	19,412.27	24,859.05	26,419.70	28,719.32
WISCONSIN AREA	8,237.13	8,734.06	11,892.04	11,768.58
West Wisconsin	4,210.83	5,081.44	5,001.35	5,052.30
Wisconsin	4,026.30	3,652.62	6,890.69	6,716.28
South Central Jurisdiction	\$ 96,122.96	\$119,854.58	\$123,652.34	\$139,827.10
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	18,963.93	19,250.77	23,594.75	27,144.23
Little Rock	4,876.94	5,668.32	6,991.07	8,692.73
Louisiana	8,338.64	8,308.53	10,785.64	11,594.91
North Arkansas	5,748.35	5,273.92	5,818.04	6,856.59
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	19,559.93	22,806.70	18,133.61	24,227.19
Central Texas	5,496.17	6,062.11	760.64	6,993.93
North Texas	5,481.46	6,681.63	6,952.80	7,921.39
Northwest Texas	8,582.30	10,062.96	10,420.17	9,311.87
HOUSTON-SAN ANTONIO AREA	14,098.14	23,055.95	21,567.64	25,678.78
Rio Grande	243.89	265.20	407.81	430.46
Southwest Texas	5,312.61	7,583.17	10,633.02	12,935.67
Texas	8,541.64	15,207.58	10,526.81	12,312.65
KANSAS AREA	13,763.28	16,087.00	19,240.15	18,029.17
Central Kansas	8,942.97	10,046.85	11,785.03	10,663.17
Kansas	4,820.31	6,040.15	7,455.12	7,366.00
MISSOURI AREA	9,159.82	12,434.06	12,909.14	15,772.30
Missouri	2,824.24	4,434.24	4,175.22	5,226.30
St. Louis	2,517.88	2,901.03	3,152.20	3,941.89
Southwest Missouri	3,817.70	5,098.79	5,581.72	6,604.11
NEBRASKA AREA	8,174.38	9,491.18	11,582.54	10,484.81
Nebraska	8,174.38	9,491.18	11,582.54	10,484.81
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	12,403.48	16,728.92	16,624.51	18,490.62
Oklahoma	7,426.47	11,775.57	11,530.86	13,072.67
Indian Mission	80.80	42.03	91.87	58.25
New Mexico	4,896.21	4,911.32	5,001.78	5,359.70

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FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING RECEIPTS—Continued

Areas and Conferences	June 1, 1952	June 1, 1953	June 1, 1954	June 1, 1955
	May 31, 1953	May 31, 1954	May 31, 1955	May 31, 1956
Western Jurisdiction	\$ 37,443.72	\$ 48,554.09	\$ 56,230.60	\$ 60,100.46
DENVER AREA	8,051.59	9,658.85	9,350.13	10,721.26
Colorado	4,472.72	5,728.22	5,452.04	6,996.79
Montana	2,434.29	2,862.88	2,491.18	2,411.09
Wyoming State	1,144.58	1,067.75	1,406.91	1,313.38
LOS ANGELES AREA	6,992.40	8,535.44	10,200.91	10,782.19
Hawaii Mission	218.87	208.41	582.50	288.29
Latin American Provisional	219.82		275.03	182.40
Southern California-Arizona	6,553.71	8,327.03	9,343.38	10,311.50
PORTLAND AREA	12,993.08	18,538.69	22,762.49	22,819.09
Alaska Mission	325.00	490.00	883.50	722.00
Idaho	1,108.44	1,511.61	1,968.00	2,151.10
Oregon	3,825.87	6,284.78	7,727.66	7,391.84
Pacific Northwest	7,733.77	10,252.30	12,183.33	12,554.15
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	9,406.65	11,821.11	13,917.07	15,777.92
California-Nevada	8,773.86	10,986.93	12,729.32	13,914.43
Pacific Japanese Provisional	632.79	834.18	1,187.75	1,863.49
MISCELLANEOUS	68.50	199.56	1,566.43	540.34

TELEVISION MINISTRY FUND

JUNE 1, 1954 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Expenses 6-1-1954 5-31-1955	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Balance on Hand June 1		\$ 45,440.25
Receipts from Conferences June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1956	\$165,202.83	187,644.65
Total		\$233,084.90
Travel	\$ 131.79	\$ 64.96
Printing	3,119.48	683.30
Postage	1,341.21	2,046.68
Mailing Costs and Labor	1,347.71	1,550.84
Freight and Express	25.75	124.82
Art Work		346.95
Supplies (Envelopes, etc.)	863.61	297.86
Telephone and Telegraph	64.07	39.55
Contingent Fund	1,252.76	86.04
Annual Audit		75.00
Share—General Promotional Expense	2,391.02	3,730.35
Sales of Leaflets	(139.99)	(.07)
Total	\$154,805.42	\$224,038.62
Paid on Distribution	109,365.17	181,039.12
Balance	\$ 45,440.25	\$ 42,999.50

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BISHOPS' APPEAL FOR KOREAN RELIEF

JUNE 1, 1954 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Expenses 6-1-1954 5-31-1955	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Balance on Hand June 1		\$57,967.59
Receipts from Conferences June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1956	\$1,642,265.08	13,216.63
Total		<u>\$71,184.22</u>
Travel	\$ 645.25	
Printing	43,831.28	\$ 108.52
Postage	9,941.40	36.47
Mailing Cost and Labor	5,222.75	45.22
Freight and Express	853.33	
Art Work	1,337.18	61.95
Supplies (Envelopes, etc.)	5,730.82	
Editorial Contributions	20.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	425.70	9.80
Contingent Fund	1,209.92	(128.96)
Annual Audit		125.00
Films	14,176.98	(1,779.02)
Rentals	(57.37)	
Total	\$ 83,337.24	<u>\$(1,521.02)</u>
PAID ON DISTRIBUTION		
Division of World Missions	\$1,050,672.18	\$49,643.34
Committee for Overseas Relief	450,288.07	21,275.71
Total	1,500,960.25	<u>70,919.05</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,584,297.49</u>	<u>\$69,398.03</u>
DUE ON DISTRIBUTION		
Division of World Missions	\$ 40,577.31	\$ 1,250.33
Committee for Overseas Relief	17,390.28	535.86
Balance	<u>\$ 57,967.59</u>	<u>\$ 1,786.19</u>

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BISHOPS' APPEAL FOR KOREA AND METHODIST TELEVISION MINISTRY FUND RECEIPTS

Areas and Conferences	Amount Reported to the District Superintendent's Conference	Bishops' Appeal for Korea June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Methodist TV Ministry Fund June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Methodist TV Ministry Fund June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$ 321,782.09	\$ 355,196.27	\$ 47,662.73	\$ 50,113.00*
BOSTON AREA	19,642.39	22,858.93	5,050.67	6,204.85*
Maine	3,074.99	3,910.92	127.20	534.53*
New England	8,827.26	9,957.30	3,251.22	3,291.87*
New England Southern	5,335.54	6,319.32	1,636.00	1,641.00*
New Hampshire	2,404.60	2,671.39	36.25	737.45*
NEW YORK AREA	89,270.00	101,882.00	7,409.81	8,139.61*
Newark	24,187.00	27,694.41	1,077.81	1,181.15*
New York	15,896.00	20,439.86	2,150.00	1,902.00
New York East	29,928.00	32,016.62	4,090.00	4,700.06*
Troy	19,259.00	21,731.11	92.00	356.40*
PHILADELPHIA AREA	46,010.19	52,532.96	2,735.25	5,705.40*
New Jersey	15,113.00	19,602.57	80.25	2,846.75*
Philadelphia	19,612.19	21,031.39	2,552.00	2,700.65
Puerto Rico Provisional		15.00		
Wyoming	11,285.00	11,884.00	103.00	158.00*
PITTSBURGH AREA	76,907.00	80,126.79	14,991.94	11,926.38
Erie	22,228.00	23,478.59	5,236.00	728.50
Pittsburgh	27,653.00	28,973.63	3,990.80	4,733.44*
West Virginia	27,026.00	27,674.57	5,765.14	6,464.44*
SYRACUSE AREA	33,584.00	36,446.21	3,688.00	4,058.00*
Central New York	11,841.00	12,108.00	3,165.00	2,564.00
Genesee	16,871.00	18,898.91	478.00	956.00*
Northern New York	4,872.00	5,439.30	45.00	538.00*
WASHINGTON AREA	56,368.51	61,349.38	13,787.06	14,078.76*
Baltimore	24,587.34	26,885.81	5,080.89	5,521.59*
Central Pennsylvania	20,833.04	22,291.83	6,137.17	5,258.17
Peninsula	10,948.13	12,171.14	2,569.00	3,299.00*
Southeastern Jurisdiction	\$ 397,258.20	\$ 404,961.82	\$ 27,133.00	\$ 31,369.01*
ATLANTA AREA	48,350.00	54,286.47	504.00	569.48
North Georgia	28,350.00	31,898.00		44.48*
South Georgia	20,000.00	22,388.47	504.00	525.00*
BIRMINGHAM AREA	33,085.00	36,543.11	1,893.15	3,101.54*
Alabama	12,899.00	16,057.80	1,893.15	3,070.94*
North Alabama	20,186.00	20,485.31		30.60*
CHARLOTTE AREA	63,072.08	61,267.99	9,449.50	11,064.36*
South Carolina	22,915.60	23,447.19	5,935.00	5,360.82
Western North Carolina	40,156.48	37,820.80	3,514.50	5,703.54*
JACKSON AREA	33,000.00	32,876.36	2,463.59	3,661.74*
Mississippi		22,791.72	2,463.59	3,532.24*
North Mississippi		10,084.64		129.50*
JACKSONVILLE AREA	54,539.00	54,605.21	6,519.57	6,176.74
Cuba	320.00	331.85	50.00	20.31
Florida	54,219.00	54,273.36	6,469.57	6,156.43

* Indicates increase over previous year.

**BISHOPS' APPEAL FOR KOREA AND METHODIST
TELEVISION MINISTRY FUND RECEIPTS—Continued**

Areas and Conferences	Amount Reported to the District Superintendent's Conference	Bishops' Appeal for Korea June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Methodist TV Ministry Fund June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Methodist TV Ministry Fund June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
LOUISVILLE AREA	43,407.00	41,903.26	3,871.73	4,132.29*
Kentucky	14,649.00	11,706.22	.....	217.00*
Louisville	12,099.00	13,519.54	.....	33.20*
Memphis	16,659.00	16,677.50	3,871.73	3,882.09*
NASHVILLE AREA	38,112.00	38,455.08	2,431.46	444.11
Holston	24,249.00	25,029.58	2,307.93	406.59
Tennessee	13,863.00	13,425.50	123.53	37.52
RICHMOND AREA	83,693.12	85,024.34	.....	2,218.75*
North Carolina	24,698.41	25,155.99	.....	2,107.12*
Virginia	58,994.71	59,868.35	.....	111.63*
Central Jurisdiction	\$ 10,518.67	\$ 10,093.08	\$ 1,257.58	\$ 1,405.00*
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	1,253.62	1,723.42	323.00	48.00
Central Alabama	379.50	401.00	.....	.....
Florida .....	.....	293.50	17.00	.....
Georgia	499.03	311.82	.....	16.00*
South Carolina	375.09	717.10	306.00	32.00
BALTIMORE AREA	3,660.00	2,947.29	680.58	883.00*
Delaware	1,383.75	1,085.00	193.00	323.00*
East Tennessee	335.39	270.94	20.58	5.00
North Carolina	511.15	89.00	.....	.....
Washington	1,429.71	1,502.35	467.00	555.00*
NEW ORLEANS AREA	1,418.05	1,116.80	.....	5.00*
Louisiana	605.30	686.80	.....	.....
Mississippi	496.00	.....	.....	5.00*
Upper Mississippi	316.75	430.00	.....	.....
NEW ORLEANS AREA	1,186.00	1,052.59	.....	.....
Texas	546.00	600.00	.....	.....
West Texas	640.00	452.59	.....	.....
SAINT LOUIS AREA	3,001.00	3,252.98	254.00	469.00*
Central West .....	.....	702.98	54.00	250.00*
Lexington .....	.....	1,958.00	200.00	194.00
Southwest .....	.....	200.00	.....	25.00*
Tennessee .....	.....	392.00	.....	.....
North Central Jurisdiction	\$ 395,163.35	\$ 420,246.59	\$ 47,327.87	\$ 58,967.11*
CHICAGO AREA	71,899.61	79,911.30	14,209.46	14,016.50
Illinois	26,158.43	28,469.37	2,133.91	4,348.20*
Rock River	30,510.18	36,259.32	8,246.00	7,755.00
Southern Illinois	15,231.00	15,182.61	3,829.55	1,913.30
DAKOTAS AREA	11,896.05	13,742.34	63.27	1,265.05*
North Dakota	4,721.40	5,003.00	.....	530.00*
South Dakota	7,174.65	8,739.34	63.27	735.05*
DES MOINES AREA	47,516.99	50,698.83	9,762.47	8,005.19
Iowa-Des Moines	21,158.96	22,642.98	4,264.29	2,920.69
North Iowa	26,358.03	28,055.85	5,498.18	5,084.50

* Indicates increase over previous year.

**BISHOPS' APPEAL FOR KOREA AND METHODIST
TELEVISION MINISTRY FUND RECEIPTS—Continued**

Areas and Conferences	Amount Reported to the District Superintendent's Conference	Bishops' Appeal for Korea June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Methodist TV Ministry Fund June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Methodist TV Ministry Fund June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
		May 31, 1955	May 31, 1955	May 31, 1956
DETROIT AREA	51,321.70	61,430.36	459.00	3,628.85*
Detroit	28,968.00	35,919.63	120.00	2,471.57*
Michigan	22,353.70	25,540.73	339.00	1,157.28*
INDIANA AREA	50,000.00	50,042.30	7,094.00	12,239.50*
Indiana		18,514.30	52.00	1,291.00*
North Indiana		18,528.00	3,763.00	7,084.00*
Northwest Indiana		13,000.00	3,279.00	3,864.50*
MINNESOTA AREA	25,100.00	24,890.25	304.00	1,856.00*
Minnesota	25,100.00	24,890.25	304.00	1,856.00*
OHIO AREA	116,225.00	116,916.78	15,359.67	17,204.24*
North-East Ohio	53,680.00	51,289.36	5,919.04	7,282.80*
Ohio	62,545.00	65,627.42	9,440.63	9,921.44*
WISCONSIN AREA	21,204.00	22,584.43	76.00	751.78*
West Wisconsin	9,886.00	9,427.02	18.00	593.28*
Wisconsin	11,318.00	13,157.41	58.00	158.50*
South Central Jurisdiction	\$ 307,931.18	\$ 313,092.87	\$ 27,469.12	\$ 27,587.75*
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	50,916.28	54,166.91	5,484.93	9,594.63*
Little Rock	20,339.32	21,142.96	1,973.56	3,284.00*
Louisiana	17,062.04	19,007.52	1,753.97	4,063.13*
North Arkansas	13,514.92	14,016.43	1,757.40	2,247.50*
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	65,321.00	61,998.79	7,088.45	7,482.69*
Central Texas	21,799.00	18,492.33	574.87	513.03
North Texas	19,946.00	19,889.65	4,000.00	4,105.00*
Northwest Texas	23,576.00	23,616.81	2,513.58	2,864.66*
HOUSTON-SAN ANTONIO AREA	54,051.00	54,394.52	1,538.30	3,193.94*
Rio Grande		927.35		294.00*
Southwest Texas		23,907.23		1,358.47*
Texas		29,559.94	1,538.30	1,541.47*
KANSAS AREA	50,569.78	52,078.10	1,078.95	879.90
Central Kansas	34,336.78	35,525.10	776.95	562.82
Kansas	16,233.00	16,553.00	302.00	317.08*
MISSOURI AREA	31,711.37	33,723.58	5,412.70	5,790.68*
Missouri		10,059.77	1,256.70	1,266.00*
St. Louis		12,449.40	2,300.00	2,618.68*
Southwest Missouri		11,214.41	1,856.00	1,906.00*
NEBRASKA AREA	17,120.00	18,298.45	1.00	384.17*
Nebraska	17,120.00	18,298.45	1.00	384.17*
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	38,241.75	38,432.52	6,864.79	261.74
Oklahoma	29,081.05	29,021.63	5,353.00	131.10
Indian Mission		106.99		17.00*
New Mexico	9,160.70	9,303.90	1,511.79	113.64

* Indicates increase over previous year.

**BISHOPS' APPEAL FOR KOREA AND METHODIST
TELEVISION MINISTRY FUND RECEIPTS—Continued**

Areas and Conferences	Amounted Reported to the District Superintendent's Conference	Bishops' Appeal for Korea June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Methodist TV Ministry Fund June 1, 1954 to May 31, 1955	Methodist TV Ministry Fund June 1, 1955 to May 31, 1956
Western Jurisdiction	\$ 121,939.54	\$ 137,484.42	\$ 14,352.53	\$ 18,199.78*
DENVER AREA	17,950.00	19,707.20	2,173.02	3,641.11*
Colorado	11,900.00	12,576.59	1,497.87	2,967.13*
Montana	4,800.00	5,274.42	263.15	250.98
Wyoming State	1,250.00	1,856.19	412.00	423.00*
LOS ANGELES AREA	26,415.00	35,643.92	5,866.70	6,297.76*
Hawaii Mission .....	.....	881.40	.....	.....
Latin American Provisional .....	.....	445.59	.....	.....
Southern California-Arizona .....	.....	34,316.93	5,866.70	6,297.76*
PORTLAND AREA	51,240.99	53,326.03	1,088.56	1,409.71*
Alaska Mission	877.27	1,020.97	.....	60.00*
Idaho	4,173.76	4,453.02	605.00	618.00*
Oregon	15,397.31	16,411.00	.....	71.00*
Pacific Northwest	30,792.65	31,441.04	483.56	660.71*
SAN FRANCISCO AREA	26,333.55	28,807.27	5,224.25	6,851.20*
California-Nevada	24,965.65	27,192.51	5,188.25	6,851.20*
Pacific Japanese Provisional	1,367.90	1,614.76	36.00	.....
MISCELLANEOUS .....	.....	1,190.03	.....	3.00*
RECAPITULATION				
Northeastern Jurisdiction	321,782.09	355,196.27	47,662.73	50,113.00*
Southeastern Jurisdiction	397,258.20	404,961.82	27,133.00	31,369.01*
Central Jurisdiction	10,518.67	10,093.08	1,257.58	1,405.00*
North Central Jurisdiction	395,163.35	420,246.59	47,327.87	58,967.11*
South Central Jurisdiction	307,931.18	313,092.87	27,469.12	27,587.75*
Western Jurisdiction	121,939.54	137,484.42	14,352.53	18,199.78*
Miscellaneous .....	.....	1,190.03	.....	3.00*
WHOLE CHURCH	\$1,554,593.03	\$1,642,265.08	\$ 165,202.83	\$ 187,644.65*

* Indicates increase over previous year.

**STATEMENT OF EXPENSES AND BUDGET
COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE**

JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
General Expenses		
Methodist Fact Book (Cost)		\$ 209.72
Sale of Fact Book		(523.70)
Investment Expenses .....		.....
Statistical Record Forms & Blanks		214.98
Travel		1,551.41
Printing		6,915.75
Postage		636.79
Mailing Costs and Labor		915.62
Telephone and Telegraph		29.16
Miscellaneous		586.45
Sale of Conference Treasurers' Manual		(25.42)
Committee Expenses		
Travel (Including Annual Meetings—Chicago, New York and Buck Hill Falls)		12,072.45
Printing .....		.....
Postage .....		.....
Miscellaneous (\$1,000 to Board of Pensions for Social Security Study)		1,017.97
Sale of Fifteenth Annual Report		24 62
Total	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$23,625.80</u>

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENSES AND BUDGET
CENTRAL TREASURY
JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956**

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Summary		
General Expenses	\$ 30,358.00	\$ 20,415.19
Executive Secretary & Treasurer	15,562.00	14,638.00
Administrative Office—Associate Secretary	9,853.00	9,686.85
Administrative Office—Associate Treasurer	9,266.00	9,409.19
Cashier	9,838.00	9,468.91
Accounting Office	15,803.00	12,559.17
Transportation Bureau (Special Services)	6,067.00	3,892.70
Statistical Office	10,266.00	4,468.36
Special Gifts Department	12,335.00	10,836.30
File of Pastors and Church Officials	18,868.00	17,961.56
Total	<u>\$138,216.00</u>	<u>\$113,336.23</u>
General Expenses		
Department Travel	\$ 500.00	\$ 257.44
Pensions	3,000.00	2,503.88
Investment Aids	100.00	53.25
Mailing Costs and Labor	300.00	120.16
Interest on Returned Pensions (Credit)		(1.05)
Repairs and Maintenance of Equipment	700.00	608.81
Supplies (Purchased for Allocation)	2,500.00	2,462.03
Supplies Allocated (Credit)	(2,000.00)	(2,132.76)
Stock Clerk ($\frac{1}{4}$ time)	978.00	982.01
Telephone and Telegraph	650.00	558.88
Postage	800.00	543.93
Rent and Light	6,500.00	7,061.74
Printing	25.00	110.19
Group Insurance and Hospitalization	1,500.00	1,067.19
Lay & Joint Employees' Contributory Pension Plan	2,860.00	3,172.43
Employer's Social Security Tax	870.00	824.90
Insurance	375.00	241.46
Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
Legal Expense	500.00	254.26
Miscellaneous	200.00	529.30
Contingent Fund	9,000.00	197.14
Total	<u>\$ 30,358.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,415.19</u>
Executive Secretary and Treasurer		
Executive Secretary & Treasurer	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Executive Secretary & Treasurer—House Rent	1,500.00	1,500.00
Stenographer and Typist	3,512.00	3,516.46
Travel	1,250.00	435.30
Supplies	300.00	186.24
Total	<u>\$ 15,562.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,638.00</u>
Administrative Office		
Associate Secretary	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,661.48
Associate Secretary—House Rent	1,500.00	1,442.64
Typist— $\frac{1}{4}$ time	978.00	981.50
Printing	25.00	27.78
Supplies	100.00	55.83
Travel	650.00	517.62
Uniform Classification	100.00	

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**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENSES AND BUDGET
CENTRAL TREASURY—Continued**

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Counseling Expense		
Job Classification		
Total	\$ 9,853.00	\$ 9,686.85
Administrative Office		
Associate Treasurer	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,308.32
Typist—½ time	1,956.00	2,015.30
Printing	10.00	29.16
Supplies	100.00	56.41
Total	\$ 9,266.00	\$ 9,409.19
Cashier		
Cashier	\$ 4,788.00	\$ 4,922.63
Typists and Clerks	4,000.00	3,933.25
Printing Vouchers, Remittance Blanks, etc.	400.00	11.29
Bank Exchange Charges	15.00	
Supplies	250.00	104.88
Messenger Service	385.00	493.31
Photostatic Service (Credit)		(15.75)
Photostatic Supplies		19.30
Total	\$ 9,838.00	\$ 9,468.91
Accounting Office		
Head Accountant	\$ 4,593.00	\$ 4,667.64
Typists and Clerks	7,500.00	6,536.98
Mimeographing Costs and Labor	30.00	49.01
Mailing Costs and Labor	500.00	791.53
Supplies	380.00	450.76
IBM Punch Cards & Delivery Service	1,900.00	1,846.58
Annual Audit	900.00	1,000.00
Credit for Services Rendered		(2,783.33)
Total	\$ 15,803.00	\$ 12,559.17
Special Services (Transportation)	\$ 6,067.00	\$ 3,892.70
Statistical Office	10,266.00	4,468.36
Total	\$ 16,333.00	\$ 8,361.06
Special Gifts Department		
Department Head	\$ 3,422.00	\$ 3,545.68
Typists, Clerk & Switchboard Receptionists	8,213.00	6,622.32
Printing and Duplicating	400.00	427.21
Mailing Costs	50.00	
Supplies	250.00	241.09
Total	\$ 12,335.00	\$ 10,836.30
For Accounting Use		
Total from Summary		\$ 95,374.67
Less Credit for Expenses absorbed by General Administration, Episcopal & Interdenominational Coop. Fund—June 1, 1955-May 31, 1956		28,129.71
Accountant's Total—World Service		\$ 67,244.96

(Credit)

**THE FILE OF PASTORS AND CHURCH OFFICIALS
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Sale of Pastors' File Lists	\$ 245.00	\$ 314.00
Sale of Pastors' File Lists (With Corrections)	3,005.00	2,744.28
Sale of Special Lists (D. S., Conf. Treasurers)	303.00	270.50
Addressograph Lists	1,200.00	1,200.00
Service for Other Departments	75.00	378.42
Receipts for Services from M. P. H.		
Collating Services	218.00	305.11
 Total Income	 \$ 5,046.00	 \$ 5,212.31
 Directors' Salary	 \$ 4,293.00	 \$ 4,292.08
Pastors' File Clerks	8,585.00	9,343.15
Postage	550.00	653.21
Mailing Costs and Labor	410.00	557.57
Mail Bags and Express		7.74
Repair and Machine Maintenance	75.00	107.42
Equipment	1,200.00	1,200.00
Office Supplies	800.00	432.97
Telephone and Telegraph	85.00	84.74
Subscription & Journals	30.00	(2.55)
Rent and Light	733.00	732.60
Printing	65.00	
Group Insurance & Hospitalization	290.00	286.95
Employees' Contributory Pension Plan	490.00	38.43
Employer's Social Security Tax	257.00	276.46
Miscellaneous Expense	5.00	15.62
Mimeographing		
Contingent Fund	1,000.00	(64.83)
 Total Expense	 \$18,868.00	 \$17,961.56
 Net Expense	 \$13,822.00	 \$12,749.25

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WILLS, BEQUESTS AND GIFTS

JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Secretarial Help	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,796.23
Printing and Supplies	2,000.00	931.80
Postage	3,000.00	5,800.22
Mailing Costs	1,000.00	6,171.75
Labor—Service Department		10.44
Multilith	350.00	40.70
Advertising Counsel and Art Work	5,500.00	4,602.00
Advertising		221.05
Leaflets	7,000.00	3,204.94
Contingent Fund	1,195.00	38.85
Travel	100.00	389.00
Office Equipment Expense	270.00	46.10
Rent and Light	225.00	
Group Insurance and Hospitalization	200.00	93.76
Employer's Social Security Tax	80.00	98.56
Employees' Contributory Pension Plan	150.00	(31.20)
Office Construction Expense		
Transfer to Reserve Account		
Miscellaneous Expense	30.00	31.09
Sale of Materials		(162.95)
Total	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$26,282.34</u>

**DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICES
INCLUDING THE TRANSPORTATION BUREAU
BUDGET, INCOME AND EXPENDITURES**

JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Budget	Income and Expenses
Income		
Railroad Service Fee Income		
Airlines Service Fee Income		
Clergy Service Fee Income	\$ 700.00	\$ 939.82
Miscellaneous Service Fee Income		
Total Income	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	<u>\$ 939.82</u>
Expenditures		
Director's Salary	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,099.84
Other Employees' Salaries	9,910.00	9,633.12
Postage	400.00	395.55
Mailing Costs and Labor	225.00	495.86
Freight and Express		11.17
Travel	550.00	426.33
Office Supplies	300.00	157.36
Miscellaneous Supplies		15.67
Telephone and Telegraph	675.00	737.88
Group Insurance and Hospitalization	330.00	365.00
Audit		
Transfer Account		
Messenger Service	50.00	28.75
Bonding Insurance		
Repair and Maintenance of Equipment	75.00	49.46
Printing (Including Mimeo. & Multilith)	250.00	52.15
Rent and Light	1,350.00	1,339.20
Employees' Contributory Pension Fund	812.00	745.92
Employer's Social Security Tax	190.00	192.75
Miscellaneous Expense	50.00	71.06
Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
Contingent Fund	1,000.00	49.95
Annuity Studies	1,000.00	433.41
Total Office Operating Expense	<u>\$24,267.00</u>	<u>\$22,300.43</u>
Items in Transit		
Railroad Tickets Purchased		\$ 553.42
Airline Tickets Purchased		(492.33)
Clergy Permits Purchased		(29.00)
Service Account Total		<u>32.09</u>
Net Expense	<u>\$23,567.00</u>	<u>\$21,392.70</u>

**STATISTICAL OFFICE
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
BUDGET, INCOME AND EXPENDITURES**

JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Budget	Income and Expenses
Methodist Fact Book (Sales)	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,883.52
General Minutes (Sales)	2,400.00	3,248.85
Supplies and Materials (Sales)	25.00	.....
Total Income	\$ 3,225.00	\$ 5,132.37
Assistant to Executive Secretary & Director	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 6,279.84
Director—House Rent	1,500.00	1,020.00
Other Employees' Salaries	6,475.00	6,662.40
Typing Ministers' Names and Page Numbers	125.00	65.82
Postage	350.00	238.10
Mailing Costs	400.00	352.42
Freight and Express	225.00	218.83
Travel	450.00	332.33
Office Supplies	150.00	78.81
Methodist Fact Book (Cost) $\frac{3}{4}$	2,925.00	3,631.89
Telephone and Telegraph	150.00	118.12
Group Insurance and Hospitalization	313.00	292.02
Repairs and Maintenance of Equipment	60.00	56.44
Printing	90.00	201.12
Rent and Light	1,578.00	1,577.64
Employees' Contributory Pension Plan	755.00	744.99
Employer's Social Security Tax	120.00	133.32
Miscellaneous Expense	25.00	2.60
Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
General Minutes (Cost)	19,500.00	19,058.14
Annual Conference Supplies (Cost)	2,000.00	.....
Contingent Fund	2,000.00	35.90
Total Gross Expense	\$45,991.00	\$42,100.73
Net Expense	\$42,766.00	\$36,968.36

**SHIPPING AND SERVICE DEPARTMENT
OF THE COOPERATIVE BOARDS
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Income 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Sales of Materials & Services:		
Service Credits	\$ 81,066.50	\$100,935.24
Mimeograph & Multilith Supplies	1,500.00	2,043.22
Shipping Supplies	16,315.00	7,543.76
Addressograph—Graphotype Supplies	875.00	11,946.14
Photostatic Service	20.00	157.35
Total Sales	\$ 99,776.50	\$122,625.71
		Expenses
		6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Director's Salary	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,666.72
Shipping Clerks & Additional Help	58,000.00	58,160.08
Service by Outside Concern	4,200.00	(220.20)
Office Supplies	500.00	(221.11)
Equipment		500.00
Repair and Maintenance of Equipment	1,000.00	306.37
Telephone and Telegraph	325.00	428.46
Transfer Account (Express, Cartage paid for others, etc.)		(1,515.34)
Rent and Light	10,341.00	9,669.02
Services of Central Treas.	3,800.00	3,800.00
Postage	25.00	(610.63)
Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Charge	600.00	477.78
Pitney-Bowes Miscellaneous Supplies	100.00	112.48
Pitney-Bowes Maintenance	92.00	129.45
Industrial & Health Insurance	1,200.00	1,317.09
Mimeograph and Multilith Supplies	1,400.00	4,141.37
Shipping Supplies	5,500.00	4,731.97
Employees' Contributory Pension Fund	2,200.00	735.77
Employer's Social Security Tax	1,155.00	1,230.94
Addressograph—Graphotype Supplies	1,750.00	1,893.67
Repairs & Maintenance of Addressograph and Graphotype	693.00	729.04
Repairs & Maintenance of Mimeograph & Multilith	215.50	689.58
Contingent Fund		3.40
Photostatic Service	20.00	122.93
Leonard's Parcel Post Guide Book	60.00	60.00
Total Expense	\$ 99,776.50	\$ 93,338.84
Net Income		(\$29,286.87)

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COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
I. Office Administration		
Executive Director's Salary	\$ 8,760.00	\$ 8,760.00
Executive Director's Rent Allowance	1,740.00	1,740.00
Editor of Promotional Publications Salary	6,452.00	6,451.92
Editor's Rent Allowance	1,548.00	1,548.00
Manager of Promotional Publications' Salary	8,000.00	6,999.93
Secretarial Help	30,000.00	28,765.71
Travel—Director and Assistants	4,000.00	2,272.60
Industrial Insurance	200.00	141.61
Telephone and Telegraph	1,100.00	1,263.22
Repair and Maintenance of Equipment	600.00	302.07
Office Supplies	2,000.00	847.57
Office Construction and Alteration Expense	500.00	70.13
Rent and Light	6,200.00	6,143.40
Employees' Contributory Pension Plan (Lay and Clergy) ..	2,700.00	2,261.09
Employer's Social Security Tax	700.00	643.24
Group Insurance and Hospitalization	1,550.00	956.82
Equipment	1,500.00	1,500.00
Photographic Supplies	300.00	331.04
Mimeographing and Multilithing	500.00	610.01
Bank Exchange and Messenger Service	300.00	345.06
Treasurer's Office Service	3,000.00	3,000.00
General Printing	1,000.00	2,725.85
Postage	1,200.00	690.97
Mailing Costs and Labor	2,500.00	733.55
Freight and Express	250.00	199.18
Miscellaneous Expense		748.12
Contingent Fund	3,500.00	2,310.24
	\$ 90,100.00	\$ 82,361.33

II. Promotional Publications

A. EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Films	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,703.59
Film Rentals (Credit)	(4,000.00)	(133.00)
Travel	500.00	209.92
Every Member Canvass—Sales	(2,000.00)	(754.73)
Printing	30,000.00	9,735.91
Postage	3,000.00	405.33
Mailing Costs and Labor	5,000.00	1,109.38
Art Work	300.00	721.81
Telephone and Telegraph	200.00	29.94
Supplies	500.00	1,128.57
Freight and Express	500.00	297.54
Editorial Contributions	100.00	203.25
Contingent Fund	1,000.00	162.85
	\$ 39,100.00	\$ 17,820.36

B. STEWARDSHIP

Art Work	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Printing	500.00	511.85

**COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH—Continued**

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Postage	200.00	26.92
Mailing Cost (Labor)	300.00	51.45
Editorial Contributions	100.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	100.00	65.22
Supplies (Envelopes, etc.)	100.00	20.00
Freight and Express	150.00	12.47
Travel	400.00	320.26
Films	10,000.00	7,532.86
Film—Rentals (Credit)	(5,000.00)	(4,382.51)
	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 4,208.52

C. "THE STORY" (Quarterly Promotional Publication)

Art Work	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 264.34
Printing	45,000.00	100,929.43
Postage	17,500.00	24,336.11
Mailing Costs and Labor	11,000.00	18,513.51
Editorial Contributions	100.00	33.46
Telephone and Telegraph	200.00	209.95
Supplies (Envelopes, etc.)	6,000.00	8,705.80
Freight and Express	250.00	339.08
Travel	500.00	158.68
Contingent Fund	2,500.00	2,375.90
Sales of "The Story"		(22.40)
	\$129,050.00	\$155,843.86

D. OTHER GENERAL PROMOTIONAL LEAFLETS

Other General Promotional Leaflets	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 134.14
Other General Promotional Leaflets—Sales	(500.00)	(440.82)
	\$ 500.00	\$ (306.68)

III. Promotional Meetings

A. BISHOPS' AREA PROMOTION	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,680.70
B. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING	50,000.00	50,000.00
	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 72,680.70

C. OTHER GENERAL PROMOTION

Travel	\$ 500.00	\$ 384.89
Speakers Expense		
Postage	100.00	8.93
Mailing Cost (Labor)	100.00	62.68
Special Program Printing	100.00	712.04
Charts and Posters	200.00	338.43
Miscellaneous	200.00	125.84
Telephone and Telegraph	100.00	64.88
	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,697.69

**COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH—Continued**

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
IV. Commission and Committee Expense		
A. COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION		
Commission Travel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,134.85
Committee Travel	1,000.00	597.68
Printing, etc.	50.00	29.32
	<u>\$ 3,550.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,761.85</u>
Total	<u>\$345,550.00</u>	<u>\$336,067.63</u>

For Accounting Use

Less Credit Expenses absorbed by Promotional Funds (World Service, General Advance Specials, Week of Dedication, Fellowship of Suffering and Interdenominational Coop. Fund)—June 1, 1955 through May 31, 1956	\$336,067.63
Balance	<u><u>-0-</u></u>

**PROMOTIONAL FUND
WORLD SERVICE****JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956**

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Travel	\$ 500.00	\$ 470.32
Printing	115,000.00	150,913.86
Postage	45,000.00	38,076.01
Mailing Costs and Labor	25,000.00	26,446.76
Freight and Express	1,250.00	970.46
Art Work	4,500.00	7,223.67
Advertising	1,500.00	1,938.77
Editorial Contributions		215.00
Telephone and Telegraph	100.00	223.68
Contingent Fund	3,000.00	2,738.49
Supplies (Envelopes, etc.)	20,000.00	11,852.75
Audit	200.00	250.00
Share—General Promotional Expense	184,116.93	196,196.28
Films	25,000.00	25,000.00
Films—Sales and Rentals		(1,491.88)
Total	<u>\$425,166.93</u>	<u>\$461,024.17</u>

Promotional Costs of following funds shown on pages as indicated:

Week of Dedication	page 233
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	page 238
The Interdenominational Co-operation Fund	page 219
Television Ministry	page 243

THE GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS**JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956**

	Budget 6-1-1955 5-31-1956	Expenses 6-1-1955 5-31-1956
Travel	\$ 500.00	\$ 195.96
Printing	500.00	542.92
Postage	500.00	225.70
Mailing Costs and Labor	500.00	338.15
Freight and Express	100.00	34.44
Art Work	100.00	100.70
Editorial Contributions		
Telephone and Telegraph	200.00	154.02
Contingent Fund	750.00	284.14
Supplies (Envelopes, etc.)	200.00	67.80
Audit	200.00	200.00
Share—General Promotional Expense	80,938.11	101,290.78
Total	<u>\$ 84,488.11</u>	<u>\$103,434.61</u>

REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

REPORT NO. 1. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

AMENDED May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 579.

Adopted May 3, 1956, see Journal, Pages 576-581.

WORLD SERVICE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

In compliance with Paragraphs 741-744 of the 1952 *Discipline*, the Council on World Service and Finance presents to the 1956 General Conference of The Methodist Church the following Report:

The Council on World Service and Finance is pleased to report that The Methodist Church has responded splendidly to the increased World Service Budget for the 1952-56 quadrennium. The request was for an over-all increase of 22.23% above the amount apportioned for 1948-1952. Here is the record for the first three years of the quadrennium:

World Service Apportioned

Annual	\$ 9,660,000.00
Total for three years	28,980,000.00

World Service Paid

1952-53	9,316,506.37
1953-54	9,620,625.42
1954-55	9,761,407.78

Total for three years	\$28,698,539.57
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Unpaid	\$ 281,460.43
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It is probable that the further increase of this year will be sufficient to pay in full the total apportioned for the quadrennium.

The Apportionments for the 1952-1956 quadrennium were based on a plan to equalize the giving of the Annual Conferences to World Service. Conferences received Apportionment increases ranging between a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 35%. The Apportionments were based on membership, total giving (apart from building and improvements and payments on indebtedness) and World Service giving. Adjustments within the foregoing pattern resulted in an actual Apportionment of \$9,525,089.00. The splendid response of the Church is indicated by the fact

that the second year of the quadrennium exceeded the amount actually apportioned, and the third year surpassed the basic apportionment of \$9,660,000.00. A further increase of 3% above last year's giving for World Service will pay in full the total Apportionment for the quadrennium. Our Methodist members have responded generously.

The World Service Budget is basic to the total Connectional Program of Methodism. Four years ago the Program Planning Committee, composed of the Bishops, the Executive Secretaries, the Council on World Service and Finance and representatives of the Woman's Division of Christian Service adopted this statement: "We regard the World Service Fund as basic in the Church's Financial Program. World Service Apportionments represent the minimum need of the General Agencies of the Church, and the payment in full of these apportionments by Local Churches and Conferences has prior claim over other Benevolent Appeals." This is a true statement. While the Board of Missions received over half of its income during the fiscal year 1954-55 from sources other than World Service on Apportionment (namely from Advance Special Gifts, the Week of Dedication, and the Bishops' Appeal for Korea), the other World Service Agencies, which provide Program help for all local Agencies, are almost totally dependent on World Service on Apportionment for their operating Budget. (The Special Offerings of the Board of Education do not go into the operating Budget of that Board.)

In preparing this recommendation the Council on World Service and Finance gave careful consideration to the following:

(a) The annual askings of the several World Service Agencies as presented to the Council totaled \$17,439,722.18. The Council carefully studied the several requests and found that all were proposing worth-while and desirable extensions of their Program.

(b) The General Conference has placed upon World Service Agencies the responsibility for directing the Program of the Church on the general level and for helping and encouraging the Local Church. The support for these General Agencies comes almost entirely from World Service. The single exception to this is the Board of Missions which receives substantial amounts from General Advance Specials and the Week of Dedication. The General Advance Special Gifts are almost all designated, however, and the cost of promoting and administering these gifts must come from the Board of Missions' share of World Service.

(c) The general and generous response to the Program of General Advance Special Gifts and the Annual Conference Initiated Specials indicates the desirability and the necessity for their continuance.

(d) Whereas in previous quadrenniums the World Service on Apportionment giving increased steadily each year, there is now evidence that World Service giving in many Local Churches and Annual Conferences is being paid on the basis of the Apportionment and that surpluses are being channeled into one or more of the Special General and Conference Funds. Hence Apportionments need to be made, as nearly as possible, in such amounts as will enable each World Service Agency to do the work or render the service authorized by The General Conference.

(e) At the same time the Apportionments must be within the limits of a defensible plan of objective Apportionments to the Annual Conference.

Having given prayerful and sympathetic consideration to all the involvements concerned, the Council on World Service and Finance recommends to The General Conference that the annual World Service Budget for the 1956-1960 quadrennium be fixed at \$12,200,000.00.

The Council on World Service and Finance recommends that all World Service money beginning with June 1, 1956 be distributed in accordance with the following schedule:

I. Prior claims shall be made on the World Service on Apportionment Fund for

(a) The expense of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, \$420,000.00

(b) The World Service Budget share of the costs of the Central Treasury, \$110,000.00

(c) The Council on World Service and Finance, \$20,000.00, and the Budget for the Committee on Wills and Bequests, \$25,000.00.

These Budgets shall be subject to adjustment by the Council on World Service and Finance after the responsibilities assigned to the Council by The General Conference have been determined.

II. Fixed sums shall be paid annually from the World Service receipts as follows:

To the Board of Pensions	\$200,000.00
To the Woman's Division of Christian Service	
pensions for deaconesses	45,000.00
To the American University	100,000.00

To the School of Inter-National Service 250,000.00

The Treasurer shall pay one twelfth of the foregoing amount each month to the Boards, Division or Institution indicated, except that the monies for the School of Inter-National Service shall be released for the approved projects only as certified to by the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education.

III. The balance of the receipts for the regular World Service Program shall be distributed according to the following ratios:

Board of Missions	61.43%
Board of Education	14.46%
Theological Schools	11.33%
*Quadrennial Committee for Higher Education	.46%
Board of Evangelism	2.22%
Board of Lay Activities	1.81%
Board of Temperance	1.81%
Board of World Peace	.91%
Board of Social and Economic Relations	.82%
Board of Hospitals and Homes	1.13%
Television, Radio and Film Commission	1.81%
American Bible Society	1.13%
Scarritt College	.68%
	100.00%

* Limited to \$50,000.00 in any one year. Overage, or if Committee is not formed, funds shall go to Section of Theological Education.

Based upon the foregoing percentages and assuming the \$12,200,000.00 is paid in full, each Agency will receive *approximately* the following annual mounts which represent an increase for each Board & Agency:

Board of Missions	\$ 6,775,000.00
Board of Education	1,595,000.00
Ministerial Education	1,250,000.00
Quadrennial Committee for Higher Education	50,000.00
Board of Evangelism	245,000.00
Board of Lay Activities	200,000.00
Board of Temperance	200,000.00
Board of World Peace	100,000.00
Board of Social and Economic Relations	90,000.00
Board of Hospitals and Homes	125,000.00
Television, Radio and Film Commission	200,000.00
American Bible Society	125,000.00

Scarritt College	75,000.00
	\$11,030,000.00
Prior Claims	575,000.00
Fixed Payments	595,000.00
Total	\$12,200,000.00

The Council on World Service and Finance, in presenting this Report, desires to point out that the previous Apportionment of \$9,660,000.00 called for a per capita annual gift of \$1.06. The new recommended Apportionment of \$12,200,000.00 would equal an annual per capita gift of \$1.31. This is a recommended Church-wide increase of 25c per member. The Council on World Service and Finance is convinced this is an attainable increase which will greatly strengthen and expand the work of our World Service Agencies.

The Council on World Service and Finance states most emphatically that it does not consider the sum of \$12,200,000.00 an adequate sum for the work of the World Service Agencies. It therefore calls upon all Annual Conferences and all Local Churches to consider their Apportionments as a base below which they will not fall rather than a ceiling above which they will not go. The figure of \$12,200,000.00 is given the Church as a minimum challenge. Your Council expresses the sincere hope that the effort will everywhere be made to enlarge the services of the Church through the help of greatly increased giving to Methodist World Service.

Your Council on World Service and Finance further urges that all money raised in the name of World Service and for the Program of World Service be transmitted each month by the Local Church (Benevolence) Treasurer to the Conference Treasurer who in turn shall transmit monthly the World Service share of the funds he receives to the Central Treasury, as authorized in Paragraph 804 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

SPECIAL REQUESTS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES

I. The Quadrennial Program

The Quadrennial Program as presented by the Coordinating Council deserves our whole-hearted support. The Program has two emphases:

A. The Local Church Emphasis.

This aspect of the Program stems from the Bishops, working with and through their District Superintendents.

The recommendations call upon the Council on World Service and Finance "to make a reasonable increase in the promotion funds now made available to the Bishops in order to meet Area expense incident to the promotion of this phase of the Quadrennial Program." This has been provided in the Budget increase of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

Local aspects of the Program will call upon Annual Conferences for promotion Funds. We commend the principle of Annual Conference participation in this promotion.

B. The Higher Education Emphasis.

This quadrennium has placed an emphasis on higher education with a suggested goal of 50¢ per Church Member for schools and colleges and 15¢ for the Wesley Foundations. The new Quadrennial Program calls for a goal **ANNUALLY** of at least \$1.00 per member for our Educational Institutions **AND 30¢ PER MEMBER FOR WESLEY FOUNDATIONS (See Journal, page 360, Editor)** and for a Church-wide emphasis which should result in campaigns for funds on an Area or Conference level. It also calls for a Quadrennial Commission on Christian Education. In anticipation of the authorization of this Commission, the Council on World Service and Finance has set a ratio percentage for this Commission which will produce \$50,000.00 as the new Apportionment is paid in full. This Report as herewith presented sets an upper limit of \$50,000.00 in any one year from this source. Any amount on ratio above this sum will be added to the funds of the Section on Ministerial Education.

While the general financing of the Higher Education emphasis is provided from General Funds, the carrying out of the Program will involve Financial Campaigns on an Area or Conference level. The Council on World Service and Finance urges that each Annual Conference study carefully its responsibility to its schools, colleges and Wesley Foundations, and set Campaign Goals consistent with the needs of its Institutions and the financial ability of the Area or Conference.

II. Need for Church Extension

A tremendous sum of money has been expended on new buildings during the quadrennium. However, if Methodism is to assume its share in the responsibility for providing facilities for new communities similar sums must be raised in the forthcoming quadrennium. The generous response of the Church is indicated by the fact that \$288,032,657.00 was paid for buildings and improvements during the first three

years of this quadrennium as compared with the \$209,-895,164.00 raised for these purposes in the corresponding years of the previous quadrennium. Much of this money is for established congregations, instead of being for new or struggling congregations, but it is indicative of the interest and concern of our Methodist members.

We recommend continuation of a strong Program of Conference Advance Specials to keep the growing edge of Church Extension active and aimed at meeting the needs of new congregations and missionary situations.

We further recommend that 10% of the undesignated money raised by the Annual Conference for its Home Missionary Program be sent to the Division of National Missions for its Home Missionary Program in those Conferences which are unable to carry their total missionary need.

III. Recognition of the Television Ministry

The past quadrennium has witnessed a tremendous increase in mass communication. Chief in growth has been the television. Realizing the importance of a television ministry conducted by the Church, approval was given by The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance for a Church-wide appeal for a Methodist Television Ministry. While the response has been inadequate for the need, the increase in receipts of this second year of appeal over those of the first year is most encouraging.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Church has given evidence that it wishes to support a Television Ministry.

Whereas many television stations are desirous of using Programs such as can be furnished by our Television, Radio and Film Commission, and

Whereas the Television Ministry is one of the thrusts of the total Church as well as the Local Church to reach into the homes of our nation,

Therefore, Be It Resolved That this General Conference authorize a World Service Special Gift Fund to be known as the Television Ministry Fund, the same to be raised as follows:

1. Promotion of the Fund shall be by the Central Office of Promotion and Cultivation in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Television, Radio and Film Commission or a Special Committee thereof as may be determined by the Commission, and the appeal for this Fund

shall be channeled through the Bishops, District Superintendents, and Pastors with the aid of the Conference Commission on Promotion.

2. Each Annual Conference may appoint a Television Ministry Committee to work on the Conference and District level with the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission in interpreting to the Local Churches the need for the Television Ministry Funds and the effective utilization of the Television Ministry programs.

3. No Apportionments shall be given the Annual Conference, District, or Local Church.

4. A special "Television Ministry" voucher shall be issued.

5. The Council on World Service and Finance is authorized to provide a space for recording the same in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference.

6. All funds for the Television Ministry shall be channeled through the Conference Treasurer to the Central Treasury.

7. If the Television, Radio and Film Commission deems it desirable, the designation of special projects within the Television Ministry Program may be authorized.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN(*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 2. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

APPORTIONMENTS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES

AMENDED—Adopted May 3, 1956. See *Journal*, Pages 582-588.

Paragraph 749 of the 1952 *Discipline* reads:

"The Council on World Service and Finance shall after careful study prepare an equitable schedule of Apportionments by which the total World Service Budget (Par. 742) shall be distributed to the several Annual Conferences and shall present the same to The General Conference for its action and determination."

Your Council on World Service and Finance has given careful consideration to the Plan of Apportionment of the World Service Budget to the several Annual Conferences. We find there has been a very general acceptance of the Plan adopted four years ago and that most of the Annual Conferences have paid the amount apportioned. During

the fiscal year 1954-55 enough Annual Conferences exceeded their Apportionment that a total of \$236,318.78 was received in excess of the actual Apportionment of \$9,525,089.00, and \$101,407.78 in excess of the basic \$9,660,000.00 on which the Apportionments were made.

The Plan adopted was the result of experimentation with and the study of almost a score of possible methods of distribution. It was, and continues to be, our endeavor to formulate a Plan which will be equitable despite the differences to be found in our extensive Denomination.

The Plan adopted in 1952 was simple, defensible, and equitable, though not perfect. Time has proven it to be workable. Accordingly, the Plan for 1956-1960 will follow in general that Plan, with some variations. Our recommendations are:

Our Recommendations Are

1. That the Apportionment for World Service for the 1956-1960 quadrennium be set at \$12,200,000.00 annually.

2. That each Annual Conference shall have the right to fix its acceptance, after the Apportionment has been presented and explained by the Bishop and the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

3. We recommend that the World Service Apportionment be distributed to the Annual Conferences on a decimal derived from the following factors:

(a) One third on the basis of total membership.

(b) One third on the basis of total non-building giving (i.e. total for all purposes less amounts paid for debts, buildings, and improvements), and

(c) On third on the basis of World Service giving on Apportionment.

The figures for computing the decimal shall be those covering the first three years of the quadrennium. The figures for (a) and (b) shall be taken from the General Minutes and for (c) from the Reports of The Council on World Service and Finance.

4. We recommend, however, that for this quadrennium the Schedule of Apportionments shall be so adjusted that no Annual Conference shall be apportioned an increase of less than 20% more than its Adjusted Apportionment of the past quadrennium and no Annual Conference shall be apportioned an increase of more than 35% above its Adjusted Apportionment of the past quadrennium, *provided*,

however that no Annual Conference shall receive an Apportionment totaling more than 120% of its Decimal Apportionment of this quadrennium.

5. We recommend that those Annual Conferences whose Adjusted Apportionment is less than the decimal make an earnest effort to increase their giving until they reach the decimal.

6. That the Apportionments for World Service shall become effective immediately upon the adjournment of the 1956 General Conference.

	1952-1956 Quad. Adj.	1956-1960 Quad. Appor. Computed on the Decimal	1956-1960 Quad. Appor. as Adjusted	% Increase Over 1952-56 Quad. Adj.
Northeastern Jurisdiction	\$2,740,006	\$2,778,869	\$3,152,855	15.06
BOSTON AREA	222,460	227,495	253,952	14.15
Maine	29,839	36,600	36,600	22.65
New England	100,804	106,649	120,965	20.00
New England Southern	70,720	59,226	71,071	.49
New Hampshire	21,097	25,020	25,316	20.00
NEW YORK AREA	525,898	552,267	626,313	19.09
Newark	157,964	151,169	181,403	14.83
New York	84,042	104,239	104,239	24.00
New York East	176,338	178,939	211,606	20.00
Troy	107,554	117,920	129,065	20.00
PHILADELPHIA AREA	510,181	492,687	562,478	10.25
New Jersey	166,989	153,214	183,857	10.10
Philadelphia	186,442	208,580	223,730	20.00
Puerto Rico Pro- visional	2,926	5,109	3,950	35.00
Wyoming	153,824	125,784	150,941	—1.88
PITTSBURGH AREA	557,274	616,899	666,136	19.53
Erie	164,537	140,266	168,319	2.29
Pittsburgh	215,851	233,996	259,021	20.00
West Virginia	176,886	242,637	238,796	35.00
SYRACUSE AREA	340,428	308,404	368,756	8.32
Central N. Y.	140,448	114,992	137,990	—1.76
Genesee	145,344	137,669	165,203	13.66
Northern N. Y.	54,636	55,743	65,563	20.00
WASHINGTON AREA	583,765	581,117	675,220	15.66
Baltimore	293,813	287,780	345,336	17.53
Central Pa.	198,576	182,736	219,283	10.42
Peninsula	91,376	110,601	110,601	21.03

	1952-1956		1956-1960	1956-1960		% Increase	
	Quad.	Ann.	Quad.	Ann.	Appor.	Quad.	Ann.
	Adj.	Appor.	Computed on the Decimal	as	Adjusted	Adj.	Appor.
Southeastern Jurisdiction	\$1,932,792		\$2,937,856		\$2,580,307	33.50	
ATLANTA AREA	272,558		406,378		366,625	34.51	
North Georgia	141,399		230,642		190,889	35.00	
South Georgia	131,159		175,736		175,736	33.98	
BIRMINGHAM AREA	155,852		329,663		210,400	35.00	
Alabama	61,167		128,229		82,575	35.00	
North Alabama	94,685		201,434		127,825	35.00	
CHARLOTTE AREA	353,567		505,047		477,316	35.00	
South Carolina	153,010		209,299		206,564	35.00	
Western North Carolina	200,557		295,748		270,752	35.00	
JACKSON AREA	115,557		204,456		156,002	35.00	
Mississippi	60,630		111,719		81,851	35.00	
North Mississippi	54,927		92,737		74,151	35.00	
JACKSONVILLE AREA	158,432		235,709		213,883	35.00	
Cuba	No. Prev. Appor.		4,588				
Florida	158,432		231,121		213,883	35.00	
LOUISVILLE AREA	217,316		351,407		293,377	35.00	
Kentucky	59,426		92,189		80,225	35.00	
Louisville	56,645		108,455		76,471	35.00	
Memphis	101,245		150,763		136,681	35.00	
NASHVILLE AREA	257,835		355,745		348,077	35.00	
Holston	164,840		225,040		222,534	35.00	
Tennessee	92,995		130,705		125,543	35.00	
RICHMOND AREA	401,675		549,451		514,627	28.12	
North Carolina	106,179		178,166		143,342	35.00	
Virginia	295,496		371,285		371,285	25.64	
Central Jurisdiction	\$ 222,081		\$ 328,573		\$ 292,380	31.65	
ATLANTIC COAST AREA	52,005		78,136		68,939	32.56	
Central Alabama	7,919		11,167		10,691	35.00	
Florida	8,196		8,978		9,835	20.00	
Georgia	15,257		20,558		20,558	34.74	
South Carolina	2,633		37,433		27,855	35.00	
BALTIMORE AREA	78,062		106,910		103,108	32.08	
Delaware	32,685		45,127		44,125	35.00	
East Tennessee	5,557		5,084		6,101	9.79	
North Carolina	11,636		14,834		14,834	27.48	
Washington	28,184		41,865		38,048	35.00	
NEW ORLEANS AREA	33,108		47,264		41,528	25.43	
Louisiana	13,982		16,823		16,823	20.31	

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	1952-1956 Quad. Ann. Adj. Appor.	1956-1960 Quad. Ann. Appor. Computed on the Decimal	1956-1960 Quad. Ann. Appor. as Adjusted	% Increase Over 1952-56 Quad. Ann. Adj. Appor.
Mississippi	11,690	17,157	15,782	35.00
Upper Mississippi ..	7,436	13,284	8,923	20.00
NEW ORLEANS				
AREA	22,289	35,651	29,372	31.77
Texas	14,336	18,635	18,635	29.98
West Texas	7,953	17,016	10,737	35.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	36,617	60,612	49,433	35.00
Central West	10,740	15,004	14,499	35.00
Lexington	20,320	35,663	27,432	35.00
Southwest	2,452	4,192	3,310	35.00
Tennessee	3,105	5,753	4,192	35.00
North Central Jurisdiction	\$2,726,016	\$3,165,184	\$3,286,755	20.57
CHICAGO AREA	538,401	653,109	653,244	21.33
Illinois	231,008	279,320	279,320	20.91
Rock River	210,513	257,668	257,668	22.40
Southern Illinois ..	96,880	116,121	116,256	20.00
DAKOTAS AREA	55,346	75,597	72,135	30.33
North Dakota	25,827	28,207	32,284	20.00
South Dakota	29,519	47,390	39,851	35.00
DES MOINES AREA	278,508	373,220	369,926	32.82
Iowa-Des Moines ...	136,497	178,211	178,211	30.56
North Iowa	142,011	195,009	191,715	35.00
DETROIT AREA	352,467	391,231	422,961	20.00
Detroit	220,754	246,782	264,905	20.00
Michigan	131,713	144,449	158,056	20.00
INDIANA AREA	520,848	527,796	589,299	13.14
Indiana	183,092	199,715	219,710	20.00
North Indiana	232,024	202,259	242,711	4.60
N.W. Indiana	105,732	125,822	126,878	20.00
MINNESOTA AREA ..	150,968	168,655	181,162	20.00
Minnesota	150,968	168,655	181,162	20.00
OHIO AREA	697,735	809,164	837,282	20.00
North-East Ohio ...	344,917	390,288	413,900	20.00
Ohio	352,818	418,877	423,382	20.00
WISCONSIN AREA ..	131,743	166,412	160,746	22.01
West Wisconsin ...	47,947	60,191	60,191	25.53
Wisconsin	83,796	106,221	100,555	20.00
South Central Jurisdiction	\$1,262,290	\$2,166,815	\$1,704,093	35.00
ARKANSAS- LOUISIANA AREA	218,945	352,650	295,576	35.00
Little Rock	75,898	105,651	102,462	35.00

	1952-1956 Quad. Ann. Adj. Appor.	1956-1960 Quad. Ann. Appor. Computed on the Decimal	1956-1960 Quad. Ann. Appor. as Adjusted	% Increase Over 1952-56 Quad. Ann. Adj. Appor.
Louisiana	69,930	136,987	94,406	35.00
North Arkansas ...	73,117	110,012	98,708	35.00
DALLAS-FORT				
WORTH AREA ..	222,956	432,679	300,991	35.00
Central Texas	58,713	129,703	79,263	35.00
North Texas	71,880	161,891	97,038	35.00
Northwest Texas ..	92,363	141,085	124,690	35.00
HOUSTON-SAN				
ANTONIO AREA ..	252,216	397,377	340,492	35.00
Rio Grande	6,765	10,860	9,133	35.00
Southwest Texas ..	104,057	148,309	140,477	35.00
Texas	141,394	238,208	190,882	35.00
KANSAS AREA	205,511	282,908	277,440	35.00
Central Kansas	122,595	167,496	165,503	35.00
Kansas	82,916	115,412	111,937	35.00
MISSOURI AREA	119,115	263,828	160,806	35.00
Missouri	26,914	74,154	36,334	35.00
St. Louis	56,965	97,207	76,903	35.00
Southwest Missouri ..	35,236	92,467	47,569	35.00
NEBRASKA AREA	109,652	148,743	148,030	35.00
Nebraska	109,652	148,743	148,030	35.00
OKLAHOMA-NEW				
MEXICO AREA ..	133,895	288,630	180,758	35.00
Indian Mission	101	3,841	136	35.00
New Mexico	41,198	67,027	55,617	35.00
Oklahoma	92,596	217,762	125,005	35.00
Western				
Jurisdiction	\$ 641,904	\$ 822,703	\$ 802,735	25.05
DENVER AREA	125,019	146,852	153,170	22.51
Colorado	73,629	93,871	93,871	27.49
Montana	37,634	35,660	42,792	13.70
Wyoming State	13,756	17,321	16,507	20.00
LOS ANGELES AREA ..	234,100	293,072	287,267	22.71
Hawaii Mission	428	5,673	578	35.00
Latin American				
Provisional	2,026	3,445	2,735	35.00
Southern Calif.-Ariz.	231,646	283,954	283,954	22.58
PORTLAND AREA ..	179,508	215,495	222,874	24.15
Alaska Mission	1,129	3,778	1,235	20.00
Idaho	19,113	23,518	23,518	23.04
Oregon	69,331	73,275	83,197	20.00
Pacific Northwest ..	89,935	114,924	114,924	27.78
SAN FRANCISCO				
AREA	103,277	167,284	139,424	35.00

	1952-1956 Quad. Ann. as Adjusted	1956-1960 Quad. Ann. Appor. Computed on the Decimal	1956-1960 Quad. Ann. Appor. Adj. Appor.	% Increase Over 1952-56 Quad. Ann. Adj. Appor.
California-Nevada	102,084	160,473	137,813	35.00
Pacific Japanese Prov.	1,193	6,811	1,611	35.00

JURISDICTIONAL RECAPITULATION

Central	\$ 222,081	\$ 328,573	\$ 292,380	31.65
North Central	2,726,016	3,165,184	3,286,755	20.57
Northeastern	2,740,006	2,778,869	3,152,855	15.06
South Central	1,262,290	2,166,815	1,704,093	35.00
Southeastern	1,932,792	2,937,856	2,580,307	33.50
Western	641,904	822,703	802,735	25.05
Whole Church	\$9,525,089	\$12,200,000	\$11,819,125	24.08

**METHOD OF ESTABLISHING WORLD SERVICE
APPORTIONMENTS****For Information Only**

The proposed World Service Annual Apportionment of \$12,200,000 has been distributed among the Annual Conference on a decimal derived from the following factors:

1. One third on the basis of the average church membership for the Conference years 1953, 1954, and 1955 as revealed in the General Minutes.

a. The average membership for the above mentioned years is 9,229,297.

b. The decimal for this one third of the Total Apportionment is arrived at by dividing $1/3$ of the Total Apportionment (\$4,066,667) by the average total membership.

c. The resulting decimal is .440625867 for the membership $1/3$ of the Apportionment.

2. One third on the basis of the average non building giving (i.e., total paid for all purposes minus paid on debt and paid for buildings and improvements) for the Conference years 1953, 1954, and 1955 according to the General Minutes.

a. The average non building giving for the above mentioned years is \$227,705,972.

b. The decimal for this $1/3$ of the total apportionment (\$4,066,667) by the average non building giving figure.

c. The resulting decimal is .017859290 for the non building giving $1/3$ of the Apportionment.

3. One third on the basis of average World Service giving on Apportionment for the fiscal years 1952-53, 1953-54,

and 1954-55 according to the Annual Reports of the Council on World Service and Finance.

a. The average giving for the above mentioned years is \$9,565,675.

b. The decimal for this $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total Apportionment is arrived at by dividing $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Total Apportionment (\$4,066,667) by the average World Service Giving.

c. The resulting decimal is .425131211 for the average World Service Giving $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Apportionment.

The *adjusted* Annual Conference Apportionments were arrived at by the following method:

1. When the Decimal Apportionment is less than 20% above the amount apportioned annually for the 1952-56 quadrennium, the present Apportionment is increased TO 20%.

2. When the Decimal Apportionment is more than 35% above the amount apportioned annually for the 1952-56 quadrennium, the present Apportionment is limited to a 35% increase.

In using the above method, each Annual Conference is given a minimum increase of 20%, or a maximum increase of 35% over the present Annual Apportionment: the percentage of increase being dependent upon the amount of the Decimal Apportionment.

The following is the method of determining an Annual Conference's *adjusted* World Service Apportionment, using Illinois and Missouri Annual Conferences as examples: (See Tables 1 and 2)

The Annual Apportionment for Illinois Conference for the 1952-56 quadrennium is \$231,008. As each Annual Conference is to be given a minimum increase of 20% the *adjusted* Annual Apportionment is \$279,320 (20.91% increase).

TABLE I

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

3 yr. membership (av.)		Membership Reciprocal	
210,328	times	.440625867	= \$ 92,676
3 yr. Non. Bldg. Giving (av.)		Non. Bldg. Reciprocal	
\$4,631,349	times	.017859290	= \$ 82,713
3 yr. World Service Giving (av.)		W. S. Giving Reciprocal	
\$244,467	times	.425131211	= \$103,931

Total apportionment for Ill. Conf. as computed on decimal = \$279,320

The Annual Apportionment for Missouri Conference for the 1952-56 quadrennium is \$26,914; as no Annual Con-

ference is to receive an increase greater than 35%, the *adjusted* Annual Apportionment is \$36,334.

TABLE II

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

3 yr. church membership		Membership Reciprocal	
80,255 (av.)	times	.440625867	= \$ 35,362
3 yr. Non Bldg. Giving (av.)	times	Non. Bldg. Reciprocal	
\$1,451,050	times	.017859290	= \$ 25,915
3 yr. World Service Giving (av.)	times	W. S. Giving Reciprocal	
\$30,290	times	.425131211	= \$ 12,877

Total apportionment for Mo. Conf. as computed on decimal = \$ 74,154

The above described methods of arriving at the Annual Conference Adjusted Apportionment are, however, subject to the following amendment:

“Provided, however, that no Annual Conference shall receive an Apportionment more than 120% of its Decimal Apportionment of this quadrennium.”

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

AMENDED May 3, 1956. See *Journal*, Page 596.

ACTION DEFERRED AND REPORT REFERRED to
Council on World Service and Finance May 3, 1956. See
Journal, Pages 598-599, 615-621.

Adopted May 4, 1956. See *Journal*, Pages 590-599; 615-621;
666-672.

THE EPISCOPAL FUND

(See Paragraphs 769-776 of the 1952 *Discipline*)

The Council on World Service and Finance presents to The General Conference the following recommendation concerning the Episcopal Fund Budget for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1956.

I. Bishops Elected by Jurisdictional Conferences

1. The Salary of an effective Bishop shall be \$12,500.00 per year.

2. The allowance of a retired Bishop or Missionary Bishop shall be \$4,500.00 per year.

3. The allowance for the widow of a deceased Bishop or Missionary Bishop shall be \$2,750.00 per year *provided* that prior to the death of her husband she had been his

wife for a period of at least fifteen years while he was in the effective ministry of The Methodist Church as a Bishop or a Traveling Preacher. The allowance for the widow of a deceased Bishop or Missionary Bishop, who, prior to the death of her husband had been his wife for a shorter period than fifteen years while he was an effective Minister of The Methodist Church, shall be determined on the basis of that fraction of the said fifteen years during which she was his wife. (See Par. 776, 1952 *Discipline*.)

4. The Council on World Service and Finance shall determine the amounts to be allowed for the support of minor children of deceased Bishops and for children who are, at the time of the Bishop's death, of evident mental or physical incapacity to provide for their own self-support.

5. For an Episcopal Residence furnished an effective Bishop, where the Residence is held for The Methodist Church by a Board of Trustees there shall be allowed annually the sum needed to cover the cost of maintenance; *provided* however, that during the period when an Area or Conference is paying off a lien against an Episcopal Residence the fair rental value of the Residence may be paid to the Trustees monthly; the total for the year not to exceed \$3,000.00. When a Conference or Area Committee furnishes an Episcopal Residence, or a Residence is secured by the Bishop himself, there shall be allowed annually the sum needed to cover actual rental cost, *provided* this shall not exceed \$3,000.00 per year.

6. For Secretarial and Office Expense each effective Bishop shall be allowed annually a sum as needed but not to exceed \$5,000.00.

7. Cost of "Official Travel" of each effective Bishop shall be paid upon presentation of an itemized statement of expense. "Official Travel" shall be interpreted to include all Official Travel within the assigned Area including the cost of long distance telephone calls, telegrams, and postage and such Official Travels outside the Area for the work of The Methodist Church as are not paid for by the General Boards and Commissions. The General Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Church shall pay the travel expense of its Episcopal Membership on the same basis as the travel of other Members. Travel outside the Area for addresses and lectures for which honorarium is received is not "Official Travel."

8. Bishops elected by a Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to Areas outside the United States shall be paid the expense of travel of the wife and minor children to the

Area headquarters. The travel expense of the Bishop will be paid to one meeting of The Council of Bishops in the interim between General Conferences. One round-trip passage for his wife will be paid in each quadrennium. Travel expense of minor children will be paid when returning to the United States for college.

9. Travel expense incurred by a retired Bishop resident in the United States in attending the meetings of The General and Jurisdictional Conference, of the semi-annual meetings of The Council of Bishops and of the Annual Meeting of his College of Bishops shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund.

10. The Council of Bishops shall determine and schedule the travel of its members on Official Visits to Overseas Conferences. The expense of such travel is to be paid from the Episcopal Fund.

11. When the necessity arises, The Council of Bishops may send one of its number to organize and/or to hold an Overseas Annual Conference or Conferences and Central Conference or Conferences with the expense for the same paid from the Episcopal Fund.

12. The Council on World Service and Finance may authorize, upon certification of need by The Council of Bishops, a Budget providing for the employment of a special stenographer and the other additional expenses incurred by the Secretary of The Council of Bishops in the performance of the special duties of this office.

II. Bishops Elected by Central Conferences

1. The Council on World Service and Finance, in compliance with Paragraph 574 of the 1952 *Discipline*, shall make to the Bishops elected by the Central Conferences, or to the Treasurer of the Central Conference Episcopal Fund when so authorized, such remittances as the Council on World Service and Finance shall determine. Consideration shall be given to the representation made by the Central Conferences concerning the needs of each. Each Treasurer of a Central Conference Episcopal Fund shall furnish the Central Treasury with an annual Certified Public Accountant Audit of the funds received and distributed by him. Annual adjustments of balances remaining in the Central Conference Treasuries shall be made by the Central Treasury.

2. The Council on World Service and Finance shall determine what sum shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund for the support of Minister or the widow of a Minister who,

having been elected by a Central Conference to serve as a Bishop for one or more terms or for life, shall have reached the time of retirement. Where Term Episcopacy has been established, the Pension provided from the Episcopal Fund shall be made only after a Minister, elected as a Bishop by a Central Conference, shall have reached the age of retirement as set by the Central Conference or shall have been retired for physical disability. In no case shall automatic retirement take effect before this sixty-fifth birthday.

3. Travel expenses will be paid each effective Bishop of a Central Conference attending the sessions of The General Conference and the meeting of The Council of Bishops held in connection therewith, and one other meeting of The Council of Bishops, during the ensuing quadrennium. **AUTHORIZED TRAVEL SHALL BE ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE TRAVEL OF A BISHOP ELECTED BY A JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE.**

4. Travel of any Bishop elected by a Central Conference coming to the United States for an official meeting shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to the seat of the meeting and return, and his expenses in the United States shall be paid for not more than one week previous to the official meeting and for not more than one week following the adjournment of the official meeting. Bishops wishing to stay in the United States for a longer period for cultivation purposes may make such arrangements with the Board of Missions.

5. In the special case of Overseas Bishops staying after The General Conference for the meeting of the World Methodist Conference, your Council recommends:

1. That we request The Council of Bishops to name the Overseas Bishops who, in their opinion should attend the meeting of the World Methodist Conference, and

2. That the expenses of the Bishops named shall be borne by the Episcopal Fund.

3. Travel for one round trip to the United States during the quadrennium will be paid the wife of an effective Bishop of a Central Conference.

III. Reserve for Pensions of Retired Bishops

The Council on World Service and Finance requests authority from The General Conference to set aside from the current Episcopal Fund a sum of not to exceed \$1,000,-000.00, and less if deemed advisable, the same to be carefully invested in compliance with the Prudent Man act so the interest therefrom may be added to the principal during

the 1956-60 quadrennium. This money is to be a further step in the funding of an adequate reserve for the payment of the Pensions of retired Bishops, their widows and minor children. Furthermore, the Council on World Service and Finance requests authority to bring to the 1960 General Conference a completed Plan for the funding of an Episcopal Pension Reserve Fund.

IV. Increase or Decrease During Quadrennium

The amounts above authorized in I and II are subject to increase or decrease during the quadrennium, if, in the judgment of a three-fourths vote of the total membership of the Council on World Service and Finance, economic conditions make such a change necessary.

V. Travel Expense Vouchers

Any and all travel expense of the Bishops will be paid only upon the presentation of an itemized statement.

VI. Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund

The Apportionment for the quadrennium shall be a sum equal to two per cent of the cash salary (not including house allowance) paid to the Pastor or Pastors of each Charge throughout the entire Church. The Council on World Service and Finance shall be authorized to increase or decrease the rate of Apportionment during the quadrennium as may become necessary or advisable, providing that the rate shall not be increased above 2½ per cent.

The estimated annual requirement for this Fund during the ensuing quadrennium is \$1,429,075.00. The estimated return upon the foregoing proposed apportionment is \$1,370,000.00.

The Council on World Service and Finance is directed to alter the provisions of Section VI so as to conform to any legislation that may be adopted by this General Conference.

VII. Determination of Validity of Claims

The Executive Committee of the Council on World Service and Finance shall act for the Council within the authority conferred upon it by the Council, in determining the validity of any claims upon the Episcopal Fund which may be presented during the ensuing quadrennium.

VIII. Episcopal Reserve Pensions Fund

The following Resolution was presented:

JOINT REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE, AND THE COMMITTEE ON PENSION LEGISLATION RESERVE FUNDING OF THE PENSIONS OF BISHOPS.

The General Conference of 1952 directed the Committee on Pension Legislation to study and report to The General Conference of 1956, "in co-operation with the Council of World Service and Finance, a Plan for the Reserve Funding of the Pensions of Bishops and the widows of Bishops." (Par. 1665 - 7 *Discipline* of 1952).

The Committee on Pension Legislation and the Council on World Service and Finance each elected *four* members to serve on a Special Committee, which Committee was directed to give consideration to the formation of a Specific Plan and to report its findings and recommendations separately and independently to the aforementioned Committee on Pension Legislation and the Council on World Service and Finance.

With the counsel and assistance of actuaries, experienced in the field of Reserve Pension Programs for Ministers, the Special Committee approved and recommended a set of general principles together with a Specific Program by which these principles could be activated. These recommendations were reported separately to the Committee on Pension Legislation and to the Council on World Service and Finance.

With minor adjustments and amendments, the recommendations proposed by the Special Committee were adopted by the Commission on Pension Legislation and the Council on World Service and Finance as follows:

1. That a Contributory Reserve Pension Fund be established for Bishops of The Methodist Church elected by a General or Jurisdictional Conference.

2. That each such Bishop in active service be required to contribute annually thereto an amount equal to 3% of his cash salary.

3. That the aforesaid contribution required of each such Bishop shall be deducted at the source from the salary of the Bishop and remitted thereby to the Fund.

4. That the Pension Benefit derived from the contributions required of a Bishop shall be regarded as part of the total amount of Pension payable to said Bishop as it may be determined from time to time by The General Conference.

5. That the entire cost of such Bishops elected in 1956 and thereafter, exclusive of the annual personal contribu-

tions required of said Bishops, shall be amortized by annual payments to the Fund to be paid during the first quadrennium after their election.

6. That on June 1, 1956, an amount, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, be paid from the Episcopal Fund to a Reserve Pension Fund for Bishops to provide a first payment toward the cost of the reserve funding of the Pensions for such Bishops as were elected to the Episcopacy prior to The General Conference of 1956 and for their surviving widows.

7. That the remainder of the amount needed to provide the reserve funding for the Pensions of such Bishops elected prior to 1956, and for their surviving widows, exclusive of the annual personal contributions required of said Bishops, be amortized during such period as may be determined by the Council on World Service and Finance.

8. That the schedule of amortization as provided above be fixed, and if necessary that it be adjusted from time to time, so that in any Conference year the total Annual Apportionment to the Pastoral Charges for the Episcopal Fund as required for all purposes thereof shall not exceed the percentage approved by The General Conference as the Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund.

A careful study of the recommendations as set forth above indicates that consideration has been given to the solution of two major problems in devising the procedure essential to the conversion of the present Pension Plan to a Reserve Pension Plan for the Pensions of Bishops and the widows of deceased Bishops.

The *first* problem relates to the determination of specific rules and regulations in accordance with which the Reserve Plan must be administered in the future. These rules and regulations include provisions for the method of determining the amounts of the several benefits, the method of financing the costs and the requirement, if any, concerning the amount of contribution by the Bishops and the method of collection.

The *second* problem relates to the determination of the method and procedure in changing from the present to the Reserve Funding Plan. It is recommended that The General Conference authorize the Council on World Service and Finance to determine, within limits, the timing and selection of the procedures necessary to achieve fully the goal.

Therefore, the Commission on Pension Legislation and the Council on World Service and Finance, by concurrent Resolutions, hereby recommend:

That the 1952 *Discipline* be amended by revising Par. 770 by adding a new Section, as follows:

1. "The Pensions for the support of retired Bishops elected by a General or Jurisdictional Conference and the surviving widows and minor dependent children of such deceased Bishops shall be provided by means of a Contributory Reserve Pension Fund to be held and administered by the Council on World Service and Finance in consultation with the General Board of Pensions.

(a) The amounts of the annual Pensions payable to retired Bishops and to the surviving widows and minor dependent children of deceased Bishops shall be determined by The General Conference, on recommendation of the Council on World Service and Finance.

(b) Each Bishop in active service shall be required to contribute annually to the Fund an amount equal to 3% of his cash salary.

(c) The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund shall be authorized and instructed to withhold from his salary the amount of the Bishop(s) required contribution and to pay said amount to the fund.

(d) Any and all benefit derived from the contributions required of a Bishop shall be regarded as a part of the total amount of the Pension payable to said Bishop upon his retirement and to his surviving widow and minor dependent children.

(e) The remainder of the cost of the Reserve Funding of the Pensions payable to retired Bishops and to the widows and minor dependent children of deceased Bishops shall be provided from the Episcopal Fund in accordance with such program and procedure as may from time to time be determined by the Council on World Service and Finance with the approval of The General Conference."

2. That the Council on World Service and Finance be authorized and directed to proceed as rapidly as possible to convert fully the present Pension Program for Bishops and the widows and minor dependent children of deceased Bishops to the Program of the Reserve Funding of the Pensions of Bishops and of the widows and dependent minor children of deceased Bishops.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 4. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE
AND FINANCE****AMENDED** *May 3, 1956. See Journal, Pages 599; 621.**Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 599.*(Paragraphs 765-768 of 1952 *Discipline*)

The Council on World Service and Finance recommends the following Annual Budget for the General Administration Fund for the quadrennium beginning June 1, 1956.

BUDGET**General Administration Fund**

Items	1956-1960 Budget
1. General Conference Expense	\$110,000.00
2. Local Entertainment—General Conference	5,000.00
3. Methodist Information	110,000.00
4. The Statistical Office	42,500.00
5. The Transportation Office	25,000.00
6. The Methodist Historical Society	20,000.00
7. The Judicial Council	5,500.00
8. The Co-ordinating Council	15,000.00
9. Commission on Worship	2,500.00
10. World Methodist Council	40,000.00
11. General Expense	25,000.00
12. Family Life Conference	8,750.00
13. Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System	50,000.00
14. Commission on Church Union	3,500.00
Total	\$462,750.00

The Report includes only items authorized in the 1952 *Discipline*. These are recommended to The General Conference.

EXPLANATION OF ITEMS IN BUDGET:

1. The expense of the 1960 General Conference is budgeted at \$440,000.00, this being the estimated cost of that meeting.

2. The General Conference Committee on Entertainment and Program has requested an additional \$20,000.00 as an assist to the Local Committee on Entertainment.

3. Methodist Information (Par. 1593-1596 of 1952 *Discipline*) draws its support from the General Administration Fund.

4. The Statistical Office prepares the General Minutes and the "Methodist Fact Book."

5. The Transportation Office is maintained as the Agent of the Church authorized to confer with the transportation agencies in the securing of clergy rates and passes. The saving to the Church more than compensates for the cost of the office.

6. The Methodist Historical Society (Par. 661-662 of 1952 *Discipline*) is authorized to consolidate and conserve the historical materials of the Church.

7. The expense of The Judicial Council is an authorized expense upon the General Administration Fund.

8. The Co-ordinating Council is authorized to draw upon the General Administration Fund in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. See Par. 1115-6 of the 1952 *Discipline*.

9. Paragraph 2007 of the 1952 *Discipline* creates a "Commission on Worship and Fine Arts" and authorizes the payment of expenses, from the General Administration Fund.

10. The World Methodist Council has placed a request for support from the General Administration Fund.

11. Under General Expense is included the General Administration Fund share of the Central Treasury, and other items which may be authorized as having a rightful claim upon this Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the amount budgeted for The Judicial Council be an annual sum of \$5,500.00, it being understood that if this amount is insufficient in any one year, such additional funds as may be necessary shall be drawn from the General Conference Expense Fund.

2. That the authorized travel allowance for attendance upon the 1956 General Conference be as stated in the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the 1956 General Conference.

3. That the several interests included in the Annual Budget of the General Administration Fund shall draw upon the Administration Fund receipts as needed each year, within the limitations of their Budgets and as funds are available for the same; *provided* that if inflation or deflation during the quadrennium radically changes the cost upon this fund or the receipts for this fund, adjustments may be made within the total framework of the Budget as may

be deemed necessary upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Council on World Service and Finance.

4. That an Annual Conference which in any year overpays its Apportionment for the General Administration Fund shall be given credit for the same in the succeeding year and any Conference which fails to pay its Apportionment in full for any one or more years shall have the deficit added to the Apportionment of the succeeding year.

5. THAT WHEN ALL THE APPROVED ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND HAVE BEEN DETERMINED, THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE IS AUTHORIZED TO APPORTION THE SAME TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES, USING AS THE FACTOR THE AVERAGE NON-BUILDING TOTAL GIVING FOR ALL PURPOSES FOR THE YEARS 1952-1955.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. McKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 5. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Pages 600-606.

(Paragraph 778 of the 1952 *Discipline*)

Complying with Paragraph 778 of the 1952 *Discipline*, the Council on World Service and Finance presents herewith a Budget for the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund and recommendations as to the distribution of this Fund.

Careful consideration has been given to the askings of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. and to the World Council of Churches. These Agencies provide the channels through which The Methodist Church works co-operatively with National and World Protestantism. Your Council recognizes the obligation of The Methodist Church to carry its full share in the leadership and support of these Agencies.

During this past quadrennium each Agency has progressed in the development of a National and World sense of Christian solidarity. In this time when our world is filled with distrust and suspicion, these Inter-Denominational Agencies are vital agencies in pointing the way to the establishment of the Kingdom of God on this earth.

Your Council is aware of the need of each Agency for a much larger Budget than is here provided. Urgent requests have come from several of our Methodist Agencies to transfer to this Fund activities now being supported by them. Other World Service Agencies have requested allotments from this fund for important new projects. All of these activities are worth while and challenge Methodist support.

At the same time your Council has reviewed the requests of our World Service Agencies. Needs totaling \$17,439,-033.18 were presented. The Council has estimated that \$12,200,000.00 represented a realistic asking from our churches. This is an overall increase of 26.29%. The increase for the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, as here presented, is 31.88%. The Budget follows:

EXPLANATION OF BUDGET

The National Council

Washington Office: By Inter-Denominational agreement and with the support of the Co-operating Bodies, a Washington Office has functioned for the past eight or more years. This office keeps the General Agencies of the Co-operating Churches informed about national legislation and other government activities in which they are interested. The recommendation is for \$4,500.00.

The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence: This was a function of the former "Federal Council of Churches" and was supported from funds of the Council. The Methodist Church does not have united in one Agency a comparable organization. Some of the functions of this Joint Department are performed by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, some by the Council on World Service and Finance and some by the Board of Lay Activities. The designation of \$5,000.00 is a reasonable appropriation for this important department of the National Council.

The United Church Canvass: For the past quadrennium the United Church Canvass has been supported by the General Administration Fund. Now that the United Church Canvass is a part of the National Council, it is proper that it have a place in this fund. Our Methodist share from these general funds is recommended as \$2,000.00.

General Purposes Costs: Amount recommended—\$165,-139.00. This sum is paid to help (1) support the General Administrative Costs of the National Council and (2) to provide the Methodist share of Special Program and Service projects which may develop during the quadrennium. (Definition of "General Purposes" follows the Budget.)

Broadcasting and Film: The directive for paying this comes from the Television, Radio and Film Commission. The total recommended is \$60,000.00.

Travel—Members of the General Board: The General Board of the National Council meets bi-monthly. Within the limits of the funds appropriated, the travel is paid for the Methodist members. The annual amount to be made available is recommended as \$10,000.00.

The World Council

Administration: The Methodist share of the administrative costs of the World Council is \$96,891.00.

Travel: The travel expense of the Methodist members of the Executive Committee is paid from this appropriation, the recommended amount being \$10,000.00.

Headquarters Building: It is highly desirable to house the World Council in its own building. The Methodist share will be withheld until the building is satisfactorily financed. An annual amount of \$18,000.00 is recommended.

Travel—Assembly in 1960: It is recommended that \$5,000.00 be set aside annually to assist in the travel of Methodist Delegates to the Assembly in 1960.

The National Council

General Purposes Program

The Washington Office	\$ 4,500.00	
Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence	5,000.00	
United Church Canvass	2,000.00	
General Purposes	\$165,139.00	\$176,639.00
Broadcasting and Film		60,000.00
Travel—Members of General Board		10,000.00
		\$246,639.00

The World Council

Administrative	96,891.00
Travel to the Executive and Central Committee Meetings ..	10,000.00
Headquarters Building	18,000.00
(To be held until satisfactorily financed)	

Travel—Assembly in 1960	\$ 5,000.00	
		129,891.00
		\$376,530.00

DEFINITION OF "GENERAL PURPOSES"

The General Undesignated Income Account of the National Council of Churches was established to receive contributions from member Denominations and other sources which are either specifically designated for general use or, lacking any instruction, are therefore considered to be "General Purposes" of the Council.

The "General Purpose" Funds have in the past been allocated to and expended by the Council's Program Units and General Secretariat under annual authorizations of the General Board. Subject to future authorizations, the term "General Purposes" will include the following Program and Administrative Activities:

1. To cover the cost of the General Secretariat;
2. To defray expenses of the General Assembly, the General Board and their Committees;
3. To fulfill commitments to two Program Units, the Division of Christian Life and Work and the Division of Christian Education, which at the time of the merger turned over their undesignated income sources to the National Council for general solicitation with the provision that they would receive back annually an equitable share of general income;
4. To stabilize and strengthen Program in Units not having the member Denominations;
5. To assist Program Units in meeting their central service costs;
6. To strengthen basic, General Program throughout the Council, especially at points where the activities of several units are involved and where restricted sources of any one or all together are at present inadequate;
7. To make possible special short-term projects when great national issues are at stake and the Member Denominations wish to act promptly and forcefully in meeting them together through the Council;
8. To strengthen the General Program of public interpretation on behalf of the Member Bodies and for the spiritual enrichment of Protestantism and the Nation in general.

In connection with the Apportionment, collection, and distribution of the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund your Council on World Service and Finance further recommends:

A. That a new Chapter be added to Part VII, Administrative Agencies, to be called Chapter XXI, Inter-Denominational Agencies, to read as follows:

Par. 1599: The Methodist Church is a Charter Member of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. It has borne its proportionate share of financial support, and through the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund is authorized and directed to continue its support.

The representatives of The Methodist Church to the Assembly, the General Board, and other Agencies of the National Council shall be nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference, due regard being given to geographical representation. When representatives must be chosen between sessions of The General Conference, The Council of Bishops is authorized and instructed to do so.

Vacancies occurring in Methodist representation in the National Council of Churches shall be filled by The Council of Bishops.

Methodist support of the World Council of Churches shall be channeled through the central Treasury, as the Council on World Service and Finance shall direct, due credit being given by the Council on World Service and Finance for Methodist gifts and contributions received by the National Council of Churches. The sources of income shall include (a) the National Council of Churches' share of the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, as determined by The General Conference; (b) Such payments by the General Agencies of the Church as each Agency may deem its responsibility and proportionate share in the Co-operative Program of the National Council; (c) Personal group, or Local Church gifts shall be included as a part of the ratio distribution of the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund.

These gifts and contributions are to be included in the Annual Financial Report of the Council on World Service and Finance to the Church.

Par. 1600: The Methodist Church is a Charter Member of the World Council of Churches. It has borne its proportionate share of financial support, and through the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund is authorized and directed to continue its support.

The representatives of The Methodist Church to the Assembly and other Agencies of the World Council shall be nominated by The Council of Bishops and elected by The General Conference, due regard being given to geographical representation. When representatives must be chosen between sessions of The General Conference, The Council of Bishops is authorized and instructed to do so.

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B. That The General Conference approve:

1. That the Committee on Records, Forms, and Statistical Blanks of the Council on World Service and Finance be authorized to include two columns in the Pastors' Report to the Annual Conference, the general heading to be "Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund," the first column to indicate "Amount Apportioned" and the second column, "Amount Paid."

2. That the basis for Apportionment to each Annual Conference be a sum to 19/100ths% of the average annual amount of the Annual Conferences total giving for all purposes (not including sums paid on debts or for building and improvements) as reported in the General Minutes for the first three years of the 1952-1956 quadrennium.

3. That all Methodist Agencies, including Annual Conferences, Local Churches and individuals, contributing to either the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. or the World Council of Churches shall channel their contributions through the Central Treasury of the Council on World Service and Finance. Gifts received by either the National Council or the World groups or Local Churches are to be reported to the Central Treasury and credited as directed by the donor. Undirected gifts shall be credited as directed by the Council on World Service and Finance.

4. That the Board of Missions, the Board of Education, M.C.O.R., the Board of Lay Activities, the Methodist Publishing House, and other Methodist Agencies as they may elect, continue to purchase services as in the past and that

they continue to enter into co-operative projects as they may deem desirable or in the best interests of efficiency and economy. However, any and all contributions or payments from The Methodist Church will be channeled as above directed so that The Methodist Church may have an exact and complete record of the total Methodist participation in the work of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.

5. That the Council on World Service and Finance, or its Executive Committee, be authorized to make adjustments within the Fund when the same are deemed necessary and when approved by three fourths of those present and voting.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 6. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

AMENDED May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 622.

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 622.

SUBJECT: UNIFICATION OF TITLES

(Paragraph 1120-3)

The 1952 *Discipline*, Par. 1120 (3) places upon the Council on World Service and Finance the following responsibility:

"The Council on World Service and Finance shall have authority and responsibility to . . . establish titles for the employed Executive Staff of World Service Agencies in the interest of uniformity and consistency."

In compliance with this mandate of the last General Conference an intensive study has been made of titles as now used; a conference has been held with the Executive Secretaries of the World Service Agencies, and we believe that general approval has been given by the Executive Secretaries to the following Report.

Report of Titles

Our study of the Boards and Agencies of The Methodist Church indicates that while there is a wide variety of organizational structure and of titles, there are two places in which there is general agreement. First, the term used for the Sub-division of the work which deals with a specific phase of the service to the field is in general called a *Department*. Second, the head of a Board or large agency is generally known as Executive Secretary. The exception to

this is the Board of Missions where the top men in the Division are known as General Executive Secretaries.

There is fairly general agreement in the Boards in the sequence of Staff Officers. This is Executive Secretary (General Executive Secretary—Board of Missions), Associate Secretary, Assistant Secretary. At the Department level there is wide variation of terminology. The small Board with only one Officer above the Department level tends to call the Department head an Associate Secretary. The other terms used are Administrative Secretary by the Division of World Missions; Superintendent or Director in the Division of National Missions; Secretary or Director in the General Section of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation; Director in the Board of Education.

There are two types of organizational structure within our World Service Agencies, namely:

1. Two or more co-equal Divisions within a Board with a General Executive Secretary or Executive Secretary at the head of each. This pattern is found in the Board of Missions, The Board of Education, and the Board of Pensions.

2. A "Board" with one Executive Secretary or Executive Director as the head. The remainder of the World Service Agencies follow this pattern.

Therefore, in the light of these findings, the Council on World Service and Finance recommends to this General Conference that

- I. Each World Service Agency, so far as possible, shall adopt the following levels in Agency Organization.

- A. *Board or Division*: The general organization of Staff responsibility.

- B. *Section*: A Board Sub-division of responsibility of a Board or Division.

- C. *Department*: A specific phase of service to the field.

- D. *Bureau*: A Sub-division of responsibility within a Department.

- II. Each World Service Agency shall adopt the following titles for the head executive at each level.

- A. *General Secretary*: Board or Division.

- B. *Executive Secretary*: Section.

- C. *Director*: Department.

- D. *Superintendent*: Bureau.

In order to implement this change it is recommended that The General Conference authorize each World Service Agency to co-operate with the Editors of the 1956 *Discipline* in making the changes necessary to bring the disciplinary nomenclature into harmony with the foregoing recommendations.

In making these changes the Editors of the *Discipline* and the World Service Agencies are directed to be guided by the following advices in so far as these may be applicable.

1. Boards may wish to organize with the Departments directly responsible to the General Secretary, rather than have an Executive Secretary in charge of a group of Departments. In this case, the heads of Departments will be known as Directors, and the General Secretary may have one or more Associate or Assistant Secretaries responsible to him. These will be in general administration, but not responsible for a group of Departments. Their title and place in a wage scale will be determined by the extent and type of responsibility, which should be similar in responsibility to analogous situations in the other Boards.

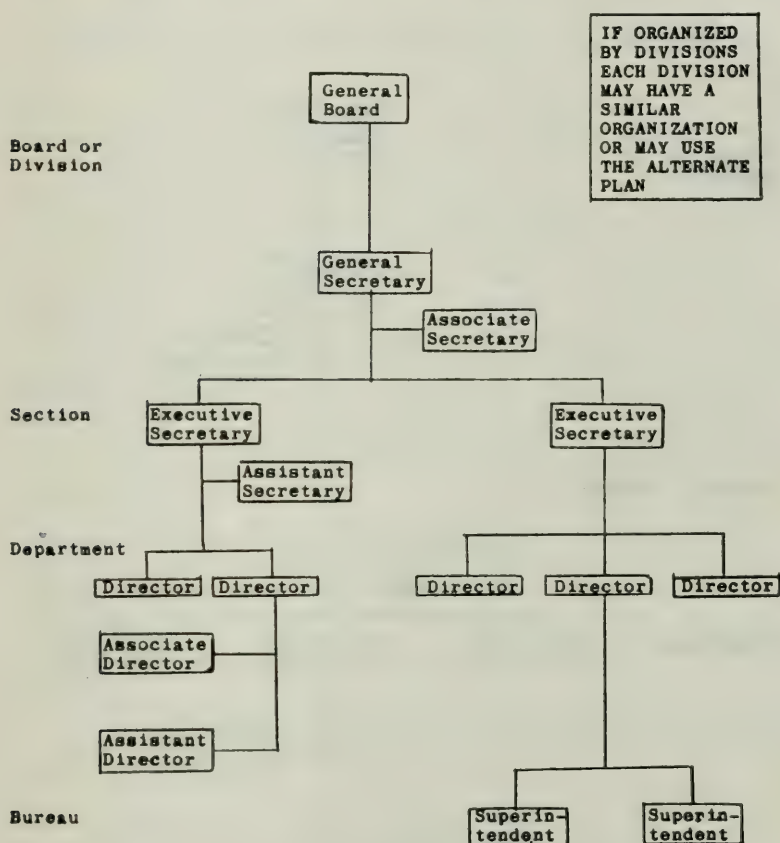
2. The Chief Executive Officer of a Council, Board, Division, Commission, Joint Section, and M.C.O.R. should be classified as General Secretary. The chief Officer of an Inter-Board Committee should be classified as an Executive Secretary.

3. An Editor is generally classified as on the level of an Executive Secretary, the head of a Section of work. The level of a Treasurer, Business Manager or Office Manager will vary according to the size of the Agency and the scope of his responsibilities.

4. THE TITLE OF ASSOCIATE SECRETARY IS USED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE SECOND IN AUTHORITY ONLY TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY, AND MAY BE ASSIGNED AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARY IN HIS ABSENCE. IN THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, THE TITLE OF ASSOCIATE GENERAL SECRETARY MAY BE USED TO DESIGNATE THE PERSON WHO IS ASSIGNED THIS AUTHORITY AND ALSO HAS CERTAIN EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES RESPONSIBLE TO HIM.

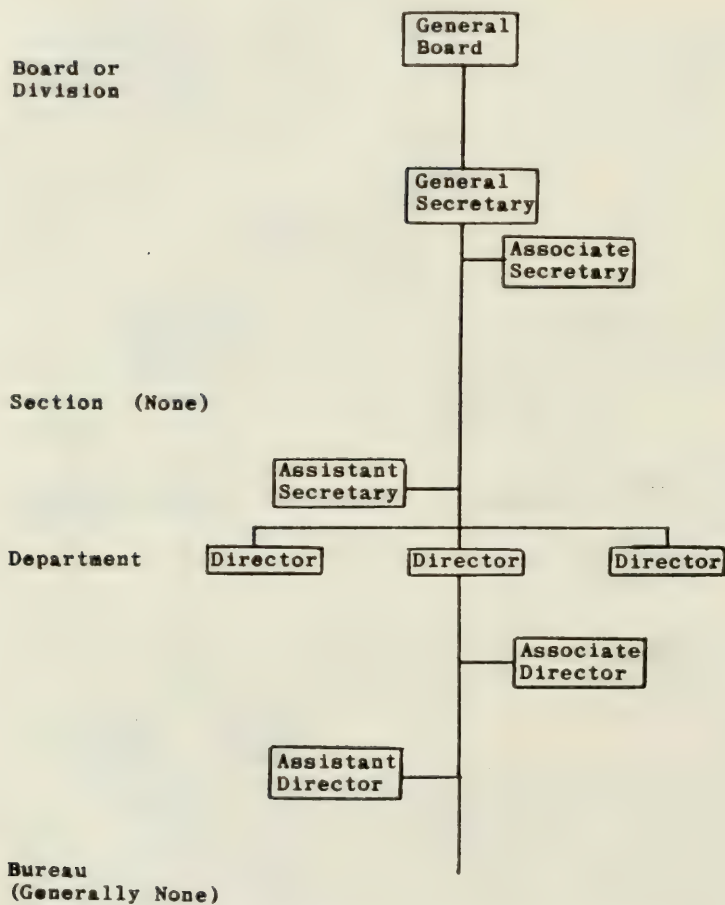
5. The accompanying graphs are appended so that the Staff Organization of the two types of Agencies may be visualized.

STAFF ORGANIZATION OF A BOARD OR DIVISION WITH A LARGE STAFF
ORGANIZED WITH SECTIONS AND DEPARTMENTS



The level of the Treasurer is determined by the Agency

**STAFF ORGANIZATION OR BOARD OR DIVISION ORGANIZED WITH
DEPARTMENTS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO GENERAL SECRETARY**



The level of the Treasurer is determined by the Agency

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

**REPORT NO. 7. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE
AND FINANCE**

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 623.

SUBJECT:—IMPROVEMENTS AND ECONOMIES

(Paragraph 782)

The Executive Secretaries have taken very seriously Paragraph 782 of the 1952 *Discipline* which reads:

"During the 1952-56 quadrennium these Agencies shall study their respective functions, Programs, and internal operations and institute such improvements and economies in their work as they find to be feasible and practicable. They shall co-operate with the Council on World Service and Finance in working out, in advance of these studies, the general areas to be included and methods of carrying out this objective. They shall report their accomplishments in improvements and economies at the close of each fiscal year during the 1952-56 quadrennium to the Council on World Service and Finance, which shall prepare from this information a combined Report for The General Conference of 1956."

Every Board has reported on its studies to reduce administration costs. "Economy" has been interpreted as reducing administrative costs so as to release funds for increased service to the field.

There are three ways in which improvements have taken place:

1. The reduction of administrative and promotional costs so that a larger percentage of the dollar goes into service to the field,
2. Economies in service to the field, and
3. The elimination of unnecessary service.

In each case the improvement or economy means released funds which are available for increased service to the field.

The year 1953-54 was the first in which Reports to the Council on World Service and Finance were broken down into Service, Administration and Promotion. In the comparison of the fiscal year 1953-54 and 1954-55 the increase in the disbursements of the World Service agencies amounted to \$1,750,806.23. This was an increase of 10.1%. Even with this increase in total disbursements there was a decrease in the amount reported for administration amounting to \$275,798.35. Promotion showed an increase of \$72,117.58. Thus, the percentage of costs classified as administration dropped 2.4% and the percentage of costs

classified as promotion increased 0.1%. In 1954-55 \$1,954,-487.00 more went into service to the field than in the fiscal year 1953-54. This means that the percentage of funds which went into service to the field increased from 87.3% to 89.6%, an increase of 2.3%.

While this may be the largest amount of saving reported in any one year, because it is the result of Agency study during the first year of the quadrennium, it is an indication of the careful attention the Boards have been giving to administrative costs. The introduction of new equipment and new procedures, developed in recent years in the business field, have helped in reducing administration costs.

The scope of the studies of these Agencies falls into six fields.

1. Study of Policies and Procedures
2. Changes in organization and the assignment of Staff responsibility
3. Inter-Board or Inter-Denominational Co-operative activity
4. Literature and promotion materials
5. Personnel Policies and Practices
6. Office Equipment Practices and Procedures

It is to be noted that only 5 and 6 are items which would reduce the cost of administration. No. 4 would effect savings in promotion. 1, 2, and 3 relate to improved service. These savings in service are difficult to estimate. They would doubtless be as large as the savings in administration.

Some examples of savings follow:

1. Staff members have studied travel schedules with a view of avoiding overlapping of services in the field.
2. Increased use has been made of volunteer Staffs on the Annual Conference or District level.
3. Inter-Board meetings have resulted in the assignment of duties, preventing duplication of materials and the overlapping of Program, and
4. The grouping of general meetings so as to reduce Staff travel.

Other General Agencies have also studied their operations and have been able to effect savings. It is more difficult to report the amount of these savings because they do not present an annual report similar to the World Service Agencies. The reductions in administrative costs in the

larger Agencies would roughly parallel the savings of the World Service Agencies.

The spirit of co-operation and goodwill among the Secretaries in the study and sharing of experiences in effecting economies and improvements has made for the welfare of the Boards and of the Church as a whole. An excellent start has been made by the World Service Agencies and the Secretaries have expressed their willingness to have the study of their operations continue.

RESOLUTION

Whereas benefits to the Church have accrued from the legislation in Paragraph 782 of the 1952 *Discipline*, and

Whereas the Secretaries of the Agencies receiving financial support from the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund, or any Church appeal have expressed willingness to have this study continue,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Editors be authorized to delete 1952-56 in the first line of Paragraph 782; the same in line 10; and of 1956 in line 13 so that the Paragraph as revised shall read:

"Paragraph 782. During the quadrennium these Agencies shall study their respective functions, Programs, and internal operations and institute such improvements and economies in their work as they find to be feasible and practicable. They shall co-operate with the Council on World Service and Finance in working out, in advance of these studies, the general Areas to be included and methods of carrying out this objective. They shall report their accomplishments in improvements and economies at the close of each fiscal year during the quadrennium to the Council on World Service and Finance, which shall prepare from this information a combined report for The General Conference."

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 8. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

CORRECTED May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 623.

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 623-624.

SUBJECT:—SPECIAL DAYS

Paragraph 747 of the 1952 *Discipline* reads:

"The Council on World Service and Finance shall also recommend to The General Conference the days in connec-

tion with the Church-wide observance of which the taking of Special Offerings shall be authorized, and in the case of each shall recommend whether or not the receipts derived therefrom shall be credited to the contributing church as a part of its World Service Apportionment, and charged against the claims of the Board or Agency receiving the same. All such recommendations are subject to the approval of The General Conference."

In compliance with this legislation, the Council on World Service and Finance presents the following recommendations:

1. *Week of Dedication*: As the name implies, Methodists are called upon to observe a week of personal spiritual dedication culminating in a renewed purpose to exemplify the spirit of Christ, and to give token of this dedication in an offering presented on the closing Sunday of the Week. The date is set by the Co-ordinating Council and comes near the beginning of Lent. The Council recommends the taking of this offering to be known as "The Week of Dedication Offering." This offering shall be channeled through the Conference Treasurer to the Central Treasury. A special "Week of Dedication" voucher shall be issued. The Council further recommends that The General Conference authorize the continuance of a space in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference for reporting the amount of the offering. The Central Treasurer is directed, after deducting the cost of the promotion of the offering, to make distribution as authorized by the "Week of Dedication Committee."

2. *Fellowship of Suffering and Service*: The Council recommends that an offering be taken on World-wide Communion Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. It further recommends that similar offerings be taken each time the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed and that all or a portion of these offerings be transmitted through the Conference Treasurer to the Central Treasury. A special "Fellowship of Suffering and Service" voucher shall be issued. It further recommends that The General Conference authorize the continuance of a space in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference for reporting the amount of the offering. Distribution of the offering shall be made by the Central Treasurer, after the costs of promotion have been deducted, on the ratio of 50% for M.C.O.R., 25% for the Commission on Chaplains, and 25% for the Commission on Camp Activities.

3. *World Service Sunday*: Authorized as a responsibility of the Official Board (Par. 215-3 of the 1952 *Discipline*) and of the Commission on Education in the Church School (Par.

233-1 of the 1952 *Discipline*), the Council on World Service and Finance recommends its continuance and calls attention to the fact that the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois prepares free promotional literature each month which the Pastor may secure upon request. This offering is for World Service and Conference Benevolences and is credited on the Apportionment to the Local Church. It is recommended that line 30 "Church School offering for World Service and Conference Benevolences" in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference be continued.

4. *Church School Rally Day*: This is an annual offering taken in the Church School for the Annual Conference Board of Education. This offering receives Annual Conference credit only. It is recommended that The General Conference authorize the continuance of a space in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference for reporting the amount of the offering.

5. *Race Relations Sunday*: The observance of Race Relations Sunday on the second Sunday in February includes an offering for the benefit of the Negro Schools related to the Methodist Board of Education. The Council recommends (1) the observance of this Sunday with an offering, and (2) that The General Conference authorize the continuance of the space in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference for reporting the offering.

6. *Methodist Student Day*: The Council on World Service and Finance recommends the approval of the observance of Methodist Student Day with an offering for the support of National Methodist Scholarships and the Student Loan Fund, the receipts from such offerings to be sent through the Annual Conference Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. It further recommends the continuance of a space in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference for reporting the amount of the offering.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
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REPORT NO. 9. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 624.

Specific Duties Assigned

The Council on World Service and Finance, in reporting on specific duties assigned by the 1952 General Conference, presents the following Report.

Paragraph 737—1 Budgets: The World Service budget for the Council on World Service and Finance and for the World Service Agencies are found in Report No. 1.

Paragraph 737—2 Review of Audited Budgets: The Council has reviewed annually the proposed Budgets of the World Service Agencies, including the auditor's statement. A careful study has been made of the relationship of amounts used for Administration, Service, and Promotion.

Paragraph 737—3 Unnecessary Duplication of Activities and Program: The possible duplication or overlapping of activities or Programs has been given careful study. No withholding of funds has been necessary.

Paragraph 737—4 Use of Funds for Administration, Service and Promotion: The World Service Program "outlining the General Financial Objectives of the Church for the forthcoming quadrennium, and proposing the ratio distribution of World Service Funds among the participating Agencies" has been set forth in Report No. 1. Report No. 2 recommends Apportionments to the Annual Conferences. Attention here is given to the directive—"It shall indicate the proportion of World Service Funds to be used for Administration, Service and Promotion."

Before a study could be made of expenditures by the World Service Agencies for "Administration, Service, and Promotion," uniform accounting procedures had to be determined and agreed to by the Agencies involved. To secure uniform account classifications it has not been necessary to request the Agencies to change their accounting procedures. A uniform plan, identifying whether expenditures are for Administration, Service, or Promotion has been accepted by all. This has made it possible to get a picture of the financial operations of the entire Church in a way not previously possible. The continuation of uniform account classifications for the World Service Agencies is recommended.

The setting up of uniform account classifications was pioneering a new field. The auditors were unable to give much help because they had not previously encountered these problems of definition in the field of Church accounting. Their greatest help was the giving of approval to the accounting procedures developed by Dr. J. Homer Magee, whose responsibility it has been to put these new duties into operation.

Returning to the directive to indicate the amount to be apportioned each Agency for use in Administration, Service, and Promotion, your Council reports that as of its studies

to date it is unable to indicate a percentage division which is uniformly applicable to each Agency. Because of the vast difference in size of Staff and the amounts of money available for service to the field, it is improbable that uniform percentages can be given. Before the final answer is framed, further study should be made.

In this Report to The General Conference, it can be said that each Agency has made a careful study of its own functions and that the percentage for Administration and in most cases for Promotion is lower now than it was at the beginning of the quadrennium. The Agencies should now be authorized to consider their current year percentage expenditures for Administration and Promotion as maximum, and encouraged to seek to further decrease the same. It should be borne in mind that there are times when an increased Budget may involve an increase in Administration, but usually this should not result in a percentage increase for Administration. There is also a temptation to expend more for Promotion (defined as direct appeals for financial aid). This should be discouraged.

While your Council is not prepared to recommend a percentage division of allocations to the World Service Agencies, it does propose, with the approval of The General Conference, the continued study of expenditures in the fields of Administration, Promotion and Service. It is convinced that a record of each Agency, accumulated over a period of years, will be an aid in the evaluation and classifications of its expenditures.

Paragraph 737—5 Special Days: The report on Special Days involving an Offering will be found in Report No. 8.

Paragraph 737—6 Responsibilities Assigned a Comptroller: The Council reports that Dr. J. Homer Magee has been named Comptroller. Uniform accounting classifications have been described in an earlier part of this Report. The Council has checked upon the acceptability of each auditing firm employed by the World Service Agencies and is pleased to report all are highly recommended. All the General Agencies observe the fiscal year ending on May 31.

Paragraph 737—7 Investment Policies: Investment funds have been carefully studied. Some suggestions have been made and accepted with thanks by the Agencies involved. The overall quality and investment policy of the World Service Agencies is most commendable.

Paragraph 737—8 Treasury Functions for World Service Agencies: The Central Treasury is performing the Treasury functions for the Board of Social and Economic Relations.

Paragraph 737—9 Investment Services for World Service Agencies: The Central Treasury is holding a small reserve for the Board of World Peace.

Paragraph 737—10 Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts: The 1948 General Conference authorized the General Commission on World Service and Finance to set up a "Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts." This responsibility was rephrased in the 1952 *Discipline*. The Council on World Service and Finance has created a Special Committee to guide the authorized Program and a Director has been named Director.

During the 1948-52 quadrennium a special mailing list was developed of persons who might leave a legacy to one or more of the General Agencies of the Church. These have received occasional mailings. The overall response has been good.

This quadrennium additional names have been added and the mailings have been continued. Two additional features have been added.

1. A contact has been made with the Local Church Committee on "Wills and Legacies" and a list of Chairmen developed.

2. Through co-operation with the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches, materials for use in the Local Church Chairman are being developed. These include a Local Church Committee on "Wills and Legacies" Manual, a helpful filmstrip interpreted by a long playing record, pickup folders, interest cards, lists of the corporate titles of the World Service Agencies and special folders and letters to Methodist members encouraging them to remember the Church in their wills. A sample packet has been mailed each Pastor.

Also, your Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts has joined with the National Council of Churches in a nationwide emphasis upon "Remember The Church In Your Will In 1956." This has received the approval of The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance.

Your Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts now requests of The General Conference approval of this special emphasis during the year 1956 and the granting of approval of a continued emphasis throughout the quadrennium.

Paragraph 737—11 Administration of Funds: Separate Reports are being made of the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund. See Reports 3, 4, and 5.

Paragraph 737—12 Distributable Income Held By the Board of Trustees:

Paragraph 737-12 of the 1952 *Discipline*, in listing the responsibilities of the Council on World Service and Finance, provides:

"12. It shall receive from the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church a Report of the distributable income from undesignated funds held by the Board of Trustees, and shall recommend to The General Conference how such income shall be distributed."

In response to a letter to the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church, the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Arnold A. Johnson, sent the Council a letter dated January 19, 1956 which listed the following funds:

Alverson Estate	\$ 62.95
Gantt Estate	147.10
Hamilton Estate	30.26
McCardle Estate	14.19
Scoville Estate	5,753.68
Total	\$6,008.18

RESOLUTION

Whereas this \$6,008.18 has become available as interest from the monies given by the afore listed estates, and

Whereas such income should be used for some particular need of The Methodist Church rather than lost in a large distributable fund.

Therefore your Council on World Service and Finance recommends that, for this quadrennium only, the distributable income be added to principal of the Fund by The Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 10. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

AMENDED May 7, 1956. See Journal, Page 905.

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MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council on World Service and Finance presents the following recommendations for which it seeks the approval of this General Conference.

1. World Service and Conference Benevolences

The Council views with concern the following trends in the raising of the General Benevolences, to which it calls attention.

a. On the Local Church level, an increasing number of churches are including their World Service and Conference Benevolences in a unified or single Budget; thus limiting the amount an individual donor may direct to the General Benevolences. Attention to the last sentence of Par. 240 of the 1952 *Discipline* which reads: "It is recommended that the Local Church expense and Benevolence Causes be set up separately, and that the people be given opportunity to subscribe to each cause."

b. On the Conference level there is a growing tendency to include "Administrative Items" in the Conference Benevolence Budget of the World Service and Conference Benevolences. We recommend that money needed for the Administrative Program of the Annual Conference be apportioned and raised separately from World Service and Conference Benevolences.

2. Budgets of Central Office and Council

The costs of the Central Office and Treasury and The Council on World Service and Finance are charged against World Service, the Episcopal Fund, the General Administration Fund and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund in proportion to receipts. The recommended Annual Budgets are: Central Office and Treasurer \$138,216.00; The Council on World Service and Finance, \$20,000.00.

3. Budget of Commission on Promotion and Cultivation

The costs of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation are distributed to the funds promoted by the Central Office of Promotion and Cultivation. This past quadrennium these included World Service, Advance Specials, the Week of Dedication, Fellowship of Suffering and Service, the Television Ministry, the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, and the Bishops' Appeal for Korea. The Council recommends to The General Conference that the Annual Budget for the 1956-60 quadrennium be an annual sum not to exceed \$631,370.00.

4. Authority to Adjust Budgets

It is further recommended, in order to meet changing conditions or emergencies, that the Council be authorized to adjust the foregoing Budgets as the emergencies or re-

sponsibilities placed upon these Agencies by The General Conference may require.

5. General Administration Fund

We recommend that the Central Receiving Treasurer keep a record of payments of the General Administration Fund as made by each Annual Conference, and that the deficit or surplus of one or more years be added or subtracted (as the case may be) to the Apportionment of the next succeeding year, the same to be based upon the World Service fiscal year, so that each Annual Conference shall be called upon to pay in full the amount Apportioned for the quadrennium. We recommend that any credit or deficit accruing to an Annual Conference at the close of the current fiscal year, May 31, 1956, shall be credited as a surplus or deficit (as the case may be) against the Apportionment for the 1956-60 quadrennium. We further recommend that the Council on World Service and Finance through its Central Treasury, inform the Church of the items included in the General Administration Fund. The payments made to this fund by the Annual Conferences shall be reported to the Bishops, District Superintendents, members of the Conference Commissions on World Service and Finance and Conference Treasurers as may be deemed necessary by the Central Treasury.

6. The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund

We recommend that the Central Receiving Treasury be authorized to prepare information concerning the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund and present the same and such reports of receipts for this fund to the leadership of the Church, including the Conference Lay Leaders, as may be deemed necessary by the Council on World Service and Finance.

7. Validity of Claims

We recommend that the Council on World Service and Finance be authorized to determine the validity of claims in all matters involving the World Service Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the General Administration Fund and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund where these are not specifically set forth or determined by The General Conference.

8. World Service Manual

The 1948 and the 1952 General Conferences authorized the Council on World Service and Finance to prepare a Manual for the guidance of the Annual Conference Com-

mission on World Service and Finance. The Council reports that such a Manual has been prepared and that certain chapters for the guidance of Local Church Commissions on Finance and Local Church Treasurers were added. The Council on World Service and Finance now recommends that this Manual be revised and made available to Local Church and Annual Conference Commissions on Finance.

9. The Methodist Fact Book

The Council on World Service and Finance for several years has printed a supplement to its Annual Report which has been called "The Statistical Review and Financial Report." This past year this Report was enlarged and printed under the title of "The Methodist Fact Book." A printing of 5,000 has been exhausted and an additional 2,500 printed. It is evident this book is desired by many Methodists. Therefore the Council on World Service and Finance recommends that The General Conference authorize that a new "Methodist Fact Book" be prepared for distribution early in 1957 and a second in the Fall of 1959.

10. Apportionments Become Effective June 1, 1956

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, HAVING GIVEN APPROVAL TO THE SEVERAL APPORTIONMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE, AUTHORIZES THE CENTRAL TREASURY TO MAKE IMMEDIATE REPORT TO EACH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE AMOUNTS APPORTIONED AND TO ADVISE EACH ANNUAL CONFERENCE THAT THE NEW APPORTIONMENTS BECOME EFFECTIVE AS OF JUNE 1, 1956.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 11. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

AMENDED May 3, 1956. See Journal, Pages 626-629, 633.

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Page 625.

RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION

The Council on World Service and Finance recommends Certain changes in the present Disciplinary legislation and some additional legislation. Careful consideration has been given these recommendations, first by the Sub-committee on Legislation and second by the entire Council. All changes and additions are in the interest of clarity of statement,

uniformity of legislation, and the elimination of conflicting directives.

Here follow the recommended changes which are submitted for your consideration and action.

Subject: Local Church Committee on Wills and Legacies

Amend Paragraph 145 Sub-paragraph 9 of the 1952 *Discipline* which now reads:

"The Committee on Wills and Legacies, whose duty it shall be to keep before Methodist people and any others, by such means as the Committee may determine, the desirability of leaving bequests to the Local Church, or to other causes and Institutions of The Methodist Church. The Committee shall seek legal counsel to the end that bequests may be made in proper legal form."

By adding at the close of the foregoing Paragraph the following sentences:

"The Committee shall report the name and address of its Chairman to the Council on World Service and Finance so the Council may provide the Local Church Committee with suggested methods, materials, and procedures. In churches having a small membership, the duty of the Committee on Wills and Legacies may be assigned by the Commission on Finance."

The Paragraph as amended will then read:

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Subject: Annual Conference Journals

Whereas the Council on World Service and Finance furnishes free to each Annual Conference the Pastor's Report Blanks and the General Report Blanks for the Bishop, Conference Secretary, the Statistician, and Treasurer, and

Whereas the last sentence in Paragraph 637-1 of the 1952

Discipline lacks clarity of intent as it now reads, namely:

"The Annual Conference shall also send to the Council on World Service and Finance and to the Director of Statistics (Par. 1120-5) a printed or written copy of the Annual Journal signed by the President and Secretary of the Annual Conference."

Therefore Be it Resolved, That this sentence be amended so as to read

"The Annual Conference shall send to the Council on World Service and Finance two printed or written copies of the Annual Journal signed by the President and Secretary of the Annual Conference; one copy being for the Director of Statistics and the other for the File of Pastors and Church Officials."

Subject: Naming of Funds: Not Now Included

Whereas certain new Funds have come into the Program of The Methodist Church since Paragraph 735 of the 1952 *Discipline* was first incorporated in the legislations, and

Whereas it is desirable to have a complete directive for the Council on World Service and Finance

Therefore it is recommended that the second sentence of Paragraph 735 of the 1952 *Discipline* be amended as hereinafter indicated:

Insert the words—**Including World Service Special Gifts and Advance Special Gifts**—immediately following the phrase: (1) *The World Service Fund*, and the words (5) **The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief Funds**, (6) **The Fellowship of Suffering and Service Fund**, (7) **The Week of Dedication Fund**—immediately following the phrase *The Inter-denominational Co-operation Fund*,

so that the sentence as amended shall read—

"This Council shall through its central Office receive and disburse, in accordance with the directions hereinafter set forth, all Funds raised throughout the Church for **World Service Special Gifts** (1) **The World Service Fund, including and Advance Special gifts**, (2) The General Administration Fund, (3) The Episcopal Fund (4) The Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, (5) **The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief Funds**, (6) **the Fellowship of Suffering and Service Fund**, (7) **the Week of Dedication fund**, and (8) Any other Fund or Funds as directed by the proper authority.

Subject: Corrections of Paragraph 737

Amend Paragraph 737-1 by changing the word "*Commission*" in the next to the last line on page 194 to the word "**Council**."

Amend Paragraph 737-2 by adding to the first sentence which reads:

2. "It shall require annually, one month in advance of its annual meeting, or as often as is deemed necessary, statements of proposed Budgets," the words "**of all Agencies receiving General Church Funds**."

Further amend paragraph 737-3 by deleting the words "**WORLD SERVICE**" in the last sentence of this Paragraph and substituting in their place the word "**such**."

Amend Paragraph 737-3 by deleting the words:

"World Service Budget which in its judgment represents unnecessary duplication of activities or Programs within a World Service Agency or between two or more of them."

and in their place substituting the words:

Budget or Budgets of Agencies receiving General Church Funds which in its judgment represents unnecessary duplication of activities or Programs within such Agency or between two or more of them." from (See Par. 783) to (See Par. 784).

Correct the reference in Paragraph 737-3. Also add to Paragraph 737-3 a reference to (see Par. 1115-1.)

Amend Paragraph 737-6 by deleting in each case the words "*World Service Agencies*" and substituting for the first use of these words, the words: **All Agencies receiving General Church Funds**

and for the second use of these words the word: **any such** and by inserting in the second sentence following the words, "and procedures" the words **for reporting**.

Amend Paragraph 737-7 by deleting the words *each World Service Agency* and substituting therefor the words **All Agencies receiving General Church Funds**.

Amend Paragraph 737-8 by deleting the words "*World Service*" and substituting therefor the words "**General**"

Amend Paragraph 737-9 by deleting the words "*World Service*" and substituting therefor the words "**General**" so that Paragraph 737 with all its Sub-sections shall read:

"The Council on World Service and Finance shall have

the authority and responsibility to perform the following functions:

1. It shall submit to each quadrennial session of The General Conference, for its action and determination, a Budget of Annual Expense for its own operation and for the World Service Agencies for the ensuing quadrennium. The expenses of the Council, including the expense of the Central office, shall be a first claim against the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund; and the total expense shall be prorated annually to each in proportion to the amount received on the account of each during the fiscal year. Out of funds thus provided the Treasurer shall pay the expenses of the **Council**, including the expense of the Central Office, and shall keep a true and accurate account thereof.

2. It shall require annually, one month in advance of its annual meeting, or as is deemed necessary, statements of proposed budgets of **all Agencies receiving General Church Funds**. It shall also require certified public accountant audits annually of all Treasuries receiving General Church Funds through the Central Treasury. (See Par. 781.). It shall review in each **such** Agency Budget the amount for Administration, Service and Promotion, with a view to maintaining a proper balance among the various parts of the Budgets.

3. It shall withhold approval of any item or items for inclusion in the **Budget or Budgets receiving General Church Funds which in its judgments represents unnecessary duplication of activities or programs within such Agency or between two or more of them**. (See Par. 784 and 1115-1.)

4. It shall recommend to The General Conference, for its action and determination, a World Service Program outlining the General Financial Objectives of the Church for the forthcoming quadrennium, and proposing the ratio distribution of World Service Funds among the participating Agencies. It shall indicate the proportion of World Service Funds to be used for Administration, Service, and Promotion. It shall recommend Apportionments to the Annual Conferences, subject to the approval of The General Conference.

5. It shall consult with the Co-ordinating Council and The Council of Bishops relative to the number and timing of all Special Days which are to be observed on a Church-wide basis. After such consultation the Co-ordinating Council shall make appropriate recommendations to The General Conference. Between sessions of The General Conference The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service

and Finance may, in an emergency, authorize a Financial Appeal.

6. It shall have authority to employ a Comptroller. It shall require all Agencies receiving General Church Funds to follow uniform accounting classifications and procedures for reporting and to submit a yearly audit following such auditing procedures as the Council may specify. The Council shall have the authority to pass upon the acceptability of any auditing firm proposed by any such Agency for handling its yearly audit. All General Agencies of the Church shall observe a uniform fiscal year ending on May 31.

7. It shall review the investment policies of all agencies receiving General Church Funds with respect to permanent funds and shall require that Christian as well as sound economic principles in the handling of investment funds be observed.

8. After consultation with the Agency, it shall perform or arrange facilities for handling the Treasury functions for any **General Agency** which is not large enough to have a full-time Treasurer and the financial policies of which are not approved by the Council. The cost of such service shall be charged to the Agency.

9. On the request of a **General Agency**, it shall hold and invest funds allocated to it when such funds are not intended for current expenditure by that Agency. It shall also hold and invest funds for any General Agency which does not have an Investment Program approved by the Council.

10. It is authorized to set up a Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts. This Committee shall take such actions as may be deemed necessary to encourage Methodists to provide for their continued interest in World Service, or in one or more of the World Service Agencies, through bequests and gifts. The income from these sources, where the recipient Agency is not designated, shall be used as determined by the Council. The expenses of this Committee shall be a part of the prior claim for promotion of World Service causes.

11. It shall administer the General Administration Fund (Par. 765-68), the Episcopal Fund (Par. 769-76), and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund (Par. 778).

12. It shall receive from the Board of Trustees of The Methodist Church a Report of the distributable income from undesignated funds held by the Board of Trustees, and shall recommend to The General Conference how such income should be distributed."

Subject: Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts

Amend Paragraph 737-10, which authorizes the Council on World Service and Finance to set up a Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts by adding at the close of the Paragraph the following sentence:

"The Committee is authorized to co-operate with the Quarterly Conference Committee on Wills and Legacies in such ways as may be deemed mutually helpful."

so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

"Paragraph 737-10: It is authorized to set up a Committee on Wills, Bequests, and Gifts. This Committee shall take such actions as may be deemed necessary to encourage Methodists to provide for their continued interest in World Service, or in one or more of the World Service Agencies, through bequests and gifts. The income from these sources, where the recipient Agency is not designated, shall be used as determined by the Council. The expenses of this Committee shall be a part of the prior claim for promotion of World Service Causes. The Committee is authorized to co-operate with the Quarterly Conference Committee on Wills and Legacies in such ways as may be deemed mutually helpful."

Subject: Clarification and Listing of General Funds

Correct Paragraph 738 by deleting the word "*Chairman*" found in the last line on page 196 and substituting therefor the word: **President**. (See Paragraph 792 for the foregoing correction.)

Amend Paragraph 738 by deleting the last "*and*" used in the first sentence and by adding to the first sentence the words: **and such other Funds as may have been apportioned by The General Conference.**

Further amend Paragraph 738 by adding the names of the following authorized funds not now included in the legislation: **the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, the Week of Dedication.**

So that the corrected and amended Paragraph shall read:

"Paragraph 738. The Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance shall, not less than thirty days prior to the session of each Annual Conference, transmit to the presiding Bishop thereof, to the President of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, and to the Conference Treasurer a statement of the Apportionments to the Conference for the World Service Fund, the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the Inter-Denomination-

al Co-operation Fund, and **such other Funds as may have been apportioned by The General Conference.** (See Par. 749, 767, 771, 778.) He shall keep an account of all funds remitted to him by the Annual Conference Treasurers and from other sources intended (1) for the World Service Fund, (2) for the General Administration Fund, (3) for the Episcopal Fund, (4) for the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, (5) **the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief,** (6) **the Fellowship of Suffering and Service,** (7) **the Week of Dedication,** and (8) for any other Fund so directed by the proper authority, and shall disburse the same as authorized by The General Conference and directed by the Council on World Service and Finance. A separate account shall be kept of each such Fund, and none of them shall be drawn on for the benefit of another. The fiscal year for the Council and for the several Funds, Boards, and Agencies related to it, shall be from June 1 to May 31 inclusive."

Subject: The Reporting of Special Gifts

Whereas it is important to the work of the Church to have a complete Report of all Funds received by the General Agencies of the Church.

Therefore it is recommended that Paragraph 746 be amended by adding the following at the close of the Paragraph.

"All gifts, whether for special appeals, bequests, gifts on the annuity plan AT MATURITY or gifts for property made to or administered by a General Agency of the Church, shall be acknowledged by a World Service special gift voucher, except that gifts in any of the foregoing classifications for THE DIVISIONS OF WORLD AND NATIONAL MISSIONS OF the GENERAL Board of Missions or the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief shall be acknowledged by an advance Special gift voucher."

Subject: Inclusion of Special Services in the General Administration Fund

Amend the first sentence of Paragraph 765 by adding the words, **File of Pastors and Church Officials, of the Transportation Bureau,** so that the Paragraph as amended shall read—

"Paragraph 765: The General Administration Fund shall provide for the expenses of the sessions of The General Conference, of The Judicial Council, of the Statistical Office (Par. 1120-5), of the File of Pastors and Church Officials, of the Transportation Bureau, (Par. 1120-7) and of such

General Conference Commissions and Committees as may be constituted by The General Conference, and for such Inter-church Causes and other activities as may be authorized by The General Conference other than those provided for under the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund (Par. 778). Any Board, Agency, or Institution requiring or desiring support from the General Administration Fund shall present its case for the same to the Council on World Service and Finance at a time and place which shall be indicated by the Officers of the Council. The Council, having heard such requests, shall report the same to The General Conference with recommendations for its action and determination.

Subject: Method of Apportioning General Administration Fund

Amend the first sentence of Paragraph 767 by deleting the words *by the same ratio and percentage that each Conference shares in the total World Service Budget* and in their place adding the words—

“By such ratio and percentage to the total giving (not including the payment of debts or church buildings) as recorded in the General Minutes for first three years of the quadrennium closing with the current session of The General Conference, and as is necessary to raise the Approved Annual Budget.”

so the Paragraph as amended shall read:

“The Council on World Service and Finance shall apportion among the several Annual Conferences of the Church the total General Administration Budget, as approved by The General Conference, by such ratio and percentage to the total giving (not including the payment of debts or church buildings) as recorded in the General Minutes for first three years of the quadrennium closing with the current session of The General Conference, and as is necessary to raise the Approved Annual Budget. The Apportionments for the General Administration Budget shall not be subject to change or revision either by the Annual Conference or by the Charge or Local Church.”

Subject: Clarification of Legislation Relating to Apportionment of Episcopal Fund

Amend the sentence in the last half of Paragraph 771 which now reads

“The Apportionment to each Annual Conference shall be an amount equal to the approved percentage of the total

cash salaries paid to the Pastors and Associate Pastors serving Charges under Episcopal Appointment or as Supply Pastors, as reported at the last session of the Annual Conference."

by deleting the words "*at the last*" and substituting the words **"To the current"**

so that the sentence as amended shall read:

"The Apportionment to each Annual Conference shall be an amount equal to the approved percentage of the total cash salaries paid to the Pastors and Associate Pastors serving Charges under Episcopal Appointment or as Supply Pastors, as reported to the **current** session of the Annual Conference."

Subject: Listing of Funds Not Now Included in Legislation

Amend Paragraph 1120-1 to include the words set forth in **capital letters** so that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

"1. Receive and disburse, in accordance with Budgets approved by The General Conference, **or its properly authorized Agency**, the General Funds of the Church raised for the World Service Fund, **including World Service Special gifts and Advance Special gifts**. The General Administration Fund, the Episcopal Fund, the Inter-Denominational Cooperation Fund, **the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief fund, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service fund, the Week of Dedication fund**, and any other Funds as directed by the proper authority. (These responsibilities are also described in Paragraphs 737 and 740)."

Subject: Harmonize Terminology So That Each Will Be Described As A Department

Amend the first sentence in Paragraph 1120-5 so as to read:

"Maintain and supervise under the direction of its Executive Secretary a Department known as the Statistical Office of The Methodist Church."

Amend the first Sentence in Paragraph 1120-7 so as to read:

"Maintain and supervise under the direction of its Executive Secretary a department known as the Transportation Office."

Subject: Cost of Maintaining "File of Pastors and Church Officials" a Charge Against General Administration Fund

Amend Paragraph 1120-8 by deleting the word "*file*" and

the words "*Central Treasury*," as used in third sentence which reads, "The cost of maintaining such a *file* shall be a charge against the *Central Treasury*," and substituting in their place the word "**service**" and the words "**General Administration Fund**" so that the sentence as amended shall read:

"The cost of maintaining such a **service** shall be a charge against the **General Administration Fund**."

Subject: Service Department

Amend Paragraph 1120 of the 1952 "*Discipline*" by adding a Paragraph numbered "10" reading as follows:

10. Operate, under the supervision of its Executive Secretary, a Department known as the Shipping and Service Department. It shall be the function of this Department to maintain such addressing, packaging, mailing and duplicating service as may be deemed necessary to provide these services for the General Agencies. The Executive Secretary shall co-operate with the Executive Director of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation in scheduling the general mailings to Pastors, this being in the interest of a proper spacing of the same. The Executive Secretary is also authorized and directed to make equitable charges to the Agencies using these services.

Pastor's Traveling and Moving Expenses.

Amend Paragraph 148 by substituting for the last sentence the following:

These expenses when provided for shall be classified as current expenses and so reported in the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference. See also Paragraph 829.)

Substitute for all of Paragraph 824 the following:

Paragraph 824. The several Quarterly Conferences shall determine the Pastor's salary according to the provisions of Paragraph 148.

Add a second sentence to Paragraph 829 as follows:

These expenses shall be distinguished from the moving expenses of a new Appointee to a Pastoral Charge which shall be reported as provided in Paragraph 148.

The Election and Duties of the Financial Secretary:

Whereas the 1952 *Discipline* in Paragraphs 239 and 240 recognizes the existence of a Financial Secretary as an Officer of the Board and

Whereas no provision has been made indicating the

method of election or a statement of the responsibilities of said Officer

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the following additions be made to the legislation relative to the Official Board as now appearing in the 1952 *Discipline*. Amend Paragraph 212 which now reads "The Board shall be organized annually by the election of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer or Treasurers (Par. 242), and a Church Lay Leader (Par. 262). These Officers shall be elected by the members of the Board on the nomination of a Committee on Nominations. Additional nominations may be made from the floor."

By adding the following words "**and when deemed desirable a Financial Secretary**" the same to be inserted immediately following the clause "... a Treasurer or Treasurers (Par. 242), ..." so that the amended Paragraph shall read:

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Further amend Paragraph 241 Sub-paragraph 3 by adding to the Paragraph the words **If a Financial Secretary has been elected by the Official Board, these records shall be kept by the Officer.**

So that the Paragraph as amended shall read:

"Paragraph 241 Sub-paragraph 3: All payments on pledges shall be credited to the donors and a proper account shall be kept of each subscriber and contributor. **If a Financial Secretary has been elected by the Official Board, these records shall be kept by said Officer.**"

Further amend Paragraph 241 Sub-paragraph 8 of the 1952 *Discipline* by making it Paragraph 9. In turn Paragraph 9 will become Paragraph 10. Sub-paragraph 8 shall then read:

"A Report shall be made by the Financial Secretary to the Board each month and to the Quarterly Conference, when requested, of all receipts by the Financial Secretary and of the disbursements made to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the Board. When a Financial Secretary is not elected, these reports will be made by the Treasurer or Treasurers."

The amended Sub-paragraphs of Paragraph 241 will then read:

the words "*Central Treasury*," as used in third sentence which reads, "The cost of maintaining such a *file* shall be a charge against the *Central Treasury*," and substituting in their place the word "**service**" and the words "**General Administration Fund**" so that the sentence as amended shall read:

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"The Board shall be organized annually by the election of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer or Treasurers (Par. 242) **and when deemed desirable, a Financial Secretary**, and a Church Lay Leader (Par. 262). These Officers shall be elected by the members of the Board on the nomination of a Committee on Nominations. Additional nominations may be made from the floor."

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The amended Sub-paragraphs of Paragraph 241 will then read:

"8. A Report shall be made by the Financial Secretary of the Board each month and to the Quarterly Conference when requested of all receipts by the Financial Secretary and of the disbursements made to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the Board. When a Financial Secretary is not elected, these Reports will be made by the Treasurer or Treasurers.

"(9) Reports shall be made by the Treasurer or Treasurers to the Board each month and to the Quarterly Conference when requested of all receipts and disbursements and of unpaid obligations against the Budget.

"(10) It shall be the continuing duty of the Commission to inform the congregation of the financial needs of the church."

Reference to Certified Public Accountant Audit:

Whereas the last sentence in Paragraph 803 of the 1952 *Discipline* reads:

"The Commission shall have the accounts of the Conference Treasurer for the Conference year preceding audited by a Certified Public Accountant within ninety days after the close of each session of the Annual Conference."

And Whereas this Paragraph has not been noted in the business of the Annual Conference as given in Paragraph 651-1-3b which now reads:

(b) Have the books of said Officers or persons been audited? (Par. 637-3).

Therefore Be It Resolved, That this Paragraph be corrected by adding the statement **"and 803"** so that the Paragraph as corrected shall read:

(b) Have the books of said Officers or persons been audited (Par. 637-~~and~~ 803).

Funds to Be Transmitted to Central Treasury:

Amend Paragraph 804 by amending the fourth sentence line 14 which reads "He shall remit monthly to the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance the total share received by him for World Service and the total received by him for the General Fund, the Episcopal Fund, and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, and other General Causes," and adding two more sentences so that the amended and added sentences shall read:

"He shall remit monthly to the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, the total share received by

him for World Service, the World Service Special gifts, the Advance Special gifts, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief Funds. When the amount contributed during the year for World Service and Conference Benevolences exceeds the amount apportioned to or accepted by the Annual Conference, the entire share contributed for World Service shall be remitted in regular order to the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance before the end of the fiscal year.

(Par. 241-(6). He shall transmit monthly to the Treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance the amounts received and payable for the General Administration Fund, the Episcopal fund, the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund, the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, the Week of Dedication, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and all other General Causes not otherwise directed.

The remainder of the Paragraph is the same as printed in the 1952 *Discipline*.

Right of Treasurer to Attend Meetings of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

Amend the sentence in Paragraph 792 which reads:

"The Treasurer, who is an employee of the Commission, shall not be a member of it."

by adding the words—

"but may sit with the Commission and its Executive Committee at all sessions and may have right to the floor without the privilege of voting"

so that the sentence as amended shall read:

"The Treasurer, who is an employee of the Commission, shall not be a member of it, but may sit with the Commission and its Executive Committee at all sessions and may have right to the floor without the privilege of voting."

Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund

Amend Paragraph 800 starting with the words "General Administration Fund (Par. 767)" by adding the words **"and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund"** so that the Paragraph as amended shall read: "Paragraph 800. The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance on receiving from the Council on World Service and Finance a statement of the amount apportioned to the Annual Conference for the General Administration Fund (Par. 767) **and the Inter-Denominational Co-operation Fund**, shall appor-

tion the same to the several Districts or Charges as the Conference may direct (Par. 769).

Deletion of the words "and the materials authorized by the Council."

Amend the last sentence in Par. 1120-5 which now reads:

"The General Minutes and the materials authorized by the Council shall be printed and published by the Methodist Publishing House."

by deleting the words *and the materials* so that the sentence as amended shall read:

"The General Minutes as authorized by the Council shall be printed and published by the Methodist Publishing House."

Personnel Registration Bureau.

Deletion of Par. 1120 (9)

Delete Paragraph 1120(9) which reads: "*Maintain, if it so determines, a Personnel Registration Bureau, which shall serve as a clearing center for persons seeking positions with the General Agencies, and supply information about such candidates to interested Agencies.*"

RESOLUTION

Whereas The Fellowship of Suffering and Service, established by the Bishops near the beginning of the second World War, is rendering a very valuable service to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities, and

Whereas this Fund should be continued as a Benevolence of The Methodist Church, and

Whereas the method of raising the funds for the Agencies involved has received general acceptance by the Local Churches,

Therefore Be It Resolved, That a Paragraph appropriately numbered to follow Paragraph 2035 of the 1952 "*Discipline*" be inserted to read as follows:

Paragraph : The Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church recognizes the valuable service rendered through the offerings for "The Fellowship of Suffering and Service" and recommends that it be continued until such time it may be deemed no longer needed; this decision to be made either by a future

General Conference, or if between sessions of The General Conference, the decision to be made by a three-fourths vote of The Council of Bishops and the Council on World Service and Finance; each meeting separately. Each Local Church is requested to transmit to the Conference Treasurer or to the Central Treasury, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, under the designation of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service ALL the Offering taken on Worldwide Communion Sunday and a portion of the Offerings taken at subsequent observances of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Central Treasury is authorized to distribute the receipts for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service on the basis of 50% to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 25% to the Commission on Chaplains, and 25% to the Commission on Camp Activities.

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. 11. COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Adopted May 3, 1956. See Journal, Pages 625; 634; 648-651.

WHEN FINANCIAL STATEMENT MAY BE APPROVED

Amend Paragraph 722 of the 1952 "*Discipline*" by deleting in the last sentence the words following the word "annually" and substituting therefor the following—by a recognized Public or Certified Public Accountant

so that the sentence will read:

"The accounts of such persons shall be audited at least annually by a recognized Public or Certified Public Accountant."

Further amend Paragraph 722 by adding the statement in the Digest of Decision number 77 of The Judicial Council which reads as follows:

A Report to an Annual Conference, containing a financial statement which the "*Discipline*" requires to be audited, should not be approved until the audit is made and the financial statement is shown to be correct. Other parts of the Report may be approved pending such audit.

so that the entire Paragraph number 722 shall read:

"All persons holding trust funds, securities, or moneys of any kind belonging to The General Conference or to Annual or Provisional Annual Conferences or to those Organizations under the control of The General, Annual, or Provisional An-

nual Conferences shall be bonded in a reliable company in such good and sufficient sum as that Conference may direct. The accounts of such persons shall be audited at least annually by a recognized Public or Certified Public Accountant. A Report to an Annual Conference, containing a financial statement which the "*Discipline*" requires to be audited, should not be approved until the audit is made and the financial statement is shown to be correct. Other parts of the Report may be approved pending such audit."

BISHOP CLARE PURCELL, *President*;
GEORGE B. MCKIBBIN (*), *Secretary*.

VI

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Judicial Council Members

Dr. Walter Coleman Buckner

Rev. Doctor Walter Coleman Buckner, on September 12, 1953, suddenly left his house of clay and took up his abode in the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

For 45 years he was an able and effective minister in The Methodist Church, serving several of the best churches in California.

His genius for organization and administration was recognized by his Conference in being called to serve as Superintendent of three of the most important Districts of that Area, viz.: Pasadena, Long Beach, and Los Angeles.

His business acumen and good judgment commanded the attention of several educational and philanthropic institutions where he served as a Trustee or Member of the Board of Directors.

His keen mind, clear thinking and passion for fair dealing in all human relationships qualified him for membership in the National Panel of Arbitrators and the American Arbitration Association.

All these qualifications, together with a fine brotherly Christian spirit, were recognized by his Conference in his election to The General Conference in 1932, 1936, and The Uniting Conference in 1939.

His judicial mind, his wide experience in every department of Church work and his penetrating insight into the fundamental law and Discipline of the Church made him eminently qualified for membership on the Committee on Judiciary of The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church and the logical choice of The Uniting Conference for Membership on The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

The whole Methodist Church has sustained a great loss in the death of this good minister of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, meeting in Dallas, Texas, on July 19, 1954:

1. That we record our deep sense of loss in the passing of our colleague and Vice-President, Dr. Walter Coleman Buckner;

2. That we recognize and remember gratefully his contribution to this body, his keen analysis of the cases brought to our attention, his fairness to all persons and causes involved and his ability to write his considered judgment with clarity and precision;

3. That we record especially our appreciation of the years of fine fellowship we were privileged to have with this good man, whose gracious personality, fine sense of humor and Christian brotherliness endeared him to all of us; and

4. That we express to Mrs. Buckner and family our deepest sympathy in their loss of a husband and father, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mrs. Buckner and be recorded in the minutes of the Judicial Council.

Dr. John Taylor Alton

Dr. Charles B. Ketcham

The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church assembled on Thursday, June 25, 1953, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has a feeling of loneliness reminding us of the untimely passing of our distinguished and beloved comrade and Secretary, Dr. Charles B. Ketcham.

Dr. Ketcham was elected to membership upon The Judicial Council at the session of The General Conference held in Kansas City in 1944. He was a Member of the North-East Ohio Annual Conference and was a member of the Clerical Delegation from that Conference to the 1944 session of The General Conference. He was destined to render a distinct service to the Church during a comparatively short tenure of membership upon The Council.

Dr. Ketcham, long time President of Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, served his Conference and the Church with distinction and honor in various capacities over a period of years cut short by his death. The making of a record of his achievement and service in general must be left to others. The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church takes this method of making a record of his service to the Church as a Member and Officer of The Council, and of expressing for permanent record the esteem, appreciation and affection held by each Member of The Council for our beloved and honored friend and colleague, now deceased.

From the very beginning of Dr. Ketcham's service upon The Council it was evident to the other Members that he possessed a judicial mind, an understanding heart and an unusual power of reason and judgment. His winsome personality and his cultured and gracious spirit endeared him to everyone. These with his ability and power of discernment marked him for a place of leadership in The Council.

In 1948 Dr. Ketcham was elected as Secretary of The Judicial Council, taking the place of Hon. Henry R. Van Deusen, who across a period of nine years had left a brilliant record of service. Dr. Ketcham proved himself to be a worthy successor of his illustrious predecessor, and for the succeeding five years conducted the office of Secretary of The Judicial Council with painstaking care and efficiency. The records of our proceedings were kept with accuracy. The Decisions were edited and released with dispatch. The correspondence of the office, heavy at times, was carried on with clarity and dignity. He reflected credit upon the office and distinguished himself as a great servant of the Church he loved.

At The General Conference held at San Francisco in 1952 Dr. Ketcham was re-elected to membership upon The Judicial Council for a term of eight years and was also re-elected as its Secretary. He was not destined, however, to serve out this term.

On the morning of April 2, 1953 summons to his eternal reward came.

Night slipped into dawn,
Pain merged into beauty.
Bright grew the road
His sturdy feet had trod.
He gave his salutation
To the morning
And found himself
Before the face of God.

—Goethe

On Monday, April 6, 1953, services in his memory were conducted in the First Methodist Church in Alliance, Ohio, by Bishop Hazen G. Werner and others. The Judicial Council was represented at these services by the presence of John Taylor Alton, J. Ernest Wilkins and Marvin A. Childers, Members of The Council.

We shall miss our departed friend in our meetings. Nothing was ever left undone in the preparation for our gatherings. Not the slightest detail was overlooked or neglected. His genial smile and the warmth of his greeting set the pattern for our deliberations.

Noble in spirit, firm in conviction, kind and charitable in debate, and sound in judgment—these were the qualities that distinguished him as a member of The Council and as a great servant of The Church. A Christian gentleman, an able jurist, an officer of fidelity, and an honored and beloved friend—these are the terms that express our deliberate appraisal of our departed brother and associate in the work of the Church.

Signed:

M. A. Childers, President
Walter C. Buckner, Vice President
J. Ernest Wilkins, Secretary
John Taylor Alton
Walter A. Stanbury
Fred B. Noble
Ralph M. Houston
Clarence M. Dannelly
L. Dorsey Spaugy

Dr. Walter Albert Stanbury

Walter Albert Stanbury was born in Boone, North Carolina, on January 27, 1884. He died on March 20, 1954. The years between were filled with a life rich in faithful service to his fellowmen whom he recognized to be the children of God, to whom his life was dedicated in love and effectiveness.

Dr. Stanbury received his A.B. degree from Trinity College, now a department of Duke University, in 1908. He did graduate study in Columbia University. Duke University and the University of North Carolina both conferred upon him the merited Doctor of Divinity degree in the year of 1928. He was married to Zula Virginia Bruton on December 29, 1909 and to this happy union there were born two sons and one daughter. His wife and children survived him.

Dr. Stanbury began his service to humanity as a teacher in 1908, the year of his graduation from Trinity. He was ordained in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1910; and from that time throughout a full and fruitful ministry he held important pastorates in his Conference including the University Church at Chapel Hill, Edenton Street Church at Raleigh, Central Church at Asheville, and Duke Memorial Church at Durham, and also served a term of six years as Gastonia District Superintendent. He was Professor of Practical Theology, Duke University, from 1929 to 1933.

Beyond the duties of his pastorates, he served as a Trustee of Duke University, as a member of the North Carolina Conference Board of Christian Education, and on the Conference Board of Missions. He was a Delegate to The General Conference in 1930 in The Methodist Episcopal Church, South; a Member of The Uniting Conference in 1939; and a Member of The General Conferences of our reunited Methodism in 1940, 1944 and 1948. He also wrote books and articles, being a contributor to leading Church publications.

His vision of the Kingdom embraced those Christians other than Methodists, and his Inter-Denominational services included membership in the Commission on Inter-Denominational Relations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and for a term he was President of the North Carolina Council of Churches of Christ.

Services to his State include the Vice-Chairmanship of the North Carolina State Board of Correction and Training

and the Vice-Presidency of the North Carolina Commission on Inter-Racial Relations, on which Commission he served from 1931 to 1948.

In 1948 he was elected to The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church and died as an effective and beloved Member of this body in 1954.

He was one of our number whose wisdom was highly esteemed, whose brotherly love has been deeply impressed within our hearts, whose character was genuinely Christian with its unquestionable influence upon those with whom he came in contact. His departure for the Heavenly Home leaves a void in the lives of friends and loved ones which can never be filled.

The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church meeting in Dallas, Texas, on Monday, July 19, 1954, herewith expresses sorrow in Dr. Stanbury's loss from our membership and sincere regret at his departure from the midst of numerous friends and loved ones but yields in loving obedience to the Divine will in calling him home where sorrows and regrets no longer abound, and where Christian living somehow appears to mature in sweetness and purity not dreamed possible in earthly abodes.

Be It Resolved by The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church in session this date that we spread on our minutes the above statement and send a copy to members of the bereaved family.

Clarence M. Dannelly

VII

COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

ELECTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE; APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS; OR PROVIDED FOR BY GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTION.

In the adoption of Report No. 2 of the General Conference Commission on Entertainment and Program, Saturday morning, May 5, 1956 (See Journal, page 787) The General Conference adopted the following Resolution:

"The Council of Bishops is hereby authorized to make any and all appointments and nominations committed to them, which have not previously been made during this session of The General Conference of The Methodist Church, as soon as possible after the final adjournment of this General Conference.

"*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in case of any oversight in which The Council of Bishops is to nominate and The General Conference elect, the nomination of The Council of Bishops shall be regarded as the equivalent of election by The General Conference."

THE ADVANCE COMMITTEE

(See Journal, Pages 322; 860. Paragraphs 758-763, 1952 Discipline)

Chairman: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, 12 North 3rd St., Columbus 15, Ohio.

Vice-Chairman: Bishop John W. Branscomb, 225 East Duval St., Jacksonville 2, Fla.

Recording Secretary: Frank E. Baker (*), 611 Rose Lane, Byrn Mawr, Pa.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Philip C. Edwards (Baltimore), Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. Branscomb, Leonard H. Cochran (South Georgia) (a), George E. Clary, Sr. (South Georgia) (a), Mrs. Roscoe M. White (*) (Virginia).

(NOTE. (a) On Saturday afternoon May 5, 1956, George E. Clary, Sr., was substituted for Leonard H. Cochran, who had been appointed to the Commission to Study and Recommend Action on The Jurisdictional System. See Journal, page 860. Editor)

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., I. DeQuincey Newman (South Carolina), Bige Wyatt (*) (Central West).

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, A.

V. Long (Iowa-Des Moines), Glendon C. Hodson (*) (Southern Illinois).

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Bascom Watts, Joe B. Scrimshire (New Mexico), Pat Thompson (*) (Texas).

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Charles A. Nowlen (Wyoming State), Alstyne E. Pruner (*) (Southern California-Arizona).

CHAPLAINS, COMMISSION ON

(*See Journal, Page 294. 1952 Discipline, Paragraph 1582.*)

Chairman: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, 100 E. Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

First Vice-Chairman: Bishop A. Frank Smith, 1049 Kirby St., Houston 19, Texas.

Second Vice-Chairman: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Room 404, Methodist Bldg., Richmond 19, Va.

Recording Secretary: Albert P. Skirkey, 900 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington 1, D. C.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Albert P. Skirkey (Baltimore), General Charles I. Carpenter (Peninsula) (New England), Harry Allan Price (Pittsburgh).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul N. Garber, S. Charles Candler (*) (North Georgia), Chaplain (Admiral) William N. Thomas (Mississippi), Don A. Cooke (Florida).

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edgar A. Love, Earl N. Contee (*) (Washington).

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, James I. Dolliver (*) (North Iowa).

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith, Carl McFall (*) (West Oklahoma).

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet, Major General Willard W. Irvine (Southern California-Arizona).

CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS, INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE ON

(*See Journal, Page 326. Paragraph 1415-2, 1952 Discipline.*)

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edwin E. Voigt.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. Branscomb.

CHURCH UNION, COMMISSION ON

(See Journal, Page 322. Paragraph 2005, 1952 Discipline.)

Chairman: Bishop Frederick B. Newell, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Vice-Chairman: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, 615 Tenth St., Des Moines 14, Iowa.

Secretary: Charles C. Parlin, 20 Exchange Place, New York 5, N. Y.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Frederick B. Newell, Daniel L. Marsh (New England), Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop William T. Watkins, H. Eugene Peacock (Alabama-West Florida), Mrs. John W. Harbinson (*) (Western North Carolina).

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Willis J. King, Oliver B. Quick (Lexington), W. Earle Wilson (*) (Georgia).

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Theodore C. Mayer (North-East Ohio), Rockwell Clancy (*) (Rock River).

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul E. Martin, Umphrey Lee (North Texas), Joe J. Mickle (*) (Louisiana).

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Rufus C. Baker (Colorado), Donald A. Odell (*) (Southern California-Arizona) (a), C. Raymond Meyers (*) (Southern California-Arizona) (a).

(NOTE. (a) Donald A. Odell was elected a member of The Judicial Council. The College of Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction appointed C. Raymond Meyers in his place. Editor)

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

(See Journal, Pages 325; 777. Paragraph 1111-1115, 1952 Discipline.)

President: Bishop Charles W. Brashares, 77 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.

Vice-President: Leon Hickman (*) 829 Osage Road, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

Secretary: Edwin R. Garrison, 527 East 38th St., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Lester W. Auman (New York East), J. Leas Green (Peninsula),

Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh), Mrs. Wallace E. Streeter (*) (Baltimore), G. Wesley Lewis (*) (Wyoming).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Walter G. Gum (Virginia), Embree H. Blackard (Western North Carolina), D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston), C. B. Gilmore (*) (Alabama-West Florida), James P. Stafford (*) (Mississippi), Mrs. Edwin B. White (*) (Florida), Clifford D. Pierce (*) (Memphis) (a), Osso W. Stanley (*) (Kentucky) (a).

(NOTE. (a) Clifford D. Pierce (*) resigned and the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction appointed Osso W. Stanley (*) (Kentucky) to take his place. Editor)

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Willis J. King, John W. Curry (South Carolina), Richard C. Erwin (*) (North Carolina), Mrs. Mary M. Drake (*) (Tennessee).

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Edwin R. Garrison (North Indiana), James V. Madison (South Dakota), Paul G. James (*) (Iowa-Des Moines), Mrs. Arthur T. Henrici (*) (Minnesota), Ralph G. Hastings (*) (Indiana).

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Bascom Watts, Ethan W. Dodgen (North Arkansas), W. McFerrin Stowe (Oklahoma), Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis) (b), T. Russell Reitz (Kansas) (b), Mrs. W. Max Gentry (*) (Nebraska), Jarrad Secrest (*) (Central Texas).

(NOTE. (b) Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., was elected a member of The Judicial Council and T. Russell Reitz (*) (Kansas) was elected to take his place on the Co-ordinating Council. See Journal, page 777. Editor)

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Raymond Grant, Henry L. Weiss (Colorado), Hubert E. Orton (*) (Southern California-Arizona), Mrs. Faye W. Batten (*) (California-Nevada).

Bishops from Overseas: Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich, Bishop Jose L. Valencia.

(NOTE. See provision for membership of Overseas Bishops. Paragraph 1111. 1952 *Discipline*. Editor)

DEACONESS WORK, COMMISSION ON

(See Journal, Page 326. Paragraph 1252-3, 1952 *Discipline*.)

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott.

DREW UNIVERSITY, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 489)

Class of 1968

Ministers: William H. Alderson (New York East—NE).
Harold W. Griffis (Troy—NE).
Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia—SE; later elected a Bishop).
Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE).
John M. Pearson (New York—NE).
J. Edgar Washabaugh (Newark—NE).

Laymen: Robert D. Diefendorf (Newark—SE).
Guy G. Gabrielson (Newark—NE).
N. J. MacDonald (Newark—NE).
Edwin W. Orr, Jr. (Newark—NE).
Charles C. Parlin (Newark—NE).

To Fill Vacancies in Class of 1960

William F. Dunkle, Jr. (Peninsula—NE).
Everett R. Filley (*) (New York East—NE).
Eric M. North (New York East—NE).

To Fill Vacancies in Class of 1964

Philip H. Haselton (*) (Newark—NE).
F. LaMont Henninger (Central Pennsylvania—NE).
Robert H. Parker (Baltimore—NE).

EDUCATION, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Page 432. Paragraph 1326, 1952 Discipline.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Fred P. Corson, Bishop John Wesley Lord, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop William T. Watkins, Bishop Franklin A. Franklin, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Bishop Bachman G. Hodge.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen, Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Bishop Willis J. King.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Bishop Edwin E. Voigt.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Bascom Watts, Bishop Eugene M. Frank.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet.

Members at Large

Northeastern Jurisdiction: H. M. Clark (*) (Pittsburgh—NE), Earl V. Tolley (Wyoming).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: John K. Benton (Tennessee—SE—Died), Lester Rumble (*) (North Georgia).

Central Jurisdiction: James P. Brawley (*) (Georgia).

North Central Jurisdiction: Arthur S. Flemming (*) (Ohio), Claude Garrison (Ohio), Hoover Rupert (Michigan) one to be named.

South Central Jurisdiction: Ira A. Brumley (North Arkansas), Willis M. Tate (*) (North Texas).

Western Jurisdiction: Daniel D. Walker (Oregon), Chester M. Alter (*) (Colorado).

EDUCATIONAL EMPHASIS OF THE QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM, COMMISSION ON

(See Report No. 1 Co-ordinating Council, Journal, Pages 309-318; 338-347; 357-366.)

Chairman: Bishop Paul N. Garber, 405 Methodist Bldg., Richmond 19, Va.

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Secretary: Chester M. Alter (*) (Colorado—W), University of Denver, Denver 10, Colo.

Treasurer: James F. Blair (Tennessee—SE), 1001 Nineteenth Ave., South, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Northeastern Jurisdiction:

Ministers: F. LaMont Henninger (Central Pennsylvania).

Warren G. Odom (Central New York).

Leonard Riggleman (West Virginia).

Alexander K. Smith (Philadelphia).

Laymen: Herbert F. Barrett (Genesee).

Leo H. McKay (Erie).

Ralph G. Luff (Philadelphia).

John Perkins (Peninsula).

John H. Starie (New Hampshire).

Edmund L. Tink (Newark).

Southeastern Jurisdiction:

Ministers: Luther A. Harrell (South Georgia).

Glenn C. James (Florida).

Joel D. McDavid (Alabama-West Florida).

W. Lemuel Clegg (North Carolina).

Laymen: Pendleton Gaines (South Carolina).

Roy Black (North Mississippi).

N. Craig Beasley (Tennessee).

John C. Bogg (Virginia).

Guy E. Snavelly (North Alabama).

Luther L. Gobbel (Memphis).

Central Jurisdiction:

Ministers: Levi B. Miller, Jr. (Washington).

S. Marion Weeks (Florida).

Julius S. Scott, Sr. (Texas).

John A. Greene (Lexington).

Laymen: Alonzo W. McBride (Washington) (a).

Henry L. Dickason (East Tennessee) (a).

Mrs. Robert K. Gordon (South Carolina).

Robert E. Hunt (Upper Mississippi).

Mrs. Thelma McCallum (Lexington).

John T. King (West Texas).

John W. E. Bowen, Jr. (Lexington).

(NOTE. (a) See Journal, page 993, Monday, May 7, 1956. Henry L. Dickason (East Tennessee) was substituted for Alonzo W. McBride (Washington). Editor)

North Central Jurisdiction:

Ministers: James M. Buxton (Wisconsin).

Rockwell C. Smith (Oregon).

Robert M. Hamil (Rock River).

C. Maxwell Brown (North Dakota).

Laymen: C. Gilbert Wrenn (Minnesota).

Paul Thompson (Iowa-Des Moines).

John Lester Buford (Southern Illinois).

Glenn Thompson (Indiana).

Donald E. Holbrook (Michigan).

J. Fred Essig (North-East Ohio).

South Central Jurisdiction:

Ministers: Leland Clegg (Oklahoma).

Monroe Vivion (Texas).

Donald E. Redmond (Southwest Texas).

A. Leland Forrest (Nebraska).

Laymen: Joe J. Mickle (Louisiana).

William M. Tate (North Texas).

J. Everett McCluhan (Southwest Missouri).

Matt L. Ellis (North Arkansas).

Law Sone (Central Texas).

Mrs. Kenneth L. McGill (Central Kansas).

Western Jurisdiction:

Ministers: R. Franklin Thompson (Pacific Northwest).

Carl L. Stocking (California-Nevada)

Russell E. Clay (Southern California-Arizona)

W. J. Wilson (Wyoming State)

Laymen: Lloyd M. Bertholf (California-Nevada)

Laurence Cooper (Southern California-Arizona)

Chester M. Alter (Colorado)

Herman Forslund (Oregon)

G. Herbert Smith (Oregon)

Martin Frazier (Southern California-Arizona)

All the effective Bishops resident in the United States,
and two from Central Conferences if they are in the
United States when the Commission meets.

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M. Bullock (Mississippi—SE), Editorial Division;
John O. Gross (Kentucky—SE), Division of Educa-
tional Institutions.

Division of World Missions, General Board of Missions:
Eugene L. Smith (Newark—NE).

**ENTERTAINMENT, COMMISSION ON
1960 GENERAL CONFERENCE**

(See Journal, Pages 264; 272.)

Chairman: William H. Alderson, 33 Woodside Circle,
Bridgeport 4, Conn.

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Vice-Chairman (Program): Paul V. Galloway, 1301 Boston
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Secretary: J. Wesley Hole (*), 5250 Santa Monica Blvd.,
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Northeastern Jurisdiction: William H. Alderson (New
York East), Frank E. Baker (*) (Philadelphia).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Robert C. Holmes (Florida),
Charles R. Paul (*) (Alabama-West Florida).

Central Jurisdiction: L. Scott Allen (Georgia), Thurman L. Dodson (*) (Washington).

North Central Jurisdiction: J. Otis Young (Ohio), John R. Van Sickles (*) (Rock River).

South Central Jurisdiction: Paul V. Galloway (Oklahoma), Floyd B. James (*) (Louisiana) (a). Carl C. Hall (*). (Little Rock) (a).

(NOTE. (a) Floyd B. James later resigned and the College of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction appointed Carl C. Hall.—Editor.)

Western Jurisdiction: Norman L. Conrad (California-Nevada), J. Wesley Hole (*) (Southern California-Arizona).

Ex Officio, without vote: Secretary of the General Conference, Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia—NE); Treasurer of the Council of World Service and Finance, Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois).

Advisory members: Bishops Frederick B. Newell and H. Bascom Watts.

EVANGELISM, BOARD OF

(See *Journal*, Page 295. Paragraph 1468, 1952 Discipline.)

At Large: Bishop W. Angie Smith.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop W. Earl Ledden.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Roy H. Short.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop John W. E. Bowen.

North Central Jurisdiction—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop William C. Martin.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy.

FAMILY LIFE, COMMITTEE ON

(See *Journal*, Page 859. Paragraph 1417-2, 1956 Discipline. Report No. 16 Education, Pages 948, 1481.)

Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

Bishop W. Earl Ledden.

Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy.

Bishop William C. Martin.

Levi B. Miller, Jr. (Washington—C).

Leo Smith (Georgia—C).

E. Harold Mohn (North-East Ohio—NC).

Mrs. T. Otto Nall (*) (Rock River—NC).

Mrs. A. Neill Hart (*) (Little Rock—NC).

James A. Egan (*) (Oklahoma—SC).

HOSPITALS AND HOMES, BOARD OF

(*See Journal, Page 296. Paragraph 1563, 1952 Discipline.*)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop William T. Watkins.

INTER-BOARD COMMITTEE FOR MINISTRY TO NEGLECTED AREAS AND UNCHURCHED PEOPLES

(*See Journal, Page 859. Report No. 7, Missions, Pages 794;
1595.*)

Wilford C. Westenberger (Tennessee—SE)

John W. Dickhaut (Ohio—NC)

Asbury Smith (Baltimore—NE)

A. Neil Story (North Arkansas—SC)

Richard H. Johnson (*) (Washington—C)

JOHN STREET CHURCH, TRUSTEES

(*See Journal, Page 831. Report No. 4, Temporal Economy,
Page 831; Appendix, Page 1732.*)

Bishop assigned to New York Area

Newell

Leigh A. Brown (*) (New York—NE)

Everett R. Filley (*) (New York—NE)

Frederick Kraft (*) (New York—NE)

Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE)

Ellis L. Phillips (*) (New York—NE)

Edna Stitt Robinson (*) (New York—NE)

Clayton Snyder (*) (New York—NE)

Wilson R. Tannar (*) (New York—NE)

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

(*) Laymen

(*See Journal, Pages 292; 320; 495; 526; 552; 570; 588; 606;
611; 644; 662; 664.*)

President: J. Ernest Wilkins (*), U. S. Department of
Labor, Room 3104, Washington 25, D. C.

Vice-President: Lester A. Welliver (A), 811 Market St.,
Williamsport, Pa.

(NOTE. (A) Clarence M. Dannelly was elected Vice-President. Upon
his resignation, the Council elected Lester A. Welliver.—Editor.)

Secretary: Ralph M. Houston, 112 Long Drive, Hempstead,
N. Y.

TERMS EXPIRING 1960 (*) Layman

Ralph M. Houston (New York East—NE).

J. Russell Throckmorton (Central Kansas—SC).

Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama-West Florida—SE)
(A).

(NOTE. (B) Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama-West Florida—SE), term expiring 1960, resigned, and the Judicial Council elevated Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE), who had been elected as a Reserve Member, term expiring 1964, to take his place.—Editor.)

Ivan Lee Holt, Jr. (*) (Saint Louis—SC).

Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) (B)

TERMS EXPIRING 1964 (*) Layman

A. Wesley Pugh (North Indiana).

Lester A. Welliver (Central Pennsylvania—NE).

R. Floyd Curl (Southwest Texas—SC).

J. Ernest Wilkins (*) (Lexington—C).

Donald A. Odell (*) (Southern California-Arizona—W).

RESERVES—TERMS EXPIRING 1960

Harold H. Hughes (Virginia—SE).

Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin—NC).

Harry A. Hanson (North India—OS).

Vincent A. Clarke (*) (New England—NE).

F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore—NE).

Samuel W. Witwer, Jr. (*) (Rock River—NC).

RESERVES—TERMS EXPIRING 1964

H. Hughes Wagner (New England—NE).

Ben H. Christner (Colorado—W).

Walter G. Williams (Colorado—W).

Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE) (C)

(NOTE. (C) Clarence M. Dannelly (*) (Alabama-West Florida—SE), term expiring 1960, resigned, and the Judicial Council elevated Paul R. Ervin (*) (Western North Carolina—SE), term expiring 1964, to take his place.—Editor.)

Robert D. Blue (*) (North Iowa—NC).

Leon E. Hickman (*) (Pittsburgh—NE).

**JURISDICTIONAL SYSTEM, COMMISSION TO STUDY
AND RECOMMEND ACTION ON**

(See *Journal*, pages 773-775; 993 and No. 2 *Conferences*,
Journal, Page 503; *Appendix*, Page 1406.)

Chairman: Charles C. Parlin (*), 20 Exchange Place, New
York 5, N. Y.

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First Vice-Chairman: C. Cooper Bell, 2223 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, Va.

Second Vice-Chairman—John R. Wilkins, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco 2, Calif.

Third Vice-Chairman: James P. Brawley (*), c/o Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.

Fourth Vice-Chairman: J. Clinton Hawkins (*), 7421 Warwick Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Fifth Vice-Chairman: Harold A. Bosley, First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.

Recording Secretary: Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., First Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Director: C. Cooper Bell, 2223 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, Va.

Northeastern Jurisdiction:

Bishops: G. Bromley Oxnam (Washington Area).
Fred P. Corson (Philadelphia Area).

Ministers: Ralph W. Sockman (New York).
John E. Hannifan (West Virginia).
Walter G. Muelder (New England).
Dean E. Richardson (Genesee).

Laymen: Charles C. Parlin (Newark).
George W. Culberson (Pittsburgh).
Mrs. Emil M. Hartl (New England).
DeWitt C. LeFevre (Northern New York).
Hurst R. Anderson (Minnesota).
Mrs. Christine Marple (New Jersey).

Southeastern Jurisdiction:

Bishops: Arthur J. Moore (Atlanta Area).
Paul N. Garber (Richmond Area).
Ministers: Nolan B. Harmon (Virginia) (A).

(NOTE. (A) Nolan B. Harmon was elected a Bishop by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Thursday, July 12, 1956. The College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference elected W. Lemuel Clegg (North Carolina) to fill the vacancy.—Editor.)

W. Lemuel Clegg (North Carolina) (A).
C. Cooper Bell (Virginia).

Leonard H. Cochran (South Georgia).
R. Laurence Dill, Jr. (North Alabama).
D. Trigg James, Sr. (Holston).

Laymen: Ben M. Stevens (Mississippi).
Edwin L. Jones, Sr. (Western North Carolina).
Fred B. Noble (Florida).
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman (Tennessee).
R. Lee Blackwell (Louisville).
Lee Roy Ussery (Alabama-West Florida).
J. Carlisle Holler (South Carolina).

Central Jurisdiction:

Bishops: Willis J. King (New Orleans Area).
Edgar A. Love (Baltimore Area).

Ministers: Noah W. Moore, Jr. (Delaware).
Cosum M. Luster (Texas).
Charles F. Golden (Lexington).

Laymen: James P. Brawley (Georgia).
Thurman L. Dodson (Washington).
Mrs. Mary M. Drake (Tennessee).
Richard V. Moore (Florida).
John T. King (West Texas) (B).

(NOTE. (B) On Monday, May 7, 1956, the Council of Bishops substituted Mrs. Obie C. Coe (West Texas) for John T. King.—Editor.)

Mrs. Obie C. Coe (West Texas) (B).

North Central Jurisdiction:

Bishops: Marshall R. Reed (Michigan Area).
Richard C. Raines (Indiana Area).

Ministers: Harold A. Bosley (Rock River).
Alvin J. Lindgren (Wisconsin).
Chester A. McPheeters (Detroit).
Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio).

Laymen: Mrs. Frank G. Brooks (North Iowa).
Fremont Fletcher (Minnesota).
Mrs. A. K. Laing (Illinois).
Paul V. Shearer (Iowa-Des Moines).
Leonard D. Slutz (Ohio).
Lawrence Riggs (Northwest Indiana).

South Central Jurisdiction:

Bishops: A. Frank Smith (Houston-San Antonio Area).
William C. Martin (Dallas-Fort Worth Area).

Ministers: Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. (North Texas).

William E. Trice (Louisiana).
Finis E. Crutchfield, Jr. (Oklahoma).
Lyman S. Johnson (Central Kansas).

Laymen: Lester L. Keyser (Southwest Texas).
J. Clinton Hawkins (Saint Louis).
Mrs. Clyde Kirk (Missouri).
Charles A. Stuck (North Arkansas).
William H. Wilcox (Oklahoma).

Western Jurisdiction:

Bishops: Donald H. Tippet.
Glenn R. Phillips.

Ministers: Frank S. Williams (Southern California-Arizona).

Raymond E. Balcomb (Oregon).
John R. Wilkins (California-Nevada).

Laymen: Mrs. Rena M. Taylor (Colorado).
Mrs. Alice Baun (California-Nevada).
Mrs. Frances Swayze (Pacific Northwest).
Thomas Payne (Montana).
Vern Orr, Sr. (Southern California-Arizona).

LAY ACTIVITIES, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Page 295. Paragraph 1491, 1952 Discipline.)

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips.
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Dana Dawson.
Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 323. Paragraph 711, 1952 Discipline.)

President: Henry M. Zimmerman (*), 42 Leathers Road,
South Fort Mitchell, Ky.

Vice-President and Counsel: Reber F. Boulton (*), American
Trust Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

Vice-President: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, 12 N. 3rd St.,
Columbus 15, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer: Arnold A. Johnson (*), 104 Rose-
mont Ave., Fort Thomas, Ky.

Terms expire 1960: Reber F. Boulton (*) (Tennessee—SE),
Vincent M. Mouser (*) (Louisiana—SC), Alexander K.
Smith (Philadelphia), Henry M. Zimmerman (*), (Ken-
tucky).

Terms expire 1964: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Thomas B. Lugg (Illinois), Arnold A. Johnson (*) (Kentucky—SE).

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 429.)

President: Anson C. Fry (*), 2324 Park Ave., Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

Vice-President: H. F. Dornette (*), 3920 West St., Mariemont, Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer: Leonard D. Slutz (*), Traction Bldg., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Terms expire 1960: B. Brooks Shake (North Indiana), John B. Doan (*) (Ohio), James Dolbey (*) (Ohio), W. Frank White (*) (Ohio), Robert Kennedy (*) (Ohio), Cecil M. Ogg (Kentucky), Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

Terms expire 1964: H. F. Dornette (*) (Ohio—NC), Paul Momberg (*) (Ohio—NC), George O. Kitson (Ohio—NC), Carroll H. Lewis (North-East Ohio—NC), Leonard D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC), J. Otis Young (Ohio—NC).

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, TRUSTEES

(See Journal, Page 321.)

President: Charles F. Lovell (*), 801 Nashville Trust Bldg., Nashville 3, Tenn.

Vice-President: Ben A. Whitmore (*), Third National Bank, Nashville 3, Tenn.

Secretary-Treasurer: James C. Dale, Jr. (*), Commerce Union Bank Bldg., Nashville 3, Tenn.

Terms expire 1960: Willard H. Blue (Tennessee), Reber F. Boulton (*) (Tennessee), James C. Dale, Jr. (*) (Tennessee), John Q. Schisler (Tennessee), Marion A. Stevenson (Holston).

Terms expire 1964: Charles F. Lovell (*) (Tennessee—SE); Bonneau P. Murphy (Central Texas—SC); Wilford C. Westenberger (Tennessee—SE), Ben A. Whitmore (a) (Tennessee—SE), William H. Wiseman (*) (Tennessee—SE).

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(See Journal, Page 430.)

Chairman: Bishop James H. Straughn, 303 Northway (Gulford), Baltimore 18, Md.

Secretary: Cuthbert W. Bates, Swannanoa, N. C.

Terms expire 1960: Bishop James H. Straughn, Cuthbert W. Bates (Western North Carolina), Roby F. Day (New York East), Henry O. De Weese (North Indiana), B. M. Mitchell (West Virginia), William C. Scott (*) (Baltimore), Harry Shaw (*) (West Virginia).

Term expires 1960: George W. Culberson (*) (Pittsburgh—NE), to replace Harry Shaw (*), deceased.

Terms expire 1964: Cuthbert W. Bates (Western North Carolina—SE), Roby F. Day (New York East—NE), Henry O. De Weese (North Indiana—NC), Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger (*) (North-East Ohio—NC), Henry Wells, Jr. (*) (Baltimore—SE).

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, TRUSTEES

(*See Journal, Page 429.*)

President: Paul F. Warner, 2215 E. Lake Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Secretary: J. A. Dudley, 3810 Twenty-fourth St., N.E., Washington 18, D. C.

Terms expire 1960: E. A. Sexsmith (Baltimore), J. F. Bryan (Baltimore), L. B. Smith (Baltimore), J. A. Dudley (Baltimore), F. Murray Benson (*) (Baltimore), Robert S. Jett (*) (Baltimore).

Term to expire 1960: S. Vannort Chapman (*) (Baltimore—NE), to replace Charles Reiner, Jr. (*), Deceased.

Terms expire 1964: Frank L. Shaffer (West Virginia—NE); David J. Wynne (Pittsburgh—NE); John N. Link (Peninsula—NE), Paul F. Warner (Baltimore—NE), George W. Dexter (*) (Baltimore—NE), Henry O. De Weese (*) (North Indiana—NC).

MISSIONS, BOARD OF

(*See Journal, Page 431. Paragraph 1172, 1952 Discipline.*)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Bishop Frederick B. Newell.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop Roy H. Short, Bishop John W. Branscomb.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edgar A. Love.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Richard C. Raines, Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Bishop D. Stanley Coors.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Frank Smith, Bishop William C. Martin, Bishop W. Angie Smith, Bishop Dana Dawson.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy.

Overseas Bishops: Bishop Newell S. Booth, Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, Bishop Odd Hagen, Bishop Shot K. Mondol, Bishop Jose L. Valencia, Bishop Ralph A. Ward.

Members at Large, Laymen: Paragraph 1172-3, 1952 *Discipline*.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Russell J. Bauer (Philadelphia), James T. Buckley (Philadelphia), Wandall M. Money (Newark), Andrew H. Phelps (Pittsburgh), Aura C. Severinghaus (New York East).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: W. G. Giles (Louisville), Littell Rust (Tennessee), W. Jasper Smith (North Carolina).

Central Jurisdiction: William A. Love (Central West), Guy W. Oliver, Sr. (Mississippi), Hampton D. Smith (South Carolina), Clarence M. Winchester (North Carolina).

North Central Jurisdiction: L. A. Beeghly (North-East Ohio), Ralph M. Dunn (Northwest Indiana), Harold S. Vincent (Wisconsin), Victor Reuther (Detroit).

South Central Jurisdiction: William E. Broadhurst (Oklahoma), J. H. Calvert (Nebraska), R. W. Fair (Texas), B. Tyndale Fooks (Little Rock), Joe J. Perkins (North Texas).

Western Jurisdiction: George H. Atkinson (California-Nevada), Truman W. Collins (Oregon), William Sander (Pacific Northwest), George V. Steed (Southern California-Arizona), Charles L. Wheeler (Colorado).

NORTH AMERICAN STUDY CONFERENCE ON "THE NATURE OF THE UNITY WE SEEK," DELEGATES TO

(See Journal, Page 770.)

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Miss Georgia Harkness (*) (Troy), Allan J. Howes (*) (Pittsburgh), Walter G. Muelder (New England), Norman L. Trott (Baltimore).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop William T. Watkins, Robert E. Cushman (North Carolina), Chesley C. Herbert, Jr. (Western North Carolina), John Know (*) (Virginia), Edward T. Ramsdell (*) (Tennessee), Mack B. Stokes (Holston).

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Charles B. Copher (Lexington), Daniel C. Hill (*) (Washington), Harry V. Richardson (Central Alabama).

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Merrill R. Abbey (Detroit), H. D. Bollinger (Northwest Indiana), Harold A. Bosley (Rock River), Thomas Kepler (*) (North-East Ohio), F. E. Kearns (*) (Wisconsin), Dwight E. Loder (Minnesota), Gerald O. McCulloch (Minnesota), Carl Michalson (*), (Minnesota), John F. Olson (North-East Ohio), Oscar Thomas Olson (North-East Ohio).

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Ivan Lee Holt (*Ex Officio*), Bishop William C. Martin, Merrimon Cuninggim (Northwest Texas), Wesley H. Hager (Saint Louis), Albert C. Outler (North Texas), Joseph D. Quillian, Jr. (North Texas).

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Bernhard W. Anderson (California-Nevada), Earl W. Cranston (Southern California-Arizona), Walter Williams (*) (Colorado).

Congregational Minister: Nels Ferré.

PENSIONS, BOARD OF

(*See Journal, Page 296; 776. Paragraph 1602-1, 1952 Discipline.*)

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Marshall R. Reed.

PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION, COMMISSION ON

(*See Journal, Page 296. Paragraphs 750-755, 1952 Discipline.*)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Marvin A. Franklin.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop D. Stanley Coors.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop William C. Martin.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METHODIST INFORMATION, COMMISSION ON

(*See Journal, Page 294. Paragraph 1593, 1952 Discipline.*)

Chairman: Bishop Richard C. Raines, 305 Underwriters Bldg., Indianapolis 4, Ind.

Vice-Chairman: Holt McPherson (*), Box 1009, High Point, N. C.

Recording Secretary: Miron A. Morrill, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Treasurer: H. Burnham Kirkland.

Bishop Richard C. Raines (Indiana Area), Robert D. Hill (Louisiana—C), Holt McPherson (*) (Western North Carolina—SE), Miron A. Morrill (North Iowa—NC),

(NOTE. Miron A. Morrill was transferred to the Hong-Kong-Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference, December 1, 1956, and appointed Professor of English and Academic Consultant in Soochow University, Paipei, Formosa.—Editor.)

Theodore H. Palmquist (Southern California-Arizona—W), J. Richard Sneed (Southern California-Arizona—W), Walter W. Van Kirk (New England—NE), (Died July 6, 1956. Burton W. Marvin (Kansas—SC) appointed by the Commission to fill the vacancy.—Editor), Grove Patterson (*) (Ohio—NC), (Died August 7, 1956. Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark—NE) was appointed by the Commission to fill the vacancy.—Editor), Umphrey Lee (North Texas—SC).

PUBLICATION, BOARD OF

(See *Journal*, Page 295. Paragraph 1130, 1952 Discipline.)

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Roy H. Short.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips.

RECORDS, FORMS, AND STATISTICAL BLANKS, COMMITTEE ON

(See *Journal*, Page 326. Paragraph 1120-6, 1952 Discipline.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam,
Bishop John Wesley Lord.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Roy H. Short.

RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE, DIRECTORS OF

(See *Journal*, Page 778. Paragraph 1599, 1956 Discipline.

(Report No. 1. *Inter-Denominational Relations and Activities*. See *Journal*, pages 901; 1505

Frank W. Burr (*) (Newark—NE), W. Carl Walton (*) (Newark—NE), Ralph Stoodly (New England Southern—NE), Robert G. Mayfield (*) (Southwest Missouri—SC), Karl K. Quimby (Newark—NE).

RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE

(See *Journal*, Page 433. Paragraph 1230-1, 1952 Discipline.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop John Wesley Lord.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edgar A. Love.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edwin E. Voigt.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Bascom Watts.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop A. Raymond Grant.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Page 296. Paragraph 1555, 1952 Discipline.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Bachman G. Hodge.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Willis J. King.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop H. Bascom Watts.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet.

**STRUCTURE OF METHODISM OVERSEAS,
COMMISSION ON**

*(See Journal, Pages 778; 841. Paragraph 2008,
1952 Discipline.)*

Chairman: Bishop W. Angie Smith, 6619 Hillcrest, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Vice-Chairman: Bishop Fred P. Corson, 1701 Arch St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Secretary: Leon T. Moore, 1701 Arch St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Administering in Jurisdictional Conferences:—

Northeastern: Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, Bishop Frederick B. Newell.

North Central: Bishop Richard C. Raines.

South Central: Bishop W. Angie Smith.

Administering in Central Conferences:—

Africa Central: Bishop Newell S. Booth.

Southern Asia Central: Bishop Shot K. Mondol.

Latin America Central: Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri.

Germany Central: Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Leon T. Moore (Philadelphia), Robert F. Oxnam (*) (New England).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Nathaniel J. Golding (North Mississippi), William C. Brannon (*) (North Alabama).

Central Jurisdiction: E. W. McMillan (Georgia), Hally P. Johns (*) (Delaware).

North Central Jurisdiction: Merrill B. McFall (Indiana), Mrs. Charles W. Wegner (Minnesota) (*).

South Central Jurisdiction: Richard E. Carlyon (Nebraska), Mrs. William E. Horton, Jr. (*) (Texas).

Western Jurisdiction: R. Marvin Stuart (California-Nevada), Gerald Schlessman (*) (Rocky Mountain).

Africa Central Conference: Edgar Cooper.

Central China Conference: E. Pearce Hayes.

Germany Central Conference: Ernst Scholz.

Central Southern Europe Central Conference: William G. Thonger.

Latin America Central Conference: Howard W. Yoder.

Northern Europe Central Conference: Harald Lindstrom (*).

Philippines Central Conference: Ernest E. Tuck.

Southern Asia Central Conference: James K. Matthews.

Southeast Asia Central Conference: U On Kin.

TELEVISION, RADIO AND FILM COMMISSION

*(See Journal, Page 296. Paragraph 1590-2,
1956 Discipline.)*

President: Bishop Donald H. Tippet, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco 2, Calif.

Vice-President: Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, 201 Millsaps Bldg., Jackson, Miss.

Recording Secretary: Walter N. Vernon, Jr., 201 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Marvin A. Franklin.

Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Donald H. Tippet.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Frederick E. Maser (Philadelphia).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: James W. Sells (Mississippi).

Central Jurisdiction: George D. Hancock (*) (Central West).

North Central Jurisdiction: Wesley E. Brashares (Northwest Indiana).

South Central Jurisdiction: Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. (North Texas).

Western Jurisdiction: Edwin E. Reeves (Southern California-Arizona).

TEMPERANCE, BOARD OF

(See Journal, Page 295. Paragraph 1532, 1952 Discipline.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop John Wesley Lord.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Edgar A. Love.
North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop D. Stanley Coors.
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Dana Dawson.
Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy.

UNIVERSITY SENATE

(See Journal, Page 326. Paragraph 1383, 1952 Discipline.)

Hurst R. Anderson (*) (Baltimore—NE), President, American University, A. Hollis Edens (North Carolina—SE), President, Duke University, Lowell S. Ensor (Baltimore—NE), President, Western Maryland College), Nelson P. Horn (Kansas—SC), President, Baker University, Umphrey Lee (North Texas—SC), Southern Methodist University, Edward W. Seay (New Jersey—NE), President, Centenary College for Women, Goodrich C. White (*) (North Georgia—SE), President, Emory University, William J. Scarborough (Kansas—SC), President, Baker University, Russell D. Cole (North Iowa—NC), President, Cornell College, Ralph L. Woodward (Missouri—SC), President, Central College.

URBAN LIFE COMMITTEE

(See Journal, Page 771.)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop W. Earl Ledden.
Southeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop Bachman G. Hodge.
Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Marshall R. Reed.
South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Eugene Frank.
Western Jurisdiction: Bishop Glenn R. Phillips.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, GOVERNORS

(See Journal, Page 489.)

Ministers: Howard M. Amoss (Baltimore—NE), Charles F. Berkheimer (Central Pennsylvania—NE), Bishop Fred Pierce Corson (Philadelphia Area—NE), Albert E. Day (Baltimore—NE), Bishop Paul N. Garber (Richmond Area—SE), J. Leas Green (Peninsula—NE), John E. Hanifan (West Virginia—NE), John W. Hawley (Pittsburgh—NE), John B. Jones (Baltimore—NE), James M. McIntosh (Erie—NE), Benjamin W. Meeks (Baltimore—NE), Frank L. Shafer (West Virginia—NE), Albert P. Shirkey (Baltimore—NE), Bishop James H. Straughn (Retired), J. Vincent Watchorn (Philadelphia—NE),

Laymen: Hurst R. Anderson (Baltimore—NE), F. Murray Benson (Baltimore—NE), Ranah F. Camalier (Baltimore—NE), George P. Chandler (Peninsula—NE), George W. Culberson (Pittsburgh—NE), Nathaniel M. Harrison (Western North Carolina—SE), James G. Law (Central Pennsylvania—NE), Frank E. Masland (Central Pennsylvania—NE), Theodore R. McKeldin (Baltimore—NE), Reginald G. Mowbray (Baltimore—NE), Thomas G. Pullen (Baltimore—NE), Lynde H. Ryman (Peninsula—NE), J. Ernest Wilkins (Lexington—C).

Ex Officio: Bishop of Washington Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam; President of Westminster Theological Seminary, Norman L. Trott (Baltimore—NE).

WORLD PEACE, BOARD OF

(*See Journal, Page 296. Paragraph 1545, 1952 Discipline.*)

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop W. Earl Ledden.

Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

North Central Jurisdiction: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley.

At Large:

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Charles C. Parlin (*) (Newark), Mrs. James K. Mawha (Newark), Elwin L. Wilson (Maine).

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Adlai C. Holler (South Carolina).

North Central Jurisdiction: Harold A. Bosley (Rock River), Frank D. Slutz (*) (Ohio—NC).

WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE, COUNCIL ON

(*See Journal, Pages 323, 428, 777. Paragraphs 1116-1119, 1952 Discipline.*)

President: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

Vice-President: Bishop Paul E. Martin, 723 Center St., Little Rock, Ark.

Recording Secretary: George B. McKibbin (*) (Rock River—NC), 231 South LaSalle St., Chicago 4, Ill.

Bishops:

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

South Central Jurisdiction: Bishop Paul E. Martin.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Harold C. Buckingham (Wyo-

- ming), Frank W. Bevan (Troy), Carl Gilchrist (*) (West Virginia), W. Clyde Sykes (*) (Northern New York).
- Southeastern Jurisdiction: Henry W. Blackburn (Florida), Nat G. Long (North Georgia), Luther W. Wells (*) (Virginia), Lee Davis (*) (Tennessee).
- Central Jurisdiction: Ira B. Loud (West Texas), Grandison M. Phelps (North Carolina), A. M. Carter (*) (Georgia), Joseph T. Johnson (*) (Lexington).
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- South Central Jurisdiction: Joseph S. Ploughe (Central Kansas), G. Lemuel Fenn (Oklahoma), Walter B. Rider (*) (Central Texas), Joe T. Thompson (*) (Little Rock).
- Western Jurisdiction: R. Franklin Thompson (Pacific Northwest), Charles S. Kendall (Southern California—Arizona), G. Clifford Pettygrove (*) (California—Nevada), Clyde A. Cromwell (*) (Montana).
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VIII

GENERAL CONFERENCES OR GENERAL CONVENTIONS OF THE THREE CONSTITUENT CHURCHES FORMING THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Declaration of Union, Item III.

"The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church had their common origin in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America in 1784, A.D., and have ever held, adhered to and preserved a common belief, spirit and purpose, as expressed in their common Articles of Religion."

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

1784 (Dec. 24)	Baltimore, Md.	The Christmas Conference
1792	Baltimore, Md.	
1796	Baltimore, Md.	
		<i>Secretary</i>
1800	Baltimore, Md.	Nichol Snethen
1804	Baltimore, Md.	John Wilson
1808	Baltimore, Md.	William Penn Chandler

Delegated General Conferences Began

1812	New York, N. Y.	Daniel Hitt
1816	Baltimore, Md.	Lewis R. Fechtig
1820	Baltimore, Md.	Alexander McCaine
1824	Baltimore, Md.	John Emory
1828	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Martin Ruter

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1828-1936

		<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1827	Convention	Baltimore, Md. Nicholas Snethen	Henry Willis
1828	Convention	Baltimore, Md. Nicholas Snethen	Wm. S. Stockton
1830	Conference	Baltimore, Md. Francis Waters	Gideon Davis
1834		Georgetown, D. C. Nicholas Snethen	W. C. Lipscomb
1838		Pittsburgh, Pa. Asa Shinn	T. W. Pearson
1842		Baltimore, Md. Asa Shinn	John J. Reed
1846		Cincinnati, Ohio Francis Waters	J. E. Wilson
1850		Baltimore, Md. Levi R. Reese	A. H. Bassett
1854		Steubenville, Ohio John Burns	Francis Waters
1858		Lynchburg, Va. W. C. Lipscomb	W. H. Wills
1862		Georgetown, D. C. Francis Waters	D. Evans Reese
		(Adjourned to 1865)	
1865		Georgetown, D. C. W. H. Wills	D. Evans Reese
		(Adjourned session)	
1866		Georgetown, D. C. W. H. Wills	J. K. Nichols

1867	Convention	Montgomery, Ala.	J. J. Murray	C. W. Button
1870		Baltimore, Md.	J. G. Whitfield	J. G. Cherry
1874		Lynchburg, Va.	L. W. Bates	A. C. Harris
1877		Baltimore, Md.	L. W. Bates	G. B. McElroy

General Convention

1880		Pittsburgh, Pa.	G. B. McElroy	Wm. S. Hammond
1884		Baltimore, Md.	Wm. S. Hammond	S. K. Spahr
1888		Adrian, Mich.	David Jones	U. S. Fleming
1892		Westminster, Md.	J. W. Hering	John F. Cowan
1896		Kansas City, Mo.	J. W. Hering	T. M. Johnson
1900		Atlantic City, N. J.	D. S. Stephens	H. L. Elderdice
1904		Washington, D. C.	F. T. Tagg	F. C. Chambers
1908		Pittsburgh, Pa.	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1912		Baltimore, Md.	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
1914		Columbus, Ohio	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck

Special Session

1916		Zanesville, Ohio	Lyman E. Davis	Charles H. Beck
1920		Greensboro, N. C.	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1924		Tiffin, Ohio	T. H. Lewis	Charles H. Beck
1928		Baltimore, Md.	J. C. Broomfield	C. W. Bates
1932		Columbus, Ohio	J. C. Broomfield	C. W. Bates
1936		High Point, N. C.	James H. Straughn	C. W. Bates

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1832-1844

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, 1832-1844

Secretary

1832		Philadelphia, Pa.	Thomas L. Douglass
1836		Cincinnati, Ohio	Thomas L. Douglass
1840		Baltimore, Md.	John A. Collins
1844		New York, N. Y.	Thomas B. Sargent

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1844-1936

1848		Pittsburgh, Pa.	Joseph M. Trimble
1852		Boston, Mass.	Joseph M. Trimble
1856		Indianapolis, Ind.	William L. Harris
1860		Buffalo, N. Y.	William L. Harris
1864		Philadelphia, P.	William L. Harris
1868		Chicago, Ill.	William L. Harris

Lay Delegates First Seated

1872		Brooklyn, N. Y.	William L. Harris
			(Elected Bishop May 23, 1872)
			George W. Woodruff
1876		Baltimore, Md.	George W. Woodruff
1880		Cincinnati, Ohio	George W. Woodruff
1884		Philadelphia, Pa.	David S. Monroe
1888		New York, N. Y.	David S. Monroe
1892		Omaha, Neb.	David S. Monroe
1896		Cleveland, Ohio	David S. Monroe

Ministerial and Lay Delegates Now in Equal Number

1900		Chicago, Ill.	David S. Monroe
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Women Admitted to Membership

1904		Los Angeles, Calif.	Joseph B. Hingeley
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1908	Baltimore, Md.	Joseph B. Hingeley
1912	Minneapolis, Minn.	Joseph B. Hingeley
1916	Saratoga Springs, N. Y.	Edwin Locke
1920	Des Moines, Iowa	Edmund M. Mills
1924	Springfield, Mass.	Raymond J. Wade
1928	Kansas City, Mo.	Raymond J. Wade
	(Elected Bishop, May 23, 1928)	
		John M. Arters
1932	Atlantic City, N. J.	John M. Arters
1936	Columbus, Ohio	John M. Arters

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, 1844-1938

1846	Petersburg, Va.	T. N. Ralston
1850	St. Louis, Mo.	T. O. Summers
1854	Columbus, Ga.	T. O. Summers
1858	Nashville, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
1862	No session on account of the war.	
1866	New Orleans, La.	T. O. Summers
1870	Memphis, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
1874	Louisville, Ky.	T. O. Summers
1878	Atlanta, Ga.	T. O. Summers
1882	Nashville, Tenn.	T. O. Summers
	(Died during session)	
		John S. Martin
1886	Richmond, Va.	John S. Martin
1890	St. Louis, Mo.	W. P. Harrison
1894	Memphis, Tenn.	W. P. Harrison
1898	Baltimore, Md.	John J. Tigert
1902	Dallas, Texas	John J. Tigert
1906	Birmingham, Ala.	John J. Tigert
	(Elected Bishop, May 17, 1906)	
		A. F. Watkins
1910	Asheville, N. C.	A. F. Watkins
1914	Oklahoma City, Okla.	A. F. Watkins
1918	Atlanta, Ga.	A. F. Watkins

Women Delegates Seated for First Time

1922	Hot Springs, Ark.	A. F. Watkins
Special Session		
1924	Chattanooga, Tenn.	A. F. Watkins
1926	Memphis, Tenn.	A. F. Watkins
1930	Dallas, Texas	Lud H. Estes
1934	Jackson, Miss.	Lud H. Estes
1938	Birmingham, Ala.	Lud H. Estes

THE UNITING CONFERENCE
OF

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

1939	April 26-May 10	Kansas City, Mo.	Lud H. Estes
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THE METHODIST CHURCH

1940	April 24-May 6	Atlantic City, N. J.	Lud H. Estes
1944	April 26-May 6	Kansas City, Mo.	Lud H. Estes
1948	April 28-May 8	Boston, Mass.	Lud H. Estes
1952	April 23-May 6	San Francisco, Calif.	Lud H. Estes
1956	April 25-May 7	Minneapolis, Minn.	Lud H. Estes

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CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church as of January 1, 1956, are as follows:

(NOTE: (NE) Northeastern Jurisdiction; (SE) South-eastern Jurisdiction; (C) Central Jurisdiction; (NC) North Central Jurisdiction; (SC) South Central Jurisdiction; (W) Western Jurisdiction; (OS) Over Seas.)

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| 1. Alabama-West Florida (SE) | 29. Florida (C) |
| 2. Angola (OS) | 30. Foochow (OS) |
| 3. Argentina (OS) | 31. Georgia (C) |
| 4. Baltimore (NE) | 32. Genesee (NE) |
| 5. Belgium (OS) | 33. Gujarat (OS) |
| 6. Bengal (OS) | 34. Hinghwa (OS) |
| 7. Bombay (OS) | 35. Holston (SE) |
| 8. Burma (OS) | 36. Hyderabad (OS) |
| 9. California-Nevada (W) | 37. Idaho (W) |
| 10. Central Alabama (C) | 38. Illinois (NC) |
| 11. Central Congo (OS) | 39. Indiana (NC) |
| 12. Central Germany (OS) | 40. Indus River (OS) |
| 13. Central Kansas (SC) | 41. Iowa-Des Moines (NC) |
| 14. Central New York (NE) | 42. Kansas (SC) |
| 15. Central Pennsylvania (NE) | 43. Kentucky (SE) |
| 16. Central Texas (SC) | 44. Kiangsi (OS) |
| 17. Central West (C) | 45. Lexington (C) |
| 18. Chile (OS) | 46. Liberia (OS) |
| 19. Cuba (SE) | 47. Little Rock (SC) |
| 20. Czechoslovakia (OS) | 48. Louisiana (C) |
| 21. Delaware (C) | 49. Louisiana (SC) |
| 22. Delhi (OS) | 50. Louisville (SE) |
| 23. Denmark (OS) | 51. Lucknow (OS) |
| 24. Detroit (NC) | 52. Madhya Pradesh (OS) |
| 25. East China (OS) | 53. Maine (NE) |
| 26. East Tennessee (C) | 54. Malaya (OS) |
| 27. Erie (NE) | 55. Malaysia Chinese (OS) |
| 28. Florida (SE) | 56. Memphis (SE) |
| | 57. Michigan (NC) |
| | 58. Mid-China (OS) |
| | 59. Minnesota (NC) |
| | 60. Mississippi (SE) |

**ASSIGNMENTS OF BISHOPS
TO
JURISDICTIONS AND AREAS**

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

Boston Area: Bishop John Wesley Lord
Maine, New England, New England Southern, New
Hampshire

New York Area: Bishop Frederick B. Newell
Newark, New York, New York East, Troy

Philadelphia Area: Bishop Fred P. Corson
New Jersey, Philadelphia, Wyoming, Puerto Rico Provi-
sional

Pittsburgh Area: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
Erie, Pittsburgh, West Virginia

Syracuse Area: Bishop W. Earl Ledden
Central New York, Genesee, Northern New York

Washington Area: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
Baltimore, Central Pennsylvania, Peninsula

Overseas Service: Bishop Newell S. Booth (See 1956 *Disci-
pline*, Pars. 8-4; 439; 2005-2 and 2103.)

Retired Relation: Bishops Raymond L. Archer, Charles W.
Flint, John Gowdy, James H. Straughn, Herbert Welch

Deceased: Frederick T. Keeney (September 24, 1952),
Francis J. McConnell (August 18, 1953)

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

Atlanta Area: Bishop Arthur J. Moore
North Georgia, South Georgia

Birmingham Area: Bishop Bachman G. Hodge
Alabama, West Florida, North Alabama

Charlotte Area: Bishop Nolan B. Harmon
South Carolina, Western North Carolina

Jackson Area: Bishop Marvin A. Franklin
Mississippi, North Mississippi

Jacksonville Area: Bishop John Branscomb
Cuba, Florida

Louisville Area: Bishop William T. Watkins
Kentucky, Louisville, Memphis

Nashville Area: Bishop Roy H. Short
Holston, Tennessee

Richmond Area: Bishop Paul N. Garber
North Carolina, Virginia

Retired Relation: Bishops Costen J. Harrell, W. Walter Peele, Clare Purcell

Deceased: Bishop Paul B. Kern (December 16, 1953)

CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Atlantic Coast Area: Bishop John W. E. Bowen
Central Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina

Baltimore Area: Bishop Edgar A. Love
Delaware, East Tennessee, North Carolina, Washington

New Orleans Area: Bishop Willis J. King
Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Upper Mississippi, West Texas

St. Louis Area: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
Central West, Lexington, Southwest, Tennessee

Overseas Service: Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr. (See 1956 *Discipline*, Pars. 8-4; 439; 2005-1 and 2103. Work not included in Central or Provisional Central Conferences.)

Retired Relation: Bishops Robert E. Jones, Edward W. Kelly, Alexander P. Shaw

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Illinois Area: Bishop Charles W. Brashares
Illinois, Rock River, Southern Illinois

Dakotas Area: Bishop Edwin E. Voigt
North Dakota, South Dakota

Des Moines Area: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley
Iowa-Des Moines, North Iowa

Michigan Area: Bishop Marshall R. Reed
Detroit, Michigan

Indiana Area: Bishop Richard C. Raines
Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana

Minnesota Area: Bishop D. Stanley Coors
Minnesota

Ohio Area: Bishop Hazen G. Werner
North-East Ohio

Wisconsin Area: Bishop H. Clifford Northcott
West Wisconsin, Wisconsin

Retired Relation: Bishops Ralph S. Cushman, Frederick D. Leete, Titus Lowe, J. Ralph Magee, John M. Springer, Raymond J. Wade

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

- Arkansas-Louisiana Area:* Bishop Paul E. Martin
Little Rock, Louisiana, North Arkansas
- Dallas-Forth Worth Area:* Bishop William C. Martin
Central Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas
- Houston-San Antonio Area:* Bishop A. Frank Smith
Rio Grande, Southwest Texas, Texas
- Kansas Area:* Bishop Dana Dawson
Central Kansas, Kansas
- Missouri Area:* Bishop Eugene M. Frank
Missouri, St. Louis, Southwest Missouri
- Nebraska Area:* Bishop H. Bascom Watts
Nebraska
- Oklahoma-New Mexico Area:* Bishop W. Angie Smith
New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oklahoma-Indian Mission
Visitation responsibility for Latin America. (See 1956
Discipline, Par. 2005-3.)
- Retired Relation:* Bishops Hiram A. Boaz, Ivan Lee Holt,
J. Waskom Pickett, Charles C. Seleman

WESTERN JURISDICTION

- Denver Area:* Bishop Glenn R. Phillips
Montana, Rocky Mountain
- Los Angeles Area:* Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy
Southern California-Arizona, Hawaii Mission
- Portland Area:* Bishop A. Raymond Grant
Idaho, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Alaska Mission
- San Francisco Area:* Bishop Donald H. Tippet
California-Nevada, Pacific-Japanese Provisional
- Retired Relation:* Bishops James C. Baker, Wilbur E. Ham-
maker, George A. Miller

**ASSIGNMENT OF BISHOPS
TO
CENTRAL CONFERENCES AND AREAS**

AFRICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Elisabethville Area: Bishop Newell S. Booth

Central Congo, Southern Congo

Lourenzo Area: Bishop Ralph E. Dodge

Angola, Rhodesia, Southeast Africa

**CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL
CONFERENCE**

Geneva Area: Bishop Ferdinand Sigg

Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Austria Mission,
Bulgaria Provisional, Hungary Provisional, North
Africa Provisional, Polish Provisional, Spain Mission,
Yugoslavia Mission

CHINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Bishops W. Y. Chen, Z. T. Kaung, Ralph A. Ward

No report of assignment to Areas

East China, Foochow, Hinghwa, Kiangsi, Mid-China,
North China, Shantung West China, Yenping, Kalgan
Provisional (Par. 1876, 1956 *Discipline*), Hong Kong
Mission, Taiwan Mission

GERMANY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Frankfurt Area: Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich

Central Germany, Northeast Germany, Northwest Ger-
many, South Germany, Southwest Germany

LATIN AMERICA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Buenos Aires Area: Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri

Argentina, Boliva Provisional, Uruguay Provisional

NORTHERN EUROPE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Northern Europe Area: Bishop Odd Hagen

Baltic and Slavic Provisional, Denmark, Norway, Sweden,
Finland Provisional, Finland-Swedish Provisional,
Russia Mission

Retired Relation: Bishop Theodore Arvidson

PHILIPPINES CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Manila Area: Bishop Jose L. Valencia

Northern Philippines, Northwest Philippines, Philippines

SOUTHEASTERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Singapore Area: Bishop Hobart B. Amstutz

Burma, Malaya, Malaysia Chinese, Sarawak (Borneo)
Provisional, Sumatra Mission

SOUTHERN ASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Bombay Area: Bishop Mangal Singh

Bombay, Gujarat

Delhi Area: Bishop Shot K. Mondol

Agra, Delhi, North India

Hyderabad Area: Bishop Shot K. Mondol

Madhya Pradesh, Hyderabad, South India

Lucknow Area: Bishop Gabriel Sundaram

Bengal, Lucknow

West Pakistan Area: Clement D. Rockey (R)

Indus River

Retired Relation: J. Waskom Pickett (Affiliated with the South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops) ; Clement D. Rockey (Affiliated with the North Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops) .

**WORK NOT INCLUDED IN CENTRAL OR PROVISIONAL
CENTRAL CONFERENCES**

Monrovia Area: Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr. (See Pars. 8-4; 439 2005-1; 2103 1956 *Discipline*.)
Liberia

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SUNDAY GUEST PREACHERS

Pulpit Assignments for Sunday's services, April 29. Assignments were made by the 1956 General Conference Pulpit Assignments Committee. The list has been assembled by (1) Districts of the Minnesota Conference, (2) West Wisconsin Conference, and (3) churches of other Denominations. Unless otherwise mentioned, the listing refers to the morning service.

Delegates and visitors who have families and friends at home who will be going to church on Daylight Saving Time are reminded that Minnesota does not observe Daylight Saving Time.

MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT

Aldersgate—Eugene L. Smith

Asbury—Donald F. Ebright & India Choir

Bethlehem-Foss—Robert S. Mosby

Border—Charles F. Golden

Brunswick—G. R. Bailen

Calvary—Ethan W. Dodgen

Columbia Heights—Bishop H. Bascom Watts

Edgewater—Humberto Carrozana

Emmanuel—Z. T. Johnson in morning; Harry Denman in the evening

Epworth—Franz Hildebrandt

Excelsior—Bishop R. E. Jones

First Methodist, Minneapolis—Heil Bollinger in the morning; Cecil R. Mathews in evening

Golden Valley—Henry L. Lambdin

Harron—Bishop Edgar A. Love

Hennepin Avenue—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

Hennepin Avenue (Church of Youth)—Lim Kay Wan & Aw Ek Hwee

Hobart—Graham S. Eubank

Hopkins—Lemuel K. Lord

Joyce—Wesley H. Hager

Lake Harriet—Henry H. Lewis

Minnehaha—Lynn J. Radcliffe

North—Don A. Cooke

Osseo—Mrs. Merl Rosel

Oxboro—Ed Curry

Park Avenue—Bishop Hazen Werner

Parkers Lake—M. K. Snyder

Prospect Park—Asbury Smith
Richfield—Ronald R. Meredith
Salem—Verner S. Mumbulo
Simpson—Bishop A. Raymond Grant
Trinity—Bishop R. L. Archer, in morning; Damon Young
 in evening
Walker Home—Joe B. Scrimshire
Walker—Harry Denman
Wesley—Bishop Paul E. Martin

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Aitkin—Garland R. Stafford
Aurora—Bruce L. Middaugh
Brainerd—Tom Carruth
Coleraine—Walter C. Gum
First Methodist, Duluth—Bishop Richard C. Raines
Hillside, Duluth—Victor H. Roberts
Marble—William R. Cannon
Moose Lake—Bernard Vessey
Nashwauk—R. W. Ortmeyer
Pine City—Eugene W. Hibbard
Pine River—Lynn H. Corson
Proctor—E. U. Robinson

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Balaton—C. A. Stuck
Blue Earth—Fred McGinnis
Fairmont—Laren Spear
Lakefield—Julio J. Miguel
LeCenter—Clyde E. Lundy
Luverne—Lowell B. Swan
Mankato—Joshua O. Williams
Marshall—Donald W. Cryer
North Mankato—Archie E. Acey
Pipestone—Miss Catherine Parham
Redwood Falls—Glenn W. Gold
St. James—Albert Marriott
Slayton—Mallappa Vittal
Sleepy Eye—F. Alton Flatt
Springfield—Mrs. Jose Valencia
Tracy—J. Earl Moreland
Walnut Grove—Bishop Alexander P. Shaw
Windom—Ragnar Horn
Winnebago—Waid C. Radford
Wood Lake—Henry A. Lacy
Worthington—Dale Hasson

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Annandale—Gordon E. Michalson
Anoka—Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke
Arlington—Bishop Raymond J. Wade
Brownnton—Percy D. Wilson
Clinton—Glenn M. Frye
Delano—Charles W. Avery, Jr.
Elk River—Tom Reavley
Hector—William F. Overhulser
Hutchinson—Paul D. Chiles
Litchfield—Paul O. Mayer
Little Falls—John N. Link
Montevideo—Frank L. Robertson
Monticello—Roy T. Henwood
Montrose—Mack B. Stokes
Morris—R. Roland Ritter
Princeton—C. Edwin Murphy
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Willmar—Lance Webb

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Newport—W. Rembert Sisson
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Woodbury—Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich

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Frazee—W. Harrison Baker
Herman—Paul Athimuthu
Long Prairie—Iok Han Chua
Park Rapids—Edward J. Pendergrass
Perham—C. R. Clegg
Richville—Henry R. High
Sauk Centre—Ross Linger
Staples—Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Cooper
Warren—Mrs. Mary P. Rea

WEST WISCONSIN

Balsam Lake—Ole Olesen
Barron—W. Carl Walton, Sr.
Deer Park—Samuel Chieza
Durand—William B. Robinson
Eau Claire—Marshall T. Steel
Elmwood—Wiley C. Newman
Frederic—Wesley Pugh
Ladysmith—A. B. Singh
Maiden Rock—Mrs. Ovid A. Stine
Mauston—Robert H. Duncan
Medford—Douglas K. Marks
River Falls—A. Dudley Ward
Stanley—Ennis B. Hill

Sparta—J. Doyle Stalcup
Viola—Charles F. Berkheimer

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Andrew Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis—James V. Claypool

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis—Edwin F. Bohmfalk

Bloomington Covenant—Alfred E. Bennett at 7:30 P.M.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, Minneapolis—Dillon W. Throckmorton

Calvary Presbyterian—William H. Horner

Como Congregational, Minneapolis—Theodore C. Mayer

Edgecumbe Presbyterian Church, St. Paul—Adolphus S. Dickerson

Falcon Heights Congregational—George W. Richards

First Baptist Church, Minneapolis—Bishop Arthur J. Moore at 7:30 P.M.

First Christian Church, St. Paul—Charles S. Hempstead

First Christian Church, Minneapolis—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin

First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul—W. Kenneth Pope in morning; Prince A. Taylor, Jr., in evening

First Congregational, Robbinsdale—Fred C. Vosburg

Grace Presbyterian, Minneapolis—Bishop F. Gerald Ensley

Grace E.U.B. Church, Minneapolis—William Campbell

Highland Park Presbyterian, Minneapolis—Lacy H. Burns

Holy Trinity Episcopal, Minneapolis—H. Ellis Finger, Jr.

House of Hope Presbyterian, St. Paul—Bishop John Wesley Lord

Judson Memorial Baptist, Minneapolis—Albert P. Shirkey

Lake Nokomis Presbyterian, Minneapolis—Ira A. Brumley

Lexington Parkway Presbyterian, St. Paul—Walter A. Smith

Linden Hills Congregational, Minneapolis—Ray Bond

Long Lake Presbyterian Church—D. Mouzon Mann

Lyndale Congregational, Minneapolis—Frank S. Williams

Mayflower Congregational, Minneapolis—Harold Roy Brennan

Merriam Park Presbyterian, St. Paul—Olin Y. Shute
Minnehaha Congregational, Minneapolis—Raymon L. Wil-
lingham
North Como Presbyterian—John Wolf
Park Baptist, St. Paul—Ted Hightower
Peace E. & R., St. Paul—Kenneth W. Adams
Pilgrim Heights Congregational, Minneapolis—Gerald B.
Harvey
Plymouth Congregational, Minneapolis—Bishop Gerald Ken-
nedy
Richfield Baptist—Ralph T. Alton
St. Anthony Park Congregational—Norman W. Clemens
St. Clement's Episcopal, St. Paul—Bishop John W. Brans-
comb
St. Mary's Episcopal, St. Paul—John W. McKelvey
St. Peter's Lutheran—Lawrence D. Havighurst
St. Stephen's Episcopal, Minneapolis—Monroe J. Wilcox
Temple Baptist, St. Paul—Ben F. Lehmberg
Trinity Episcopal, Anoka—Raymond J. Fleming
Wayzata Community—C. H. Hamm
Westminster Presbyterian, Minneapolis—Ralph W. Sockman

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Border—Dan S. Chowdbury
Brunswick—Kenneth W. Copeland
Calvary—Bishop Newell S. Booth
Columbia Heights—Eugene L. Smith
Ebenezer—Trygve Karlsen

Edgewater—Bishop Edwin E. Voigt
Emmanuel, A.M.—Tom Carruth
First Methodist—Bishop Marshall R. Reed, in morning;
Prince A. Taylor, Jr., in evening
Golden Valley—Charles W. Avery, Jr.
Grace—Bishop Roy H. Short
Harron—Frederick E. Maser
Hennepin—Bishop Richard C. Raines
Hobart—Bruce L. Middaugh
Hopkins—Mithalal Hirabhai
Joyce—Henry L. Lambdin
Lake Harriet—Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich
Minnehaha—Bishop Willis J. King
Mound—Bishop Ralph A. Ward
North—Harry O. Ritter
Olivet—Robert Walker
Osseo—D. Trigg James
Oxboro—Gabriel Sundaram
Park Ave.—Zach T. Johnson
Parkers Lake—Bishop J. Waskom Pickett
Prospect Park—Samuel Chieza
Richfield—Bishop Hazen G. Werner
Simpson—Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
Trinity, 8:30 A.M.—C. T. Garcia
Trinity, 11:00 A.M.—Fred C. Vosburg
Walker Methodist Home—Bishop Ralph S. Cushman
Walker Church—Edward J. Pendergass
Wesley—Bishop Charles W. Brashares

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

Arlington Hills—Bishop Dana Dawson
Asbury—Olin Y. Shute
Castle Rock—Daniel D. Walker
Centennial—Dallas L. Browning
Central Park—John Wesley Shungu
Cleveland Avenue—Dale Hasson
Fairmont Avenue—Henry H. Lewis
Faribault—Bishop Hyunki J. Lew
Farmington—H. Paul Mathison
First Methodist—Alva I. Cox, Sr.
Hamline—Ronald R. Meredith
Jordan-Lydia—Lance Webb
Lindstrom—Mrs. Mary P. Rea
Nerstrand, Kenyon—James N. Fomby
Northfield—Henry L. Weiss
Olivet—Zach S. Henderson
Randolph-Stanton—R. Roland Ritter
Red Wing—Lester L. Roush

St. Anthony Park, 9:45 A.M.—Taro Goto
St. Anthony Park, 11:00 A.M.—Bishop A. Frank Smith
St. John's—Ole Olesen
St. Paul's—Bishop Glenn R. Phillips
South St. Paul—Frank L. Robertson
Trinity—Prince A. Taylor, Jr.
Woodbury—Robert S. Mosby

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Brownton—Bishop Santi Uberto Barbieri
Buffalo—Samuel L. Gamadia
Clinton—Verner S. Mumbulo
Delano—Paul Athimuthu
Elk River—C. Edwin Murphy
Hector—Charles A. Stuck
Hutchinson—John B. Cobb
Litchfield—Mallappa Vittal
Milaca—C. R. Clegg
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Paynesville—Bishop Robert E. Jones
St. Cloud—Alick S. Seymour

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Marble—Mack B. Stokes
Moose Lake—Bishop R. L. Archer
Nashwauk—Paul D. Chiles
Pine River—Ed Curry
Proctor—Diamond R. Daniel
Duluth, Wesley—Alvin J. Lindgren

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Morristown—Joe T. Salem
Owatonna—Harry Denman

Preston—Verle T. Carson
Racine—Mrs. Wesley C. Green
Spring Valley—W. Carl Walton, Sr.
Stewartville—Clyde E. Lundy
Waseca—Harry Denman
West Concord—M. LaFayette Harris
Winona, Central—T. T. Brumbaugh
Winona, McKinley—D. A. Cooke

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Ada—Stimson R. Smalley
Breckenridge—Kirklin Frayier
Long Prairie—E. D. M. Shafi
Sauk Centre—Dean E. Richardson

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Blue Earth—Ray Bond
Delavan—Richard V. Moore
Elmore—Miss Catherine Parham
Fairmont—William H. Horner
Jackson—Merrill W. Lindsey, Sr.
Lakefield—William G. Thonger
LeCenter—Glenn W. Gold
LeSueur—Miss Edith Lingiah
Luverne—Donald F. Ebright & India Choir
North Mankato—Kenneth W. Adams
Pipestone—Garland R. Stafford
Red Wood Falls—Perry O. Hanson
Slayton—Robert W. Carson
Tracy—Clarence Nelson
Windom—O. Edward Cooley
Wood Lake—Arthur V. Long
Worthington—Woodie D. Lester

WEST WISCONSIN

Ashland—John N. Link
Barron—Ashoke B. Singh
Chatek—Lyle H. Truax
Durand—Charles A. Nowlen
Eau Claire—Joshua O. Williams
Ellsworth—George W. Richards
Frederic—Mrs. Dorothy J. Cooper
Hudson—Ick Han Chua
Medford—William E. Trice
Mondovi—Edwin L. Wilson
River Falls—J. Earl Moreland
Stanley—Carl L. Stocking
Sparta—Alla R. Samuel

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Andrew Presbyterian, Minneapolis—William T. Jones
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, Minneapolis—Elmer D. Landreth
Calvary E. U. B. Church, St. Paul—Clarence H. LaRue
Calvary Presbyterian, Minneapolis—William H. Horner
Crystal Bay Presbyterian—Archie E. Acey
Dayton Avenue Presbyterian, St. Paul—Richard E. Carlyon
Fifth Ave. Congregational, Minneapolis—Robert H. Duncan
Glen Lake Presbyterian—Albea Godbold
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul—Bishop Donald H.
Tippett
Lyndale Congregational, Minneapolis—Loyd F. Worley
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Rockey
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